

**CITY OF INDEPENDENCE
COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES
MARCH 29, 2022 AT 3:30 P.M.
VIA ZOOM**

Vice Mayor Dave Grendel called the Council Workshop to order at 3:35 p.m. Present were Council Members John DiGeronimo, Tom Narduzzi (left at 5:10 p.m.), Anthony Togliatti, Jim Trakas, Dale Veverka and Chris Walchanowicz. Also in attendance were Mayor Gregory P. Kurtz, Finance Director Vern Blaze, Technical Service Director Dave Snyderburn, Procurement Coordinator Dennis Zdolshek, Community Services Director Emily Thomas, Fire Chief Steve Rega, Recreation Director Tom Walchanowicz, Police Chief Robert Butler and Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko.

Vice Mayor Grendel said welcome everyone to Council Workshop Number 2 that is here on Tuesday, March 29, 2022. Yesterday we went through Pages 1 through 12, and Vern I think you and Maggie updated the first 12 pages per yesterday's conversation and everything. You provided us with an updated Five-Year Capital Plan spreadsheet.

Again, we are here for the Five-Year Capital Plan to review and hopefully it will lead to adoption at the April meeting. We start Vern with Page 13 today.

Finance Director Blaze replied correct.

Vice Mayor Grendel said we have gone through Pages 1 through 12, and we were able to finish up the Fire Department yesterday. So, we will start in with our buildings, and on Page 13 the first department is the Building Department, Engineering and IT, and that is the next building.

Finance Director Blaze said just to preface that Vice Mayor, I did pass out an updated plan from yesterday. You see that Don's stuff on the second half, the bottom half of the page is not blocked out, that is a little bit closer to reality today. I heard some informal comments a couple of minutes ago, it's still not 100% so you will get a different version Thursday. We still have to add a couple of things, and Don wants to give it one more look over as far as all those projects on that lower half of the page, but we will see how far we get with Dave today, publicly owned buildings and publicly owned lands, Pages 13 to 19, and then if we still have time and the volition, I told Don he could come here around 4:30 or 5:00 and see where we are, and see if it looks like we are going to get into the maintenance contracts or if we will just wait until Thursday to dive into those.

Dave, the floor is yours and the Mayor's. A couple of Directors will be floating in to talk about some of the buildings that they are in. I know Emily is on line to talk about when we get to the Community Center.

Vice Mayor Grendel said and then Vern I see you provided us with the visual and pictures.

Finance Director Blaze said Dave did that. That was Dave. That's good. That's going to be very helpful, and I did pass out that summary sheet based on our discussion from yesterday, the changes from 1 to 12 so that you could follow along if you are so inclined.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said I made up that little pamphlet for you. It just tells you the year the building was built, the square footage, and it tells you roof type and miscellaneous information on some of them. So, that would be beneficial, especially the year they were built.

If we want to go along with this Page 13, Building and Engineering, the money is put away, I think miscellaneous upgrades, and Vern in 2012 through 2016 and even through 2017, I don't know if that money was used Maggie for the upgrades that have been done already, the buildout in the Building Department.

Finance Director Blaze said what's there is what's left, and that might be that the thought of that last room that's being used for storage right now.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said that's what they plan on. We would like to build that out. We talked about it, and also that will be for LED lighting throughout that building. Right now we have T8's in there, and although they are efficient, they are certainly not as efficient as LED's. The LED's won't cost that much. The \$65,000, obviously we might not use it all, but it is there for the buildout and miscellaneous upgrades.

Vice Mayor Grendel said Dave with the \$65,000 we have in outstanding open P.O.'s do we need to set aside \$20,000 for the next 5 years? Do we do that since we have \$65,000 to work with?

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said I guess it was up the original, obviously Engineering and Building Department that they are in the Annex. We can. You just never know what's going to happen, and also I would like to leave it in there because the roofs. We always put money in for the roofs in these buildings, and it seems like I don't know where it went. I want to keep money in for roofs. Eventually these roofs are going to have to be replaced. We could look at the Annex and see how old it is.

Councilperson Togliatti asked should we make an individual line item?

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said we could. We could put that in for a roof. A lot of these roofs like the Fire station, I talked to Steve about it. He had the roof assessed last year. He told us it would be good for 4 more years. They are 30 year shingles, I get it, but they are all coming up. We had the City Hall replaced, and obviously we did the Civic Center a few years back. So, they were all flat roofs.

Mayor Kurtz said restoration is so expensive. Those are capital items. Can we create a narrative, a summary of all the roofs?

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said we certainly can.

Mayor Kurtz said and put it all together so Council and myself can then look and say okay, we have to plan these out. There are new technologies and there are new opportunities.

Vice Mayor Grendel said Mayor that's a nice idea. We did it on School Board. Even in the 1980's we had a program. We took stock and made a plan on what we had to do to keep those roofs from deteriorating too.

Mayor Kurtz said you lose track of them, and it's building to building. If you have a summary.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said I will give you a summary Mayor. I could put that together.

Mayor Kurtz said talk about each one.

Councilperson Trakas said you are talking about at least a 25% increase over the last year, and who knows what it will be next year.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said right now the assessment on all of our roofs are pretty good except the Service Department should be replaced soon.

Mayor Kurtz said if you could prepare that, and we will present it to Public Buildings & Lands, and they will have a complete list.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said I can prepare it.

Then the security system. We have been putting money away for security in all of our buildings, and you know during Covid especially, the Building Department had a desk out in the hallway, and they kind of liked that. We took it out, but they always talk about security. I guess it's in there, and we were going to do a campus-wide security assessment after the GPD study, so I think that's still on the books. The money is there.

Head down to City Hall.

Finance Director Blaze said in miscellaneous the suggestion was to do roofs for every building. Do we do that for any other things, the HVAC systems?

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said I think we are. We put money away for air handlers. I could do a summary.

Finance Director Blaze said we have that for City Hall, but I don't know if we have that for other buildings.

Councilperson Togliatti said he did it for the Civic Center, each individual unit got money set aside.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said in the last 10 years there is 9 rooftop units up there that have all been replaced. We replaced quite a few of the pool boilers. We replaced 3 out of the 4 pool boilers. So, we set money aside for the main boiler. I could do that for each building. In fact, if you look at the back of those pictures, you will see, and I put it together, the last 4 pages, you will see a facility assessment, and that's what I plan on doing for each of these buildings. I know GPD went through them, but I plan on doing it for each building. So, I plan on putting that together for you, and I will have that for you, my ratings, and I will give you what I feel the buildings need. We will go through them. I will put that together for you. I just researched this today. I came up with this, and I thought it was pretty good. It is a facility assessment.

Councilperson Togliatti said and so with this Five-Year Plan, did we utilize any of the GPD data or analysis?

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said I believe so, yes.

Vice Mayor Grendel said I think we can go a step further, Chris that's your committee and everything, but once you have the assessment made to have it where we can go, I know we used to do that years ago to the different buildings to point out sometimes visually. We could put more credence on it than just hearing it.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said we are talking about the infrastructure of each building. There are a lot of wants and needs for the Directors. Like Steve for instance, might want something different. I will put it in the assessment as far as the conditions of the buildings, and we can go from building to building.

Vice Mayor Grendel said I remember going on the roof of the Civic Center and looking out.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said we replaced the chiller in this building which provides the air conditioning. There are 3 air handlers up in the attic. They are big air handlers. They have coils in each one, and we did obtain 3 prices. I think the lowest one was \$196,000, and that was the middle of last year. So, we did have the \$225,000 put away for it. It would be a good thing to get done. The air handlers are original so they are 41 years old. They have big coils in them. The same as the radiator in your car. There is big tubing that goes through it. They are past due.

Councilperson Trakas asked did the technology change on this?

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said we haven't done anything. The technology has certainly changed. They are past due, and the buildout is 9 months on them. That's what provides your air conditioning.

Someone asked what does the chiller do?

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said the chiller is a unit that keeps the coil cold. That has been replaced. We replaced that in 2018 and 2019.

Councilperson Togliatti said and those are outside. Can they go up and down the stairs here?

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said we are going to go through part of the roof. We are going to take the dormer apart, and we will go up and down the stairs. We have to take them all apart in the attic. It's either that or we have to cut through the roof. Carrier, the people that invented air conditioning, those are Carrier units up there. They were the ones that said they could build it on-site. Like I said, that's what we would do. It would be similar to what we do with the pool pack. We took the door out up there, either that or you would have had to take the side wall of the building out. So, they built it on site, and it's been working very well.

Several people began speaking at once.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said we have \$225,000 in there, and I'm sure that's what.

Councilperson Walchanowicz said when I saw the quotes from last year, they were from January of last year, at this point with the increases that we have had throughout last year \$225,000 is not going to cover it. So, I think we are going to have to add to the 2022.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said we have a little bit of money in there at City Hall.

Mayor Kurtz asked what is the availability?

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said they are built on site, but the components, it's 9 months. They were saying 6 months. It would be a good thing to order them as soon as we could get them. That would be Phase 2 of the air conditioning end of the building.

Councilperson Walchanowicz asked Dennis do you know if those were originally bid through the consortium?

Procurement Coordinator Zdolshek said it was a State contract. We did get some other pricing just for comparison, and the State contract was the way to go. It was the least expensive.

Vice Mayor Grendel asked how much more Dave do you think we need to set aside?

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said Chris you might be able to answer that.

Councilperson Walchanowicz said from January 1st of last year to May 31st, we had over a 30% increase in material costs.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said I know that Carrier would really like to do the job. In fact, I understand what Chris is saying though because when I originally presented it about a year ago, I know Carrier they were at \$208,000, and then they sharpened their pencils because of Covid and they wanted the work, and then they went down to \$196,000. That was the bottom line.

