A. ROLL CALL

Mayor Nagy called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. Present were Council Members Hannon, Collazo, Bucci, and Vice Mayor Freitas.

B. STUDY SESSION

B.1 Study Session to review the Capital Improvement Plan section of the Biennial Budget for 2016-2018.

Public Works Director Fajeau gave a presentation on the Capital Improvement Plan. He noted that the projects are categorized as mandatory, necessary, or desirable priority levels. Priority levels will be added to each project description in the CIP. The major funding sources are capital funds, gas tax funds, outside grants, and local fees.

Council Member Bucci asked how often the slit seeder and lawn aerator tractors would be used? City Manager Becker stated that they would need to research the question.

Council Member Bucci questioned the need to replace the three pool heaters at the Silliman Center before they failed. City Manager Becker recommended replacing them due to age and constant use.

Council Member Collazo asked about the water issue at the corner of Magnolia Street and George Avenue. Public Works Director Fajeau stated that there are significant drainage issues which were last estimated to cost $2.5 million to reconstruct. The property owners would need to agree to participate in an area improvement district.

Vice Mayor Freitas highlighted areas that he thought needed signage for public safety.

Mayor Nagy mentioned sidewalks that he thought needed light grinding to smooth out for wheelchair users.

City Manager Becker recommended the following projects for funding:

Priority 1
All Ongoing Projects (40 projects)
Silliman Center Pool Air Handler
Silliman Center Light Control Board
Silliman Center Phase 1 HVAC Replacements
Citywide HVAC Replacements
Silliman Center Pool Heater (3 replacements)
Citywide Speed Survey
Email Messaging Archive

Priority 2
Citywide Park Master Plan
Old Town PDA Specific Plan and Development Strategy
Silliman Center II Automatic Doors
Lakeshore Park Landscape Restoration
Police Department Annex Work Station Upgrades
Large Computer Monitors For Plan Review
Three New Vehicles For Building and Engineering Staff
Trailer for Large Riding Mower
Silliman Center II Variable Frequency Drive Unit
Slit Seeder Tractor Implement
Lawn Aerator Tractor Implement

This results in 58 projects for $6,025,000 in funding:

Steve Lawrence Newark Parks Foundation, requested $1 million for a high quality skate park and dog park. The Dumbarton Transit Oriented Development Plan calls for a small dog park, but that would not meet the needs of all dog owners. He suggested funding sources and said the Parks Master Plan should include locations and vision.

Mayor Nagy stated that the Parks Master Plan was the first step to identify the recreational needs of the community. With limited outdoor space in new homes, he sees the need for new developments to provide space for dogs.

Council Member Hannon stated he would like to see Newark's fees reviewed against surrounding cities fees. He wondered if the fees should be based on square footage instead of a flat fee. He suggested including this in the Parks Master Plan work.

The City Council concurred that they would like the Park Master Plan project to proceed as soon as possible and to be completed within 6 months of funding approval.

City Manager Becker stated that staff would do their best.

City Manager Becker stated that in May the Capital Improvement Plan would be presented to the Planning Commission and the City Council would hold another study session for the Biennial Budget and Capital Improvement Plan.

C. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:14 p.m. Mayor Nagy adjourned the City Council meeting.

SHEILA HARRINGTON, City Clerk