# City Council Communication

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| Department:<br>Community Development<br><br>Case/Project No. MIS-24-006 | Resolution No. _____ | City Council: 12/16/24<br><br>Planning Commission: 11/12/24 |

**Subject/Title**

Request: Public hearing on the request of the City of Council Bluffs to review and adopt the Fiscal Year 2026 through Fiscal Year 2030 Capital Improvement Plan.

**Background/Discussion**

The City annually prepares and adopts a Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The CIP establishes which projects will be undertaken during the next fiscal year and proposes other projects for the balance of a five-year period. The CIP is utilized as a financial tool and is required to meet underwriting criteria for issuing bonded indebtedness. The CIP should also be considered as the primary method of implementing the goals and objectives contained in the Bluffs Tomorrow: 2030 Comprehensive Plan, neighborhood plans, and other less informal expressions of community policy.

City staff has prepared a CIP document for review and approval by the City Planning Commission and City Council. Within the document six specific categories and their associated goals/objectives were identified, as follows: public facilities, parks and recreation, public safety, utilities, communications, transportation, community development, and library. Staff is now requesting review and recommendation by the City Planning Commission on the proposed FY2026 through 2030 CIP and has the following comments:

- The proposed FY2026 CIP outlines a detailed listing of 47 projects and calls for the expenditure of $32,233,472. The FY2026 CIP should be considered final.
- The balance of the CIP (FY2027 through FY2030) contains a preliminary allocation of $279,322,000 in expenditures over a four year period and should be considered preliminary.

The City Planning Commission should review the proposed FY2026 through FY2030 CIP for consistency with the City's adopted comprehensive plan.

**Recommendation**

The Community Development Department recommends that the City Planning Commission find the proposed Capital Improvement Program for FY2026 through FY2030 consistent with the Bluffs Tomorrow: 2030 Comprehensive Plan.

**Public Hearing**

Staff speakers for the request:

1. Danielle Bemis, Finance Director, City of Council Bluffs, 209 Pearl Street, Council Bluffs, IA 51503
2. Christopher Gibbons, Planning Manager, City of Council Bluffs, 209 Pearl Street, Council Bluffs, IA 51503

Speaker in favor: None

Speakers against: None

The City Planning Commission recommended approval of the proposed Capital Improvement Program for FY2026 through FY2030 and found it to be consistent with the Bluffs Tomorrow: 2030 Comprehensive Plan.

VOTE: AYE – Freund, Hutcheson, Knauss, Rater, Rew, Van Houten, and Watson. NAY - None ABSTAIN – None. ABSENT – Stroebele. VACANT - Three Motion: Carried.

**Attachments**

Attachment A: Capital Improvement Program for FY2026 through FY2030

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