Councilperson Trakas said see if they could hold the price.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said maybe they will keep their pencil sharpened. We could get an updated quote, that's for sure. I will definitely do that. I feel that we do have other funding in City Hall, but if you want to raise it another \$25,000. I have the other funding, but that's for HVAC, for boilers.

Finance Director Blaze asked boilers would be \$250,000?

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said no. There are other upgrades that we put in there that we kept in there.

Councilperson Togliatti asked and why was there such a huge increase in the HVAC funding last year, the \$220,000? Is there something planned for that?

Maggie Osysko said it was on the plan.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said we just knew that we had to put the air handlers in after the chiller, and that is what I needed to get them in. You have to remember, if one goes, you aren't going to have air for that portion.

Councilperson Togliatti asked and how easy is it to repair these when they go down?

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said well it's like a radiator, sometime you get one leak, and all of a sudden another leak springs up. Once they start going, you can ask Chris, they are going to go. You could repair them.

Councilperson Walchanowicz said it's parts, parts are hard to come by.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said the shafts, the last shafts, I took them and had them cut key ways in them. They just start going. You can make them. There is a lot that goes into them. There are valves that are beginning to rust, the pan. There is a pan underneath each one that holds anything that might escape. Those pans are starting to go too. Say if you did have a major leak in one, and say the pan held it, but it starts to seep, it's going to go through your ceilings. It's time. It's like you have a 30 year-old furnace home, and you call the guy up, and he comes to repair it and says I will make this work, but you are going to need a new furnace. That is this.

Councilperson Walchanowicz said the best analogy I ever used with a furnace was how often does somebody buy a new car. You trade it in when it has 50,000 miles on it, or you trade it in when it has 100,000 miles on it. The furnace is used 365 days a year, so if you could put an hour meter on that machine, it's going to have a million hours on it because it's used constantly. So, it's no different from residential or commercial. There are a lot of hours on those machines, and it just starts to break down over time.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said they performed very well. The building has held up very well.

Councilperson Togliatti said it sounds like we should get it on order.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said maybe not for April, but for May. I would like to do that.

Councilperson Trakas said without objection I think.

Councilperson Walchanowicz said in the quote that I read, I think they only held that price for 30 days, so we should get a fresh look at that, and if it's okay with pulling funds from the miscellaneous upgrade to cover that, we don't have to worry about adding to that line. We will just pull from there.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said and miscellaneous upgrades, that included, we had money in there. We talked about carpeting in this building. We talked about carpeting the hallway.

Councilperson Trakas asked didn't we do carpeting like 6 years ago?

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said this hallway carpeting is original carpeting. We did some rooms. The majority of this carpeting is original. It's wool, and it's 41 years old.

Finance Director Blaze said I think the wallcoverings in my office are original.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said we did some rooms. We did this room. We did the mailroom. Pretty much this building is pretty well maintained, and it's pretty much original.

Finance Director Blaze said I think some of this combined with security on the next page, some of that \$220,000 under the miscellaneous was intended that for that entranceway, and whether that receptionist desk was going to stay or how it is, that was going to be converted. I believe that GPD touched on that in their report.

Mayor Kurtz said we had Norm Casini the original architect also weigh in on that.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said we had some beautiful renditions. They are absolutely perfect for City Hall. We talked about maybe putting a bathroom out in the vestibule area. If you had secured the 3 arch opening, and you have people waiting there, and we could do it in-house. We talked about putting in a bathroom, converting the one vestibule in that little area in the front vestibule into a restroom. There are just different monies, but they are there, and they have to remain there because we will eventually use them. We have to use them. We have to upgrade the building. It's 41 years old. We have been talking about it for quite some time, but that was a recommendation of GPD.

Finance Director Blaze said if you are talking boilers, carpeting, redoing the entranceway, bathroom in the vestibule area, \$250,000 won't cut it for that.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said it probably won't Vern. It's there. We might not be able to do it until 2023 or 2024, but we need to get prices on it first.

The next item is the 2 flat roofs. These are the roofs right here on either side of this gable. They go over the entranceway, over Monica and Angie and that area over there and then Police station, the main room. They are well over 25 years old. I did have core samples taken on each section, and there are 2 roofs. They have been replaced once, and they are due. I repair the minor leaks there whenever anything comes up immediately, but they are due. That is what is in there, and I think it's a pretty good estimate.

Councilperson Trakas asked what's the experience with appearance if you replace some of the roof but not all of it?

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said well these are flat, so you don't see these. You really don't see them from the ground. You see that little tapered shed shingle roof there, but you won't see the flat roofs.

The windows, we have been talking windows for a long time. They are original to the building. Dennis and Maggie sit in the offices, they know they are drafty. I started to get prices a couple of years ago, and they went from \$140,000, and I think my last estimate was \$160,000. We put in there \$190,000 which I believe. That's to replace all of the exterior windows, every one of them. The Council Chamber windows you see fogged up a little bit, every exterior window will be replaced.

Finance Director Blaze asked including that side of the building or just this side of the building?

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said both sides. It's a pretty good deal. It was Pella. They are Pella's now. It's expensive, and I believe they will be a little bit more, but I think we could take away from that. I would like to get them.

Councilperson Trakas asked have you thought about replacing the ones that are blown, and leave the ones that work until they need to be replaced?

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said we could, I could get a price on that. It's like putting new windows in your house, I think if you are going to do half of them, you should probably do the rest, but we could take a look at that sure.

Procurement Coordinator Zdolshek said Councilperson Trakas the GPD network, one of the things they said we definitely need is windows. What is happening with some of the windows are the sills are causing an issue.

Councilperson Walchanowicz said we could get a price break too.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said I will tell you what, I think it was last fall I got the price for \$160,000, and I think the \$190,000 would be close. I could get an update. We go to the guys all the time, and Dennis could vouch for this. It's okay, they will give us a quote, but we go to them quite often for quotes. A lot of times we don't do things. They will put you on a back burner, but we will get it done.

Vice Mayor Grendel said if we are going to vote on this, we would need to know.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said before we voted on it, we would definitely take it Council, and I could give you an update at Buildings & Lands. I could definitely do that for you.

Vice Mayor Grendel asked the \$117,000 for the roof, was that sufficient?

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said I believe so. We have a couple of quotes on that, and I will get a few more. That's another thing, roofs have gone up. The price of oil, but we can get an updated quote for that.

Vice Mayor Grendel said I think Council would really like to have accurate figures and not just saying that's close.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said we had accurate quotes in the fall.

Vice Mayor Grendel said but things have changed drastically.

Councilperson Walchanowicz said my big thing is everything is going to back if that's not enough here, we will pull from this miscellaneous fund. This miscellaneous fund so far has dwindled down to nothing because we are pulling from here and pulling from there. I think it may be just easier to add to the windows or to the HVAC. If we have too much, then hey we have too much.

Finance Director Blaze said you have to get the updates before Thursday because that's the next time we meet.

Councilperson Togliatti asked any money for 2022 for City Hall.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said I didn't know you guys were voting on this today, I thought I had time to get quotes.

Several people began speaking at once.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said it's got to be legislated.

Finance Director Blaze said but Council's point is they don't want to see the legislation and then say oh we budgeted "x" but the price is really "y", and then have to rob Peter to pay Paul to fund the difference.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said well we did put in more money for the windows. We have \$190,000.

Finance Director Blaze asked is that installed?

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said it's installed.

Finance Director Blaze asked all the windows in City Hall and in Council Chambers, the actual materials, the labor, and then the company has to profit on that \$190,000?

Several people began speaking at once again.

Mayor Kurtz said the only thing I would suggest also a different quality of windows.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said well we would bid it out Mayor. Pella has different quality too, different qualities.

It's something right now. We don't have to replace these windows this year, but the money is there.

Mayor Kurtz said excuse me, but that type of statement counters the reason we are doing all of this. You keep saying we are going to do these things, we had Covid and everything else, and before you know it we are sitting here. We have to nibble away if nothing else.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said I will make a call right after.

Councilperson Veverka asked Dave are these windows double or triple pane?

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said they are just a thermal pane. I should have brought the quote.

Vice Mayor Grendel said it looks like we have been setting money aside every year, but it feels like it gives us a number of years to plan on replacing them at a certain point. We are just pushing off and pushing off. I think we should make some of these improvements before there is a big disaster, and we say we should have done it 2 years ago.

Mayor Kurtz said when we finish this, we will go to Buildings & Lands and prioritize these.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn asked do you want to add 10% to each one?

Councilperson Walchanowicz said that's what I was wondering, should we go back to the beginning and at that 2022 section we just come up with a figure and at least add that in what we feel is comfortable.

Finance Director Blaze said we are just guessing at this point.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said well we have the quotes from fall. We are only into 3 months this year. These quotes were for this past fall.

Councilperson Trakas said let's go with the quotes you got, and if there are more or less, we deal with that through legislation.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said I feel pretty confident.

Councilperson Walchanowicz said the Council meeting is in like 2 ½ weeks, and you want this approved in April, so they may not get back to Dave with quotes in 2 ½ weeks some of these companies. So, that's why I am only saying if we add to the 2022 column. They may not get the quotes back to us in time for April's meeting.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said we would do this in May if we were going to do that.

Councilperson Walchanowicz said right, but they want to approve the budget, so if we need to add that money, we should do it now in case we don't get estimates before April's meeting.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Vice Mayor Grendel said we were talking about getting started.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said the quote was good for 30 days, you are right Councilperson Walchanowicz.

Councilperson DiGeronimo said they can really sharpen the pencil, maybe we say we are really looking at doing these, give me a ballpark, even if there's a percentage increase or not, if we could get them to stay close to this number, you might get them in 2 weeks.

Councilperson Veverka said well they are not down to ground zero either. They basically had all the information, they just have to figure out a 15% increase or whatever it would happen to be.

Vice Mayor Grendel said we have a finite amount of money like Vern said that we are going to use.

Finance Director Blaze said finite for sure. It's always finite.

