

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM COMMITTEE
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

Special Meeting -- August 7, 1972

The meeting of the Committee was called to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Planning Department Conference Room, Municipal Building.

Present

William Milstead, Chairman
Bob Bobbitt
C. W. Hetherly
Jean Mather
Buford Stewart

Absent

Royce Faulkner

Also Present

Richard Lillie, Director of Planning
Curtis Johnson, Director, Water & Wastewater
Gerardette McFadden, Stenographer

The staff reported that a request has been made for the City of Austin to include in its Capital Improvements Program a water line to serve the needs for proposed and future development of the area east of Interstate Highway 35 and north of Onion Creek.

Mr. Curtis Johnson, Director of the Water and Wastewater Department, met with the Committee and reported on the costs of the proposed extension. Field flow tests were made to determine the ability of the existing system to meet the increased demands for this area, and the following CIP changes are suggested to provide service to existing development and to serve additional new customers in the area:

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Install 20,000 feet of 12-inch water main along the west right-of-way of I.H. 35 from North Bluff Drive south to F.M. 1626. This line, in addition to providing additional capabilities to the extreme south part of the system, will provide service to new development along the west right-of-way. The estimated cost is \$285,000.00.

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It is anticipated that during this time approximately 13,500 feet of 8-inch water line will be installed to serve new customers and give looped service to presently served customers in this general area. These lines to be installed along the east I.H. 35 right-of-way and in the Old Lockhart Road would be financed by refund contracts, cash settlements, and from CIP No. 73/40-13 (Water Main extensions to New Customers).

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It is anticipated that by this time it would be necessary to install a larger line (probably a 24-inch line) to supply the necessary water to this general area. It is the feeling of the Water and Wastewater Department that such a line would probably be installed in the Old Lockhart Road but the best location is not definite at this time.

Mr. Johnson stated that it is felt that an adequate water supply for the general area can be maintained by the above-described method and by re-examining the needs of the area as subsequent Capital Improvements Programs are prepared.

The Committee members reviewed and discussed this request. They then voted to submit the following recommendation to the Planning Commission.

Extension of utilities is a major responsibility of the City of Austin. This CIP proposal is the result of a special effort to be more specific in the identification of municipal services and facility requirements. As stated within our letter of transmittal, we cannot afford all the extensions that might be desired during a single year. However, certain extensions must be accomplished that are unanticipated and this must be done at the discretion of the City Council.

The City Council is now discussing a policy governing annexations and sewer extensions. The Planning Commission recommends that this consideration include water line extensions as well.

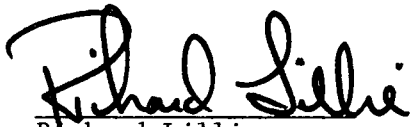
The area under consideration at I.H. 35 and Onion Creek was not presented at the time our Commission studied the CIP. It does not appear reasonable to expend \$575,000 to extend some 20,000 feet for a single point of service--even though abutting properties could utilize the facility in the future.

According to the Water and Wastewater Department, the requested service may be provided with twelve-inch service at a cost of \$285,000. This may be reasonable, depending on the extension policy adopted by the City Council. Within the period of this CIP there may be other extensions that are in the same category.

The Planning Commission recommends that a total of \$1,000,000 be added to the Capital Improvements Program for undetermined major extensions subject to specific approval of the City Council. The \$285,000 Onion Creek Project could then be allocated from those funds if desired.

AYE: Messrs. Milstead, Bobbitt, Hetherly and Stewart. Mrs. Mather
ABSENT: Mr. Faulkner

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.


Richard Lillie
Executive Secretary