

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO REVIEW AND RECOMMEND PROJECTS FOR FUNDING FROM THE 1% SALES AND USE TAX FOR STREETS, BRIDGES, AND ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE; SETTING MEMBERSHIP AND PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SAME; AND PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE FORT SMITH MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2015 the voters of the City of Fort Smith renewed the 1-percent sales and use tax for the express purpose of providing funding for projects related to local streets, bridges, and associated drainage; and

WHEREAS, by October of each year, the Board of Directors typically adopts a five-year Capital Improvement Program ("CIP") containing specific projects identified and recommended for funding in the next fiscal year and beyond; and

WHEREAS, heretofore the Engineering Department has reviewed, identified, and prioritized a proposed five-year CIP for delivery to the Board of Directors each September so that it may be adopted by the Board in October; and

WHEREAS, the Board has deemed it prudent that a CIP Advisory Committee be formed in order to review recommendations from the Engineering Department, take and evaluate public comment and suggestions, and ultimately recommend a five-year CIP to the Board of Directors for adoption and incorporation into the budget for the subsequent fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Directors of the City of Fort Smith, Arkansas, that:

Section 1. There is hereby established in and for the city a Capital Improvement Plan Advisory Committee for the purpose of serving in an advisory capacity to the Board of Directors by evaluating, planning, analyzing, updating and recommending a five-year Capital Improvement Plan for city projects relating to streets, bridges, and associated drainage to be funded from the 1-percent sales and use tax. It is not intended that this Advisory Committee be involved in the Board of Directors' decisions to amend the five-year Capital Improvement Plan from time to time in the interest of specific economic development incentives.

Section 2. The Capital Improvement Plan Advisory Committee shall be comprised of seven (7) members who are qualified electors of the city. Appointments shall be made by the Board of Directors. At all times the membership of the Advisory Committee shall include at least one resident from each of the four city wards.

Section 3. Upon appointment and at the first organizational meeting of the Advisory Committee, the members shall draw lots for one (1 position), two (2 positions), or three (3 positions) year terms. Thereafter, appointments to fill expired terms on the Advisory Committee shall be for three year terms.

Section 4. The Capital Improvement Plan Advisory Committee shall select a chairperson from its own membership on an annual basis. The chairperson's duty shall be to preside at all meetings of the Advisory Committee. If the chairperson is absent from a particular meeting, the members in attendance shall elect an acting chairperson for that meeting.

Section 5. The Capital Improvement Plan Advisory Committee shall establish a regular meeting schedule for the consideration of projects to be incorporated into a recommended Capital Improvement Plan for submission to the city's Board of Directors on or before September 1 of each year. Such regular meeting discussions shall include projects recommended by the city's Engineering and Operations Departments, as well as projects or suggestions from committee members and other residents and businesses of the city.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall be codified and included in Chapter 22 "Streets and Sidewalks" of the Fort Smith Municipal Code.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 16th day of June, 2015.

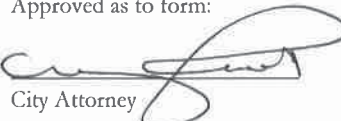
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