Vice Mayor Grendel said so we need to prioritize what are the main things.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said it's just like Ron or Steve buying a truck. If you order it 3 months from now, they can say this is the price now, but they are only going to hold it. You might buy a truck, and I understand what you are saying. Ron could say hey they get \$250,000 for that truck. He just got done telling you it was \$70,000 more in 6 months. If he orders it in another 3 months, it might be another \$40,000 more. I get it. I guess I feel like I

came here ill-prepared, and I'm sorry for that, but I think these are budgeted numbers that are more than what we got the quotes for this past fall, late fall, early winter. So, if you want to put another 10%, I guess if we don't spend the money. Chris, you know more about HVAC prices. I know they go up.

Councilperson Walchanowicz said it just never worked for me. Like if I gave John a price, and he waited 3 months and says I will do it, I would have to be unfortunately it went up \$1,500, that makes me look bad. So, I would rather have too much than not enough, and if we don't use it, we don't use it.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said I understand.

Councilperson Walchanowicz said we are just trying to add to your budget, we are not taking away.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said I'm trying to be conservative, but I get it. I understand the price is going to be the price.

Councilperson Togliatti asked and you are recommending that the air handlers, the roof and windows should be?

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said definitely the air handlers. Like I say, I think the windows, we have been talking for a long time. Those 3 items, they need to be done. Now the roof is not leaking, the windows, we still have windows and they still operate. They just keep getting worse, and I guess my original statement was on each of these, the windows went from a year and a half, 2 years ago from \$140,000 to \$165,000. We do have \$190,000 budgeted. I will get an updated price.

The air handler was \$196,000, and we have \$225,000 budgeted. So, we could budget a little bit more.

Vice Mayor Grendel said with the way inflation has gone and the prices have gone, it just might not be enough.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said okay, what would you like to do? You want to put 10% on each one?

Councilperson Walchanowicz said with the increase on HVAC equipment last year, I feel comfortable, I think we should probably do at least 35% for 2022 to cover everything.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn asked \$35,000?

Councilperson Walchanowicz said that's basically cutting what we figured out in the past what the percentage increase was. So, if Carrier is willing to stick close to what their original bid was

last year, then we should have money left over. I am thinking about \$260,000 to be on the safe side. Then at least if there's money left over if they stay close to their estimate.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn asked so the same thing with the roof, put 10% on the roof. Let's say \$15,000.

Vice Mayor Grendel said so the roof would be \$135,000.

Councilperson Trakas asked where are we going to take the money from?

Finance Director Blaze said well that decision is going to have to be made after Thursday when we see the grand total, and we see that the total is above (inaudible).

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said then the \$190,000 can be kicked up to \$210,000.

Vice Mayor Grendel said Vern even if we have to wait until the May meeting, at least we have an accurate document.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said I will get you the accurate numbers. I don't know if I could have them before Thursday, but I will try. I could probably get them before the next Council meeting.

Finance Director Blaze said well 2 weeks from today is the April Council meeting. When you get it, you get it.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said well they have everything. They should be able to work on it for a couple of days and give me a number.

Vice Mayor Grendel said money is already set aside for a part of this, and we just have to add this year maybe. If these are 2 or 3 years out, we can plug it into 2023 and 2024 maybe.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said so we will move. We have part of the money here for that front entrance and security, so that was \$90,000 that we still have. We have to decide what we are going to do with these prices. Like the Mayor did mention that Norm drew up a real nice rendition of what would fit in City Hall. We can definitely take those renditions and put some specs to them and go out to bid, at least go out for a proposal and find out. We have been talking about security at City Hall. There is \$90,000 in there.

Maggie Osysko said we still have \$220,000.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said the bathroom is part of security.

Mayor Kurtz said if we create security, we will use that one portion for a bathroom for those who come in.

Councilperson Trakas asked can't you send them over here? You have a bathroom feet away.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said we would close the arches.

Mayor Kurtz said you have to go in the common area.

Councilperson Trakas asked can someone escort these people in? We have a bathroom 20 feet away.

Finance Director Blaze said it's evenings and weekends and holidays, there is stuff going on in the vestibule, but there is no washroom facility, but no one is on this side of the building.

Mayor Kurtz said it's not a big deal because of the fact that we already have the plumbing there.

Councilperson Togliatti asked this building is 40 years old, have we had a problem for 40 years that people haven't been able to go to the bathroom when they come in?

Mayor Kurtz said we are talking about with the increased security. You are not going to be able to get in here. It would be like Brecksville, you would have to stop and get permission to get in here. When you come in, you won't be able to get into City Hall without access unless there is a public meeting, and we will have a Police officer.

Procurement Coordinator Zdolshek said Councilperson Togliatti they did an assessment of our security, what we would need to do to bring it up to current standards, and having a safe area if there would ever be any type of incident. One of the things that their proposal did include was a restroom out in the hallway. It would be a family restroom just so that we don't have to let people have free run of City Hall. Basically what they were doing was compartmentalizing City Hall.

Councilperson Trakas said you have 3 bathrooms within a couple of feet. I just don't see it.

Mayor Kurtz said I could show you the plans that they put together. If we opt out of it, they aren't going to be allowed to walk around.

Vice Mayor Grendel said Brecksville is like that.

Mayor Kurtz said you can't get into the administrative offices. I thought Council wanted to go in this direction.

Vice Mayor Grendel said in all these years, when this was first built everything was open. The County courthouse had 3 different doors, and now you have to go in through one door.

Councilperson Trakas said Cleveland City Hall is the same thing.

Mayor Kurtz asked okay, what else?

Vice Mayor Grendel said Vern suggested we have the Chief here, and his time is valuable too. Can we move to the Fire Department now just so Steve can present?

Fire Chief Rega said a couple of years ago we did the kitchen. The dorms are in the same situation. The wallpaper needs to be done. The wallpaper is fabric and absorbs things. We need to bring that up to date with the current standards, and with Covid, there's not a separation in the cubicles. The air flow is not separate, so we were looking at upgrading these things. I walked through it with Dave and GPD, and they put together a proposal for us. We realize that some of the things that we were going to do, simple changes, were going to be band-aids on a bigger problem. So, it's becoming a bigger project.

What we were going to do, what I was recommending or proposing was to let the money for the kitchen project go towards the dorms and looking at the next several years to put away some funds to renovate that area. So, that's what the dorm renovations are all about.

Miscellaneous upgrades, again these are areas where we have to fix doors or windows or the building utilities that need to be upgraded. That's what the miscellaneous fund is coming into play. Right now Paul is redoing a lot of our interior.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said we do a lot of work in the Fire Department, and \$15,000 covers it per year. It's quite a bit of miscellaneous upgrades like Steve says. We are there quite often.

Councilperson Trakas asked with the dormitory is there going to be soundproofing?

Fire Chief Rega said they talk about surfaces that could be cleaned real easily. The carpet is not that easy to clean. The guys track things in there. So, we would go more with a solid surface laminate type of thing. So, that would actually increase the sound a little bit, but it's easier to clean. That's the kind of stuff we are looking at. Getting the wallpaper off the walls and painting with something that you can wash. Individual cubicles for each guy to separate them. Individual doors for each one, that's kind of the trend for Fire stations. It's also an isolation thing for people who are sick. So, that is kind of what we are looking at is bringing that up to some current standards.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said the floor plan is open. Above the beds are all open. It's kind of like a cottage type setup right now where they don't really have individual rooms. They have individual spaces, but the area above them is all the same climate.

Fire Chief Rega said the guys have modified one section. Based on the changes we made here, we would probably have to bring things up to code, and when you start looking at codes and standards for Fire Departments it's a whole ball of wax there.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said and individual sleeping quarters.

Councilperson Walchanowicz asked so do you want to make that a line item then, dorm renovations?

Several people began speaking at once again.

Fire Chief Rega said they kind of gave us a ballpark of what the cost would be, but we need to get a proposal laid out showing plans of how this has changed.

Councilperson Togliatti asked and how many individual dorms would there be?

Fire Chief Rega said there are 7 on the one side, and 2 on the other.

Councilperson Walchanowicz asked do the guys clean then between shifts and sanitize in between shifts? What do they do now?

Fire Chief Rega said they vacuum and sanitize with Covid sprays that we have. Everybody puts their own bedding away, and that's one of the things that precipitated this whole thing. The bedding right now is all in one room, so we have done some things to separate it. Doing these cubicles will provide individual spaces for guys with the bedding, so it would isolate it. It would also free up space. If we put that bedding into each cubicle, then we will no longer need the utility room. We could open that up and actually expand part of the area. It's an overall look at that corner of the building.

Councilperson DiGeronimo asked how many dorms?

Fire Chief Rega said there are a total of 7 on the firefighter side, and the officer/female dorm has 2.

Finance Director Blaze asked would those be the ones you use in the future if you have any female officers? They would be able to use the 2.

Fire Chief Rega said yes. It has its own bathroom and area.

Someone asked about transgender.

Fire Chief Rega said we also included the roof replacement here. I have been kind of bugging Dave for years. It has been in the works. It was 25 plus years into that building, and it had some leaks that were not major by any stretch of the imagination, but we had to go out and get them fixed. We have ice melt issues. We did put in a system on the north side of the building a couple of years ago, and actually it performed very well this year with all the ice that we got. So, that's something we need to upgrade.

Councilperson Trakas said especially with people sleeping there, you want to try to have them as comfortable as possible. Is there a carpet that you can clean that you can put instead of the other flooring. It's nice with the boots, but people are trying to sleep. I think about it when I'm trying to sleep.

Fire Chief Rega said we are looking into other stations that have renovated and what they are doing, but a lot of it is harder surfaces that can be mopped and cleaned.

Councilperson Trakas said you can, but I'm just thinking. I'm a light sleeper, and every time I'm at an armory somewhere, I don't get much sleep.

Fire Chief Rega said it's a balancing act between bringing a safe, healthy atmosphere versus a sound area. We will definitely take that into consideration.

Councilperson Veverka said Jim, at my daughter's station they have individual rooms. So, in other words, you have a total wall and a door in between you and the next person. The only thing you have to contend with there is that you have your A, B and C shifts, and in that case if you design these properly, each individual shift person has their own dresser, storage materials, that they can access only, and then it's just a question of having that bed accessible. You want to stay away from carpeting, the wallpaper, anything else that will absorb nasty stuff. Not germs as much as the stuff from the fires that you bring back. I know you wash down and everything, but still.

Vice Mayor Grendel asked do you think \$225,000?

Fire Chief Rega said well that's what we got.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said well I think it's \$160,000. Our assessment, he said it would last another 4 years.

Vice Mayor Grendel said so that should be more than enough to cover the cost.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said but it's a 30 year roof. I see a lot of people replacing tires way too early, it's the same thing, get the most out of it.

Mayor Kurtz said Dave put together a summary.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said I'm going to put together a summary of all of it.

Mayor Kurtz said so at Public Lands & Buildings Council can see.

Fire Chief Rega said I'm just going to talk about the big ticket items.

Finance Director Blaze said the garage doors are good, the windows are good in that building, the mechanical components.

Fire Chief Rega said most of it will fall under the miscellaneous.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said I did all your weatherproofing, most of that. Like Dave said, it's always good to go through the buildings. Anybody ever wants to take, when I put that together, I would love to show you the buildings because then you can see first-hand.

Vice Mayor Grendel said maybe we can do that before we do a final because we could prioritize them better.

Finance Director Blaze said you will see first-hand, and you will add so much more stuff.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said if you read your GPD assessment, they felt that the buildings were all in pretty good shape. They did have some concerns with the Service Department.

Mayor Kurtz said we aren't there yet.

Vice Mayor Grendel said that's a big concern with Service.

Fire Chief Rega said the only other thing I had for the Fire Department was the landscaping. All the lights on the outside of the building are pretty high voltage and need a lot of electricity to burn. I think Dave is slowly changing those out to LED type lights. Then we are upgrading the landscaping where we can.

Finance Director Blaze said so on Page 19 where it's referencing.

Councilperson Togliatti asked parking lot lights, the landscape lights?

Fire Chief Rega said everything.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said we can retrofit them. We are working on them.

Fire Chief Rega said the next time you are out at dark, the lights by the Admin side by the columns, those have been changed out.

Mayor Kurtz said if you could come up with a framework of how you want to look at the security, make sure the buildings, and come up with a program.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said we have done a lot even in the parking lots Mayor.

Mayor Kurtz said I just wondered if you have defined a source for high-quality exterior lighting, LED incorporated into all the facilities and put that together for us.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said certainly. What we did, Mayor the only reason why, a lot of the lighting that we had in our City provides a yellow hue, and it's just like anything else, like your high-pressure sodium. When you change that lighting, and you do it all, it's a significant difference in your parking lots. We did a couple of retrofits on those fixtures to show them how it would look. Whenever possible, we do use all GE. Right now, for instance, I just bought 24 fixtures for the Community Services and Rec side in the atrium, and that will pretty much complete our LED lighting on the inside of the Civic Center. There are a few areas they need underneath the desks there, which we were talking about renovating, but most of the areas, I would say 90% complete LED lighting inside the Civic Center. We are saving quite a bit of money. The fixtures I just bought, they go up in the high ceilings in the atrium. We replace the LED lighting as we go along. The next item will be the parking lot at the Civic Center.

Procurement Coordinator Zdolshek said Mayor when GPD did our security assessment of City Hall, they went as far as even taking in landscaping into consideration. Which bushes should be trimmed back, which should be removed, putting in cement columns and barriers to prevent vehicles from driving up and exterior lighting.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said we do take in the assessment as far as security definitely. It is one of the major things.

Finance Director Blaze asked Chief anything else?

Fire Chief Rega said that's it.

Finance Director Blaze said Tom is here and Emily is online, so we have both sides of that building covered and even the Mayor.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Community Services Director Thomas said I apologize that I am not there with you today, I am actually out sick but wanted to make sure that I jumped on the call with everybody to talk through these important things. I thought it would be helpful just because there's such a large number, that \$420,000 there, just to review kind of what those things are currently listed there and kind of where they are at now.

So, a large majority, over \$200,000, and you will see that with anything related to 410-5000-51000 was actually related to our passenger buses that we no longer have in our inventory. So the purchasing for upgrades and maintenance and things of that nature. So, those are what those are allocated to.

There are a few numbers associated, like the \$39,000 that you will see there, \$858.00 and the \$7,000 were allocated to previous capital projects, whether it was the upgrades to the banquet rooms, etc. that we actually came under budget on. Then there is a \$100,000 line item that is allocated to the general Civic Center upgrade on our Community Services side. Then the

\$50,000 one is specifically allocated to the kitchen renovation, and so in talking with Finance when I started, some of these projects were postponed because of Covid and wanting to put efforts elsewhere. Again, some of them are under budget, and some of them were for projects that are no longer relevant based on the direction that we are going in the department. So, we have re-allocated this just as a general Community Services capital budget so to speak, and so our first Number 1 priority for 2022 is the kitchen renovation on our side, especially because of the fact that there is \$100,000 grant that we have from the State that we are working on the application for that requires us to complete the work of the kitchen by the end of this calendar year.

Initially, we had quotes from 2019 with kind of what those costs would be, and so in the last month and a half we received some updated quotes that will go out to a more formal bid, but I just wanted to give you a baseline understanding of what we were working with. So, for appliances alone, to replace and upgrade the ones that we currently have, we are looking at a baseline of \$100,000. Based on the 2 different vendors that we talked to, we could see anywhere from a 10% to 20% increase by the end of the year. So, that could be between \$100,000 and \$150,000.

We also had a separate contractor come in that I worked with in my previous role just to talk about what it would cost to move 2 walls which are important in making that space more usable, not only for our internal team but other caterers who come in for funeral services, things of that nature, and so between the flooring, the painting, the wall removal and things of that nature, it could be upwards of \$250,000 for that type of work. Obviously, that's an outside person, not including anything that we could do internally, but again just to give a baseline of understanding of what we are looking for. That \$250,000 has a 20% contingency built into that as well. So, for the kitchen renovation alone, we are looking at probably \$350,000 to \$400,000, which will obviously utilize a lot of the funds that we currently have which is the reason I chose not to include anything above and beyond the standard \$35,000 for the next 5 years because I think it's important to see where we land with the funds that we already kind of have set aside for general Civic Center upgrades on the Community Services side and kind of revisit those other projects that we have been talking about for the future. I will stop there if there are any questions.

Vice Mayor Grendel asked now the \$100,000 that we got from the State, that's not included in this?

Community Services Director Thomas said that is not included. It will be reimbursed by the State, so it's money that we have to put out first before it comes back to us.

Vice Mayor Grendel said the kitchen renovation could be \$350,000 to \$400,000.

Community Services Director Thomas said that is correct, yes.

Vice Mayor Grendel said we have been talking about that for years.

Finance Director Blaze said Emily you are saying it has to be completed by the end of this calendar year for that money to still be ours.

Community Services Director Thomas said that is correct.

Councilperson Trakas said they can roll it over.

Community Services Director Thomas said so completing the work by the end of the year would actually give us a 6 month extension from the initial grant piece. So, when I spoke with the State's office it's just important that we have the application in by June 1st for the review and then have the additional extension. We can ask for a further extension, but that was what my initial conversation was.

Vern, just to further your point, based on the timeline for appliances coming in and based on the construction work, the work itself in the kitchen before appliances come could take up to 2 months, that would be kind of worst case scenario so to speak, and then appliances could take up to, we are seeing 4 months depending on what the specific piece is. That is the worst case scenario as well.

Vice Mayor Grendel asked how will that affect different functions as we schedule for the Civic Center then?

Community Services Director Thomas said so the biggest interference will be the regular Tuesday and Friday lunch program. I think there are ways that we can work around that. For example, right now we have budgeted for an every other week drive-thru lunch that we do, and so by not utilizing the funds to pay for food on a Tuesday or Friday, we could include another additional drive-thru meal and still come under budget where we are at for our adult meal program.

In terms of the other things like funeral receptions that typically happen there where we see the most catering, typically they kind of come prepared with everything all set and ready to go. We don't have a lot of caterers actually cooking in our kitchen at this time because of the volume of the programming. So, I really think it's just a matter of communicating to those vendors because we do typically know when they are coming in the building based on the reservation form that we have those individuals complete. So, I don't think it would be too much of a hindrance to that as long as we are up front in communicating with them.

Vice Mayor Grendel said Vern out of this \$420,000 that we set aside, this is already P.O.'s to be used for this project.

Finance Director Blaze replied correct. Now it's just a matter of coordinating anything that needs to be done and any legislation that needs to be done so I can get started.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn asked do you have designs for it Emily? Do you have prints?

Community Services Director Thomas said I don't have any prints yet. We have one vendor that we are working with that includes that as part of kind of their service, U.S. Foods, we have an initial drawing of that Dave, and then we have another vendor, Tri-Mark, that we were connected with through Dennis that actually you have to pay them first and commit to them as the vendor before you can receive the drawings of kitchen. So, what I am putting together for Dennis is kind of a baseline with the appliances we are looking for and a general overview of the work that needs to be done so that it can go out to bid. So, I can certainly show you that initial drawing. It's not the details, it's kind of a reallocation of where the appliances that we have where we want to keep can go, and where the new appliances can fit. Then we will have to talk about plumbing and electric and things of that nature to optimize their usage.

Councilperson Walchanowicz asked Dennis did GPD give us any type of drawings for the kitchen?

Procurement Coordinator Zdolshek replied no.

Vice Mayor Grendel said Emily, this takes care of the immediate future of 2022 and that. How about the next 4 years after that? Any plans? Are there other possibilities that you might want to look at with the same money going forward?

Community Services Director Thomas said I think there are some big picture items that we are talking about for the future, which to be frank, we just need some more time to get those quotes to provide an accurate number to Council for approval. I don't like to just put numbers out there as guesstimates, but some of the things that we are talking about wholistically are expanding the banquet rooms. So, if you go into our banquet rooms now, they each have a door to the outside, but one of the things that we see in other banquet rooms that are great for renters is the addition of essentially a wet bar or a refrigerator. So, being able to build out that room so we don't lose any square footage in each of the banquet rooms to add that space and expand the outdoor space there as well.

Some of the other things that we talked about kind of wholistically is one of the areas that we lack in terms of child care so to speak. If you are under the age of 6 you can come to our tot room. If you are over the age of 10 you can go to the Rec by yourself, but what do you do if you are 7, 8 or 9? You have nowhere to go. You have to be with your parent at that point, and so we are reworking the tot room so this becomes more kind of a youth space center so that might require new flooring and paint and new furniture in there as well to accommodate an older group. With so much focus on the kitchen renovation being the number one priority, looking to get that squared away before we go out and quote those other projects.

Mayor Kurtz said keep going, you are doing good.

Community Services Director Thomas said those are the main things we are talking about. We need to purchase new atrium furniture as well. Ours has gone beyond its useful life, so we are in the process of quoting that out already, but again the kitchen renovation is our primary focus.

Finance Director Blaze said don't get rid of the two gliders there by that one table. Those are like the chairs I always seek out.

Community Services Director Thomas said noted Vern.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said we are going to use some of this money for replacing the entrance mats on both sides of the building. There is big matting with a walk off mat. It's \$27,000.

Vice Mayor Grendel asked where in the budget does that come out of?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said it will come out of miscellaneous upgrades. Emily, the entrance matting that we are talking about.

Community Services Director Thomas said yes, thank you Tom.

Procurement Coordinator Zdolshek said Tom I think we have a request for legislation in April.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said good, great.

Vice Mayor Grendel asked so do we need to update this? We have \$35,000 set aside for the year too.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said they are about \$23,000.

Councilperson Togliatti asked and is there still any discussion about the extension of the roof over the entryway or an awning? We did some exploratory work on that years ago, and it seems to have disappeared.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said I think it was covered under this miscellaneous upgrades. I think it was moved a few years ago when we did have an entrance canopy, a front desk, centralized registration. It used to be broken out. That is why there are so many different P.O. numbers because they were split up.

Maggie Osysko said (inaudible). We have the bus P.O. in there too.

Councilperson Togliatti said it seems like with the drive-thru lunch pickups, if the weather is inclement, it would be very beneficial to have the roof overhead.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said I think there were some estimates on that.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Community Services Director Thomas said I was unaware that there estimates as a part of that. I thought that was in our next exploratory phase. So, if that's out there, I am unaware of that, and it should be added into this amount.

Councilperson Trakas said it may well be different than what we were talking about. Technical Service Director Snyderburn said that was in with security. That was in with the awning and an addition for more room up top Tom for you. There was a second floor, and I think that was just an item separate.

Councilperson Trakas said speaking of security, I do think of all the buildings that we have in town, probably more so this one. I think the Civic Center needs enhanced security.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said that had to do with the front desk too. That money was in, part of that front desk renovation was in this. I never heard of the kitchen being \$400,000. It's the first I heard of it. That's okay. I understand.

Maggie Osysko said a lot of the things that were on that plans (inaudible) because nobody kept track of things. There might have been a plan to have it, but unless it was before Council for an ordinance, the P.O. wasn't created.

Mayor Kurtz said that's a major capital.

Councilperson Togliatti said this is the capital plan.

Mayor Kurtz asked are we going to upgrade the Civic Center piecemeal or are we going to do it wholistically? Are we going to piecemeal the Fire Department, Police Department or are we going to build a new one? Are we going to renovate? So, the Service garage, we didn't get to that one. That's in the worst condition of all. So, planning on building a new one. The question is, I think the Finance Director are we going to borrow money? How are we going to fund these major capital improvements? We can look at when we start getting into \$1,000,000, a \$500,000, we really have to start looking at it as a project rather than just an internal projects.

Vice Mayor Grendel said this kitchen renovation is going to take up most of the outstanding P.O.'s that are out there now. There won't be much.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Councilperson Trakas asked would it be like \$400,000?

Mayor Kurtz said between pushing out the canopy to make it safer, going to one central magnetic point and then go to the socialization side and then Recreation side. That building is 30 years old. If we get grants and stuff, we can do these, I would call these internal capital projects. If you start talking about a major upgrade, then we should look at that entire building. We almost have to have a Public Buildings & Lands to discuss that facility in total because we have had some discussion with the library, the possibility of doing something new, renovate, upgrade the library. If they would move into a new facility, what do we do with that portion? That might solve some issues.

So, the security, the upgrades, so many questions that the residents have brought to our attention such as the canopy for dropping people off. I think it's more of a major capital project.

Vice Mayor Grendel said we have to look how much money are we going to need to upgrade or get new facilities and see if we go to the voters for funding for that? If you are talking new facilities and that, we have to have a plan so that people can either buy into it.

Mayor Kurtz said you are talking infrastructure upgrade access, safety. You are talking a major upgrade to the Civic Center. You are talking a major upgrade to this facility if you do something with the Police station. The Service garage, that's a major upgrade. When you start talking \$5,000,000, \$10,000,000, \$15,000,000 in upgrades. Then you are getting like we did here 30 years ago when we did. Forty years ago we didn't go to the ballot. Thirty years ago we did go to the ballot. So, that's the dynamic that we have to weigh by having another Buildings & Lands meeting for the whole strategy. This is a capital strategy.

Councilperson Trakas said with respect to that, there's a way that we could forego a lot of these things and maybe put them into new facilities if that's a higher priority. I don't think you want to do both. Even like on this kitchen, just because we have a State grant doesn't mean we have to use that. If we really don't want to do that, there is a higher priority to do something else, there is a capital bill coming up in June and we just ask them to re-appropriate for something different. Just because you have money doesn't mean you have to do it.

Mayor Kurtz said maybe we can do it in a more wholistic way. I appreciate what you are saying. When we finish all of this, then the next discussion is a global strategy of our assets, the condition and asset upgrades based on the GPD study, wouldn't you say Dave?

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said that's what we did it for. We have been talking about the Civic Center for a long time, the canopy.

Mayor Kurtz said that's a major project. You are talking millions. I think it can be its own discussion.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn replied right. You just don't want to throw a canopy out there and say oh we got prints for a canopy. You have to have a concept or drawing first, and then discuss that and then come up with prices. Like the Mayor said, you don't want to piecemeal. You can do all kinds of stuff piecemeal, but there's the right way of doing it.

Mayor Kurtz said I have been charging the Department Heads with going out and looking at various major projects such as the Service Department. The Service Department is rated the lowest in the worst condition, and so they saw the new ODOT project in Medina and Cleveland to see the framework. We have plans as a matter of fact.

Finance Director Blaze said no budget.

Mayor Kurtz said there's one. The Civic Center, Emily and Tom have been working on taking their team and saying okay what do you want to see? Then you throw that layer of the library, so

that's another component. That's how we have to look at this holistically, even City Hall. Is this the best location for the Police Department because everybody is putting things under roof for security reasons. All our Police cars are sitting outside. So, the structure itself was good 40 years ago, but is it appropriate for today's safety and the way they keep safety and train for safety.

Our firing range is deteriorating because it's 40 years old. So, again that's another larger umbrella type concept of discussion that we have to have.

Then you start talking about infrastructure, and road expansion, and many discussions that we had with the schools what they want to do, and how we can blend that into this campus and access to the campus, emergency exit ramps. So, there are all of these different dynamics, and at some point we have to just listen to them. Everybody gets their little island taken care of, and then plug them all in to see how they fit together. I think Vice Mayor you said it best, we may have to go for a capital request.

Finance Director Blaze said ideally those kinds of decisions are made in conjunction with this because if you are going to do all these big things that you just outlined Mayor, then as Councilperson Trakas said, then we don't have to fund individually all these things because we are knocking off some projects on the Community Services' side of the Community Center, the Rec side. We have projects listed for the Service Department, and then we have projects listed for all of these buildings that we are either going to fund internally or do big picture, but we should decide which avenue we are going to go on.

Mayor Kurtz said some of them you can do as we are outlining here and wouldn't interfere. They would complement each other, but if we are going to go, it's going to be money allocation.

Councilperson Togliatti asked so when can we have this meeting to discuss the big picture?

Mayor Kurtz said well I think we finish this layer. To me it's always been operation, and then you have your capital, and I call this internal capital. Then you have your overarching major capital requests because you can easily come up with \$100,000,000 if you think out 10 or 20 years, you can go \$200,000,000. Now you are thinking multi-generational, major infrastructure projects. To answer your question, it would be appropriate to finish this layer, and then I would say in the next well like Service has theirs wrapping up. We will do Community Services, we have had some discussions. I would like to get as many people involved, employees involved, participate in it. Police are working on something, at least planting the seed, and then City Hall. We have to talk about City Hall which we are putting together. I still think that a Council Caucus room which has technology and more openness, we can have more people in. Hopefully, we can bring people back to this facility, and then we never have enough room here. We are always moving people around. We have them in the closet, we have them over here in a storage room.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said I think the Mayor is right. The items that we are going through now, these are items, we need to maintain these buildings, most of them. There are some upgrades, but we need to just maintain the integrity of the buildings that we have now to

Independence standards. I know even the kitchen like you said, Emily talked about the kitchen. They have been talking about the kitchen for quite some time, but a lot of these items that we just went through the windows, the roof, the air handlers, they are items that need to be done immediately to maintain the integrity of the buildings.

Even Tom will tell you the activity pool has to get done. The pools need to be, we need to maintain them. We paint them, we do everything.

Finance Director Blaze said Emily said she was sick. Can we dismiss her if we are done with her side of the building so we don't hold her up?

Community Services Director Thomas said thank you.

Councilperson Trakas said you also had a very good approach to it and put a lot of thought into it, and we appreciate what you have come up with. Thank you.

Community Services Director Thomas said thank you, Councilperson Trakas.

Councilperson Veverka said I have a quick question because you had mentioned grants. Is there any connectivity that the grant for the Community Services/Rec side could be a limiting factor who is allowed to use the facilities. This is a question with no answer. I don't know Jim.

Councilperson Trakas said there are grants that you can get like for residents only, that type of stuff. You have to read the grants. The Federal Administration, you have to really care about the dollars you are taking now because they are putting in a lot of inclusionary language in these programs. For example, it hasn't passed, but if there was inclusionary language that said if you don't have multi-family housing, you can't get these funds. You can't, or you can start planning them, and we will give you the money. That was on some of the infrastructure stuff. Some of that passed, so you have to be really cautious about it. There is a lot of stuff put in there, hiring quotas, who can do the work for you. Every grant is going to be different, but there is a lot of language that I would consider poison pill language that is coming out of Washington. You have to be cautious about that. Some of that money goes to the State, and the State is putting money out on it, and it might also apply to the State funds. The County has a lot of that, so you just have to read these things very thoroughly before you apply for them.

Councilperson Veverka said that was one of the reasons I asked the question is because when we got the grant for the Hemlock Trail. The Hemlock Trail is readily accessible to all the surrounding communities. Anyone that wishes to use it, but my question more related to facilities that we consider resident facilities, and that was the reason I asked that question.

Vice Mayor Grendel is there language on the grant for the kitchen?

Councilperson Trakas said there was nothing.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said there are a lot of better functions in the Civic Center that apply. The only reason I am saying that is because I applied for grants for Old Town Hall many times now, and the big thing is you have (inaudible) there. Most of the people that come there are residents, and they really don't consider that as a multi-purpose building.

Councilperson Trakas said the County has grants for that, the arts funding.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said I did apply 3 years straight for that.

Councilperson Trakas said well let me know, I am on the Board.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said I talked to Matt Dolan about it too.

Finance Director Blaze said they might have its own set of restrictions just like you articulated.

Councilperson Trakas said they do, in fact they have more restrictive ones.

Councilperson Veverka said that was just a cautionary question. I don't want to get trapped because obviously with the trail the cost ended up magnified because of the restrictions related to the grants, and I would hope that we would be very careful so that any grants we apply for are ones that aren't going to turn around and bite us on the rear end related to our use of the facilities on the Rec side in particular.

Councilperson Trakas said so the transportation one specifies who you have to hire. How many percentage of people you have to hire, which jobs, it's a higher percentage.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn asked do you guys want to keep going? Do you want to go into Recreation?

Vice Mayor Grendel said the Fieldhouse is next on our list.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said Tom is here.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said so starting with floor resurfacing. So, that particular floor we have in the building basically has a 20 year life expectancy. So, we started putting away money with a plan to possibly replace it in 2025, and the estimate cost was around \$270,000 at that time. So, that is what this is all going to add up to.

Vice Mayor Grendel asked is it the same surface?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said the same surface, purelastic floor surface. We are going in a little bit of a different direction with the Fieldhouse, a little bit less wear and tear from outside use. So, I think we are going to get longer than 20 years for this, just so you know.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said it's in pretty good shape.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said it's in very good shape. The manufacturer came out last year, and he was very impressed with how it was. So, that's where we are at with the floor, and we have been putting away \$45,000 for the past years with the anticipation of replacing the floor in 2025-2026.

Councilperson DiGeronimo said I'm just thinking out of the box, is there anything we can do currently to extend the life or maintain it? Is there any type of special process?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said just the way we maintain it by cleaning it with the special cleaners that we have. There is not a coating we can put on to make it last longer. There's nothing like that, just the way you clean it and that you clean it often. You don't let the dirt grind into it.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said I think Tom had it repaired a couple of times. Anything that goes bad, anything that gets slashed. It's been repaired every time. It's very important. It's almost like a crack seal to a road. You have to maintain it, and I think you have. The floor is in pretty good shape up there yet.

Finance Director Blaze asked what did you call the surface of it?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said purelastic.

Finance Director Blaze said you mentioned the track. So, this pricing is just doing the entire Fieldhouse under roof with that same surface. That is basically a coating over concrete underneath.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said there's a rubber mat, it's a rubber mat that is underneath that surface. It's actually a 4 or 5 layer surface.

Finance Director Blaze asked so there is some layer between the top and the concrete. It doesn't seem spongy, and what I am getting at is through the winter indoor track is pretty big in high school and collegiate, and there are a number of indoor tracks throughout northeast Ohio, and all their surfaces seem to be softer than the one in the Fieldhouse. So, I don't know if it would probably be an additional cost if you looked in that direction, but it's just something to consider if you want to encourage running and so forth.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said the track does (inaudible).

Several people began speaking at once again.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz asked have you been to the Elmwood Rec?

Finance Director Blaze said I have seen it from the outside.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said obviously when it's new there's more cushion on it, so I think it hardens up a little bit, so that's probably what is going on now with that surface. Technical Service Director Snyderburn asked do they make certain running shoes for that?

Finance Director Blaze said they make certain running shoes if you were building an indoor track facility which this is. The track surface would be a little bit different than what it is I think. I think it's adequate for walking and light jogging, but it's probably not a true competition surface. I don't know what that would do to the cost, but at least you have money there projected, and you think you could make it last longer than what you are even showing. That's all.

Councilperson DiGeronimo asked do you want to forecast \$30,000 over 6 years, and you would get the same spot.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said we could always do that.

Councilperson DiGeronimo said I have another use for that \$15,000.

Finance Director Blaze said air conditioning.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said in the miscellaneous upgrades, we have them in there too. We put them in each year. We have some partitions there that go between the 3 rooms, and we did some work on them. They said the best thing to do is, they weren't the best ones when they put them in. They are okay. We took away the bottom sweeps so that they are much more easier to collapse and work with for the ladies there, and they seem to like those. I am leaving well enough alone.

We have 3 boilers there, I know the building is only 15 years old, they are problematic. They are Fulton boilers, and we keep them running. I just want to keep putting money away, and there's a rooftop unit. Chris will tell you, rooftop units, 15 or 20 years, so we just keep putting money away for miscellaneous items in that building. I don't have any particular cost, everything is running fine now. We are putting money, and then the (inaudible) has some renovations there. It's 15 years old. We did all the lighting in the Fieldhouse so we are in good shape there. Tony is real happy with that.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said we did use a little bit of that money to upgrade the shade structure over there. We did that last year.

Councilperson Trakas said Dave just out of curiosity, it's not quite a capital issue, but we talked at length about LED, and I think we are all committed to it because it sounds like a good idea.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said when they are replacing the street lights, they are replacing them with LED.

Councilperson Trakas asked what have we seen in terms of the costs. We keep talking about a less reduced cost for us. Is it too early to tell?

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said like I said we did some major projects. I told you the tennis courts and the basketball courts in the Civic Center, those 2 items we saved almost \$8,000 a year. I know that a couple of years ago, and I will pull those results, those utility bills up, our utility bills have gone down, the electric bills. They have gone down especially in City Hall. We did all LED's in here, LED's outside. It was a substantial savings per year. I am saying \$2,500 to \$3,500 a year. Especially with the chiller, it will be even more. I can pull those. I did at that time, and I think I even wrote a report at that time when we changed the chiller and all the LED's here. Yes, it's a substantial savings definitely. Every time we put one in, it's significant.

Councilperson Togliatti said and there are still more opportunities like Wisnieski Parkway.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said we are doing it next. Like Tom said, even the baseball we didn't do LED's because they aren't on enough. We just talked about it. In fact Tom and I talked about it today. There's \$10,000 in there for LED's. The pool lights, the deck lights themselves, they are on. Why change all those fixtures, even retrofit them, you aren't going to get a lot of savings. Even the pool itself and the rooms. In the daytime we don't really use any lights. The return on it isn't there. The tennis courts, those are some big money lights. They aren't on that much. They are on a little bit, but you are using them 4 or 5 months out of the year. In the beginning, they are on from 9:00 to 11:00. The return isn't there. We will eventually do them, but right now why spend the money.

Councilperson Togliatti asked and do we have money set aside to do the ones in the parking lot?

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said we don't need it. In fact, we are going to retrofit. I have a couple of P.O.'s that we had, and I bought new bulbs. Believe it or not, we are going to take the ballast out. We are going to put new LED bulbs in there, and they have an internal driver. We did a few, there are 6 of them done in the parking lot at the Civic Center for a little study. We didn't get any feedback which some people like I said they like that yellow hue. It is really nice with the colonial style buildings, gas lamp type lighting. I thought we would get some feedback. They were kind of unpopular, but right now we haven't.

Vice Mayor Grendel said on this page I don't think there's much. There's historic hall and Old Rec, we just have miscellaneous stuff. So, there's probably nothing really, just the typical.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said you know what, in historic hall we did put all new windows in, but the Historical Society they are constantly redoing stuff now. In fact, I just had Paul repaint a whole room. They are changing out the ceiling tile and putting it all back together. They had a new group of ladies that are redoing it there, so we are putting a little bit of money in historic hall.

Councilperson Trakas asked with respect to historic hall, isn't there a gutter and roof issue that we need to address?

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said we need to address the soffit issue, and we are going to get up there this spring. There are a couple of areas there.

Councilperson Trakas asked is it universal?

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said a couple of main areas. That soffit does need to be repainted too. We would like to keep the money in there because I don't know what we are really going to get into, nothing internal. We fixed the one wall, and everything was dry. We bought a humidity meter, so it's more external in the soffit. I plan on getting to it this year, both historic hall and Old Town hall, and Old Town hall windows. I would still like to do the windows, and the kitchen and bathroom upgrade in Old Town hall.

Councilperson Trakas said I totally agree. You always hear from them.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said they rent it out, and whoever rents it, it's very reasonable, very cheap.

Vice Mayor Grendel said they love the area.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said now that Covid is over with, they are renting it out again. We need to keep the money in there.

Vice Mayor Grendel said so there is sufficient money in historic hall.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said I believe so. We talked about it. Vern and I talked about windows. I did replace all the exterior doors up top on the second floor. I believe we have enough money sufficient right now.

Councilperson Trakas asked is there handicap accessibility at Old Town hall?

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said we have it on the first floor.

Councilperson Trakas asked what about the second floor?

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said we can, we can put a lift in there.

Recreation Walchanowicz said the ladies had brought that up, so we are going to eventually have to do that.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said we will have to put some money in it.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said we talked about it, and like the Mayor said, when you go through these buildings and you re-allocate what you are going to do. At one time it was

talked about a cultural arts center for the Old Rec and put the theater in there. If you are upstairs at Old Town hall (inaudible).

Vice Mayor Grendel said Mayor that was a big push about 10 or 12 years ago. I think it came to a vote, and it was very close.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Vice Mayor Grendel said I think I was the deciding vote, it was 3 to 3, but we wanted to keep it as now for the community. I think Norm had drawn plans up to try to make that into a theater at one point. It's our recreation area, and it wouldn't fit in.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Finance Director Blaze asked Councilperson DiGeronimo, when we were on the Fieldhouse you said hey if we go to \$30,000 instead of \$45,000 for that floor resurfacing, you have something to do with the \$15,000. Was that for the Fieldhouse that you had an idea or was that to re-allocate somewhere else?

Councilperson DiGeronimo said no, basketball hoops when Tom gets to the Civic Center.

Councilperson Walchanowicz said I have a question about basketball hoops.

Finance Director Blaze asked the Civic Center?

Councilperson Walchanowicz said Fieldhouse. Several people have asked if we have ever considered bringing back an outdoor basketball court behind the Fieldhouse along where the play area is that you can only enter or exit through the Fieldhouse. There is no exterior entrance to it, just for kids that want to play basketball outside. They would have to go in through the Fieldhouse, go to the back, go outside to it, but there is no exterior entrance to it. That was brought up by several residents over the last couple of years if we have ever contemplated bringing the basketball court back outside.

Vice Mayor Grendel said we used to have them by the entrance to Elmwood. Then we had them here by the tennis courts, pickleball courts, I think there was a basketball court there. That would be a great idea. I think outdoor for the summertime for the kids because the Fieldhouse is way too hot inside.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Vice Mayor Grendel asked anything else with Rec Tom before we move on?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said by the entrance we will need windows, and that's why we keep putting money away for that. We did the kitchen and the hallway.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said we did a handicap bathroom in there.

Vice Mayor Grendel said there's always parties there on the weekend.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said the rentals have been going through the ceiling since Covid has let up now, and people are trying to get together and that. Even the Liberty building that we only rent after April.

Finance Director Blaze said when we are done with Old Rec, if we could jump back to historic hall for a second. If Tom or Dave or Jess or somebody, I seem to recall in the last 6 months somebody saying that Pam Humphrey wanted to meet with them or did meet with them about some future vision for historic hall and some things that would maybe dial that up as far as being used as a true historical museum type building. I don't know if that ever went anywhere.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said Pam Humphrey is kind of out of it I think.

Mayor Kurtz said there was a discussion relative to incorporating some different things.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said just so you know, in historic hall I am going to replace those front doors. We will probably, I am not sure, but we may replace those in kind. They are going to be exactly the way they are and also the garage doors. I got a price on the garage doors in kind. It wouldn't be wood, but they would look exactly like it.

Councilperson Togliatti asked what about the sign that says historic hall.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said it was faded. It kind of looks good with historic hall, but I could look at that.

Vice Mayor Grendel asked do you want to move on to the outdoor pool?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said the activity pool which was built in 2000, it was actually 23 years old. The Diamond Brite system will be replaced. So, we have put money away, and actually take it out to next year and added another \$20,000 because the price has gone up. Just so you know, that was the first year we actually experimented with that Diamond Brite surface. I will tell you what, with that Diamond Brite surface, there's no maintenance on this pool. All the pools around here are built with that Diamond Brite surface. We were one of the first ones to have it, and it paid off.

So, we have gotten about 23 years out of it and will replace that.

Vice Mayor Grendel asked so you are looking at next year?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said yes.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Vice Mayor Grendel asked does it have to be done in the springtime?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said either fall or spring, this time of year.

Vice Mayor Grendel asked and LED lighting?

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said we talked about it. I can replace the interior LED lighting. I would say \$5,000. I can say right now the fixtures are pretty good on the deck, and I would cut that down. The first year we could replace whatever we need to, and the second year we wouldn't need it.

Councilperson Walchanowicz asked so \$5,000 for 2022 and that's it?

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said \$5,000 one year, and that's it.

Vice Mayor Grendel asked and then the slide?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said the slide flue needs to be recoated.

Vice Mayor Grendel asked the water feature, that's part of the activity pool too?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said yes, that's for all the play units that are inside of that pool. They are all original, so we put money away to start replacing those.

Councilperson Togliatti asked and you are going to replace them with exactly what they are?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said (inaudible).

Councilperson Togliatti asked so it wouldn't mess up your new flooring in there.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz replied no.

Vice Mayor Grendel said then the splash pad.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said we have been doing some preliminary work. The contractors have been out there. They are doing the utilities within 5 feet and some of the site work.

Vice Mayor Grendel asked you will reuse the water, it will be repurposed?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said for the first year we are going to let it run. It is set up to do without it. We are going to apply for a grant to try and get a cistern type of system. We will see how it runs the first year and what it costs us. Parma said that their bill didn't go up by that much. So, we are going to see how ours goes.

Several people began speaking at once?

Finance Director Blaze asked it will be heated?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said no it's not heated.

Councilperson Walchanowicz said Vern wear a wet suit when you go in there.

Finance Director Blaze said those guys in Parma said if we could have done it over, we would have heated it.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Finance Director Blaze said we had examples from all over the country showing heated splash pads. We will have to talk after this.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said listen we have all new boilers there. We have 2 new boilers.

Finance Director Blaze said on some of the ones that we saw in other parts of the country, they were able to extend the season longer with the warmer water instead when it's just 90 degrees.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Finance Director Blaze said in Broadview Heights, I started talking to some of the people there, and the lady is like she thought she was going to be in trouble. She thought we were from Broadview Heights, the authorities, and she says I admit I'm here from Streetsboro, and am I allowed to be here? She was all the way from Streetsboro.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said we could do something if you want to do it.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Councilperson DiGeronimo asked Tom on the splash pad we didn't contemplate any changes in the drive or the curb area. It always seemed a little tight there with the sidewalk. I don't know if there's any room there with the drive.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said we are going to try to make the sidewalk wider. They originally built that and set that up.

Councilperson DiGeronimo said it might be better because so many people congregate in that area, and maybe it will kind of move some bodies around.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said that's possible. There is a way we can make that walk wider in the future. For right now, we are going to have to deal with it.

Councilperson Walchanowicz said you need a crossing guard there in the summer.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Finance Director Blaze asked any progress in getting like a window or glass in the front entrance to give whoever is working that front desk more visibility to patrons?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said we are looking for a way to try to structurally do that. We talked to Dave, and Dave had suggested we get with the architect. We will try to come up with a way.

Finance Director Blaze said we have 2 months, less than that. Whoever is there working the front desk can't see a patron until they get in front of them, and there is always a problem there between the people who need to pay by the day versus the people who have a pass. You get there at the wrong time, and the line is back to around the (inaudible). All you want to do is go punch your number in, but everybody in front of you has to pay, and when we have a window there, and we can use that front window there. We could use both of them better trying to get it operationally better. The people who just want to punch a number, just punch it in and go. The people that have to pay, then they can.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said well everybody is supposed to get in for free right.

Finance Director Blaze said we have some pretty good watchdogs at the pool.

Vice Mayor Grendel asked Tom anything else regarding the pool?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said we are holding off for the activity pool for another year. They are supposed to come out with a better filtration system.

Vice Mayor Grendel said we will move on to Recreation.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said in the Civic Center, so this year we are going to do the hardwood floors in the gym. We also have the money for the track resurfacing downstairs. We don't want to have too many projects in that building go on at one time, so if we are working on the kitchen I hate to close more of that building off. So, we are still in limbo as far as what we are going to do with the track resurfacing.

Vice Mayor Grendel said maybe leave it one more year.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said we may wait one more year.

Finance Director Blaze said well you are not putting any money out this year, so you could kind of hold those P.O.'s in abeyance.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said the same with the locker room renovations. We were again looking at a possibly wholistic approach in the future and/or I don't want to do it this summer with our other kitchen project going on. Again, closing more of the Civic Center off. We were closed during Covid, the last thing people want is to have those locker rooms closed.

Councilperson Trakas said that makes sense.

Councilperson DiGeronimo said so Tom on hoops, I have been spending Saturdays at Seven Hills Rec League, so they have youth basketball, and they are kind of lateral basketball hoops. I have never seen them before. They come down 10 foot hoops, but then the guy goes behind it and then it comes down to 8 foot. So, we don't have that now, so when we do go to the Civic Center, we are between the little group and the big one.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said ours actually does. If you want it can crank down.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Vice Mayor Grendel said that covers everything.

Finance Director Blaze said Tom may have to stay though because of lands, Civic Center, Elmwood Park, Hemlock Trail, Shared Facilities. He has a lot on lands.

Vice Mayor Grendel said Service.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said Service, the majority of that in Service, and we have been putting things away, and obviously we talked about moving Service. So, GPD did their study. No matter what, even if you are going to move Service, you have to maintain that building. That building is not bad, but it's going to need a new roof, that's \$278,000 with the rooftop unit that's up there. That should cover it. So, like I say, we don't have a ton of leaks, but we need to do that roof up there. The last price I got for that roof was about \$210,000. The rooftop unit I got a price of \$13,000 for the unit to be installed. I feel very comfortable with that money covering that. The original building was built in 1976, and then the addition was put on in 1991. It was \$8,000 to sandblast and paint that ceiling. So, I feel very comfortable with that, honestly we don't want to put more money into that building than we need to.

I just replaced the overhead door which was \$5,000. Other than that, everything is getting older. They have a ventilations system. They have an exhaust system. The lights are good. They are T5's. We have skylights in there. We can do some lighting upgrade in the locker rooms.

Vice Mayor Grendel asked do you feel the funding is good?

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said I feel the funding is good, and the \$65,000 each year we put in there. I don't know where you want to go with that.

Councilperson Trakas said we can put an asterisk on this because if there is talk about a new building, why put a roof on it if you are going to replace the building in a year.

Mayor Kurtz said the building is going to serve some purpose.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said even if it's for the school. You are going to have to charge more money for the roof. Even if you build a new Service garage, you started next year, it's going to be 3 years out. It's not going to just happen overnight. Maybe it would, I don't know. To maintain the integrity of the building, the main thing is your roof. It's your main item. Your roof can't leak, and there are steel joists there and all. It's time for a new roof.

Councilperson Walchanowicz asked so you say we are beyond time for that roof? It should have been done already?

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said listen, I have had the roofer go up there every year. In fact, I just had him up there. You go up on that roof with patches this big. There are probably 150 of them. So, it doesn't leak. If there is a leak, we repair it, but it has seen its useful life. That's all I am going to tell you. I have been here 22 years, and prior to that, it's probably been up there about 28 years. Everything was replaced. I know they built the addition in 1991, so maybe they did everything in 1991 and replaced the roof. You are talking 30 years.

Vice Mayor Grendel said it's going to be used in one form or another, so it needs to be.

Councilperson Walchanowicz asked how is that on a rubber roof compared to a shingle roof? What's the lifespan on that roof compared to the other?

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said they are less. It has the stone up, it's less. It's due. Like I say, if the school gets it, then charge more money. Hey we have a good building for you. I don't know.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said I will put everything together.

Vice Mayor Grendel said a decision has to be made by Council here because we have a facility on Old Brecksville Road too. What are we going to do with that? Are we going to utilize it?

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said it's just one of those items. I understand.

Mayor Kurtz said I was called today about renting that triangle that the City owns that we bought from City of Cleveland at Old Brecksville and Brecksville Roads for that job for the bridge. They want to use it as a staging area. They go in, strip the topsoil and put it in a pile and phase it out, put all their stuff, and then when they are done they take it all out and seed it again. They pay rent.

Councilperson Trakas asked are they using it for asphalt?

Mayor Kurtz said they are using it for storing equipment for the bridge job. It would be a trailer for their office, but I got a call this morning. I'm sitting right here with the decision makers. I don't know what they will pay. Some dollars are better than nothing. We aren't using it.

Councilperson Trakas asked who is the vendor?

Mayor Kurtz said it would be Chagrin Valley Paving.

Councilperson Trakas said we have a relationship with them anyway right.

Mayor Kurtz said they have been our asphalt vendor for many years.

Councilperson Trakas said you might want to check with the businesses down there to see what they think. I'm sure it's okay. I wouldn't have a problem with it, but you might want to check with the businesses.

Mayor Kurtz said the only thing would be the first building, but we will call and ask. Is everybody fine with it.

Several people said yes.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Councilperson Trakas said as long as it's not asphalt.

Councilperson Togliatti said when Dominion did the gas line north of Rockside, they used our cemetery property to strip. There was a pile of topsoil, and they put it all back and seeded it.

Councilperson Walchanowicz asked didn't they do some stuff here too by the t-ball diamond? Didn't they store stuff back there as well?

Councilperson Togliatti said it was our contractor.

Mayor Kurtz said if there are no objections, I just wanted to find out.

Vice Mayor Grendel asked what is there 3 or 4 businesses in that small building?

Mayor Kurtz said they will probably take the topsoil and push it up that way.

Several people began speaking at once.

Mayor Kurtz said thank you.

Councilperson Togliatti said we did mention the ODOT building, and that's not on the plan. I know we had talked about the gates, the security, there looks like there are holes in the roof of the salt dome.

Mayor Kurtz asked do we even own that?

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said no, not yet Mayor. It didn't go through yet.

Procurement Coordinator Zdolshek said we did get a price for fencing, \$53,000, but that is to put fence around the whole property.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said I have been in the building once, and like the Mayor said they kept all the utilities on. The water is on, the lights are on, the gas is on. The main thing is we have to go in and clean. The main thing right now is to clean everything up, and right now it's manpower hours. We are going to need to paint some of the rooms there. I am not talking a lot, but I'm saying paint the walls before we move in. Once you move in, it's tough. There some things that might need to be repaired. There is a wash bay there. I didn't check the pressure washer and all. I didn't check all of that. It was winter time. I didn't start turning everything on. There are some lights that need to be upgraded, some bay lights. The gate needs to be done.

Councilperson Togliatti said the roof on the salt dome, it looks like it has some holes in it.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said it probably has some holes, but I looked at the roof, and the roof looks pretty good. We are going to have to repair some of those holes where a bucket went up and smashed through it and all. It's dry inside, and other than where those holes are, I think there is some extra buildings that need to be torn down.

Mayor Kurtz asked is it \$20,000, \$30,000, \$40,000?

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said I would say \$35,000 or \$40,000 to begin with.

Finance Director Blaze said the fencing alone is over \$50,000.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said I didn't know if the Mayor wanted to do that.

Mayor Kurtz said let's clean it all up. What are you saying \$35,000 or something?

Several people began speaking at once again.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said the newer building is nicer, it needs to be cleaned up. We need to paint. Some ceiling tiles need to be replaced.

Councilperson Walchanowicz asked so \$40,000 or \$80,000 Vern?

Mayor Kurtz said well \$40,000 for Vern, and \$40,000 for Maggie.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Vice Mayor Grendel asked will any of the employees be stationed down there?

Mayor Kurtz said I don't think so. It all depends on, it's the Service Director's call. If we build some long term stuff there, I'm not sure. Maybe some of our activities there.

Vice Mayor Grendel asked we don't have anything down on Old Rockside anymore do we?

Mayor Kurtz said we have the compost yard.

Councilperson Trakas said we aren't storing stuff anymore.

Councilperson Togliatti said we have the body shop.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said the garbage cans are stored there, the extra cans we give out. I have the big flag down there, but nothing major.

Vice Mayor Grendel said we will go down to the Tech building.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said right now I have a rooftop exhaust fan that I am replacing. There will be some new wall packs on the outside of the building. Definitely the \$7,000 will cover everything. We just put in \$15,000 per year. We could earmark for (inaudible).

Councilperson Walchanowicz asked would you buy the containers with that for the outside of the building?

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said we could. We were going to use that miscellaneous for the outside containers. We had money in that.

Councilperson DiGeronimo asked what is the history of the Tech building, did we build that for the same purpose it is now?

Councilperson Trakas said nothing specifically.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said believe it or not, Tech is, and I can give you the description of it. Every day, every evening something happens that Tech comes in. Work orders are created, and we take care of something every day. If there's no hot water in the changing room, that's a minor thing. The pumps in the pit went out. We came to find out, we have a spike or something, it was 40 volt disconnect boxes. It blew it. It was because the outdoor pool. That main pool pit area is from 1960, so that box gave out. You have chlorine in there. It finally blew out. Well it happens every day, things like that. We replaced it already. Tech does that. These lights, these HVAC systems and everything. We come in there every single day. We keep people comfortable in their departments and their rooms, if it's air, if it's heat. Every day either it could be something, and it happens all weekend. Saturday, the Fire Department said hey we have a backup in our room. It was backing up out of the floor drain. Why? I don't know, but it happens. Ever since we put the kitchen in we seem to have a problem. Well, it's the first time it ever backed up like that. That's just what happens, and it's just like having 100 houses, and our guys take care of them. You call somebody in anymore, and Chris will tell, it's \$150 to \$200 an hour.

Mayor Kurtz said Tech was originally radios and more of a technical thing. We handled the radios, all the surveillance, etc. We have transitioned a lot more to HVAC and things for the buildings.

Vice Mayor Grendel asked how many employees are in Tech?

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said 6 with me.

Vice Mayor Grendel asked you have electricians, you have?

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said yes.

Councilperson Trakas asked you do all that with 6 folks? That's pretty amazing.

Mayor Kurtz said and vendors.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said these rooms were remodeled.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said I'm just telling you what the department does on a daily basis. You have 150,000 sq. ft. under roof to be taken care of. It's a lot of space.

Councilperson Trakas said a maintenance troubleshooter.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said you call us directly, and that's not our preventative maintenance which we do. The filters are changed 4 times a year on all of our units. We don't clean the ceilings. Look at how clean this is. You go in other buildings, and you will see the vents all black and everything. That's what we do.

Vice Mayor Grendel said well Vern I think we have come to 6:00 p.m. We got through buildings, but we still have land on Thursday.

Technical Service Director Snyderburn said I will get more information for whenever you have a Buildings & Lands meeting. I will get these items that we talked about.

Vice Mayor Grendel said especially with inflation the last year or two.

Moved by Veverka, seconded by Trakas, to adjourn the Council Workshop of March 29, 2022. Voice Vote: 6 yes/0 no; motion carried.

There being no further business, the Council Workshop of March 29, 2022 was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Debra J. Beal, Clerk of Council
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