

**CITY OF INDEPENDENCE
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
OCTOBER 15, 2019 4:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CAUCUS ROOM**

Present: Chairman Vice Mayor Dave Grendel
Councilperson Dale Veverka
Councilperson Patricia Wisnieski

Also Present: Mayor Anthony Togliatti
Councilperson Dr. Carl Asseff
Councilperson Tom Narduzzi
Councilperson Jim Trakas (arrived at 5:05 p.m., left at 6:23 p.m.)
Finance Director Gus Katsas
Procurement Coordinator Dennis Zdolshek
City Engineer Don Ramm
Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said I don't believe we received the Minutes yet from the October 10, 2019 meeting. I don't recall receiving them.

The Assistant Clerk said she finished them. I can get you copies, but not everybody on Council.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said we will just wait until the next meeting, and we will approve them.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said before we get to Number 2, Maggie we have a presentation before we get on to the Five-Year Plan.

Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko said Matt Stuczynski just stopped in, and he was mentioning something about the bonds. So, he thought he would just pop in and give a little presentation about the bonds.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said the floor is yours Matt.

Mr. Stuczynski said good afternoon. I just want, two things to let you know, that the notes are progressing as we had planned. We will be selling notes on a competitive bid basis on November 14th. Everything is in order. I will be posting with two bidding (inaudible) this week; and we will be all set together. Hopefully, we will get a handful of bids on the 14th, and we will be in (inaudible) to receive them. They will come through in an electronic format or possibly by way of facsimile or by way of e-mail. We allow for all 3 options. The rates have stayed close to

where we anticipated, and where we projected they would. I see current one year notes being priced at roughly the 1.40 we offer you, and that's really very close to where we suggested they were at the Council Finance Committee meeting months ago. I do know rates have moved higher and lower, and they are about where we said they would be, thought they would be when we had these conversations months ago.

Mr. Stuczynski said I did want to mention that the long term rates, longer term, 5 and 10 rates have come down considerably; and the Series 2011 bonds, a portion of which you paid off this year, a portion of that is being re-paid by TIF is actually a candidate for refunding and refinancing at lower rates. Keep in mind those bonds only go up to 2028, and the interest rate on those bonds range from 3% to 4%; and it's likely you might be able to refinance those at anywhere between 2 ¼% and 2 ½%. I will watch that, and I will come back to Council with an analysis; and at some point it may make sense to present to Council legislation to consider, not to proceed, but put it on so you can watch the markets but have the wherewithal to proceed if Council has a benchmark that they agree would be a reasonable savings on refinancing that debt. Again, it goes up to 2028, but that might give you some reason to pull these notes. You have about \$4,500,000 in listed bonds. Many, many issuers in Ohio, and around the country as well, are capitalizing on these bonds or refinancing bonds that were issued in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 by way of lower interest rates that are in the marketplace today.

I just wanted to put that on your radar screen.

Councilperson Narduzzi asked can you put together a cost savings for that from now to 2028 what we would save?

Mr. Stuczynski said exactly right.

Councilperson Narduzzi said and the cost it would be to do all of that.

Mr. Stuczynski said absolutely. I will prepare it for you before you even contemplate legislation, you will want to see the benefit of that; what that looks like if we were to do it today or perhaps to wait until the actual call date. So, we can do it earlier, or we can wait until the call date, there's some interest rate risk if you do that; but I will get that analysis for you before any legislation is drafted. So, at least it's on your radar screen.

Councilperson Veverka asked do we want to do it before the call date?

Mr. Stuczynski said it could be before the call date, but we will measure that. What it would look like if you were to do it today versus what it might look like if you keep rates exactly the same and wait for the call date.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said and Matt what we could do then is either let Maggie know or the Mayor know; and if need be we will convene either a workshop or a Finance Committee meeting at that time as long as you are prepared.

Mr. Stuczynski said I appreciate that. The good news is that you want to be patient and judicious about this (inaudible) refinance your homes, you don't get many bites at the apple here. We have to be in a better tax (inaudible). So, we have to be judicious and take the time. We wanted to at least have Council prepared and legislation on the shelf perhaps so if the market accommodates a good solution, we can act quickly.

Mayor Togliatti said and you referenced the bonds being sold on a competitive bid marketplace. Am I correct in my statement that historically our bonds have all been sold in a competitive bid marketplace?

Mr. Stuczynski said we had a multiple, we will call it methods of sale. We have competitively bid them. We have also negotiated the sale of notes, but by way of a competitive process in terms of selecting an underwriter. So, we have done both in terms of both negotiated and competitive sales of notes and bonds. I have always went with a competitive process to the methodology.

Mayor Togliatti said thank you.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said thank you Matt. Does anybody have any questions for Matt before he leaves. There were no questions.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said keep us posted, like I said if there's a need for us to convene, if you have information and that. We will definitely call a meeting as quickly as we can get everybody together.

Mr. Stuczynski said I will get you some analysis.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said we will go back to the agenda, and of course, the only item we have is the review and discussion of Pages 13 through 22. Actually, these are the pages that Don will have direct input as far as our maintenance contracts and also streets and road projects as well as any kind of sewer and infrastructure.

Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko said so on the new forms it's on Pages 20, it starts on Page 20.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said as you can see, we have some of the open P.O.'s are out there, and the P.O. number is out there under amount. We will start right at the top of the page from the 2017 Asphalt General Maintenance Contract with Chagrin Valley Paving. There's \$75,000 Don. I think you explained to us that it's going to be used for.

City Engineer Ramm said we have to make payments on some recent work. One, they just recently put the reclamite down on the neighborhood across the way, Hemlock, Hemoga, Cherry, Greenwood and also on Cheryl Ann. That's about \$1.00 a square yard; so I think that was around \$25,000 or \$30,000 of cost.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said so that will come out of the \$75,000.

City Engineer Ramm said yes, that will get paid out of there; and then back when we paved the Hemlock Trail, we isolated the stretch from Hemlock Road down to the trail. We paid that out of this maintenance contract. So, that asphalt is going to get paid for here.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said so that has to be part of the trail.

City Engineer Ramm said no, they haven't billed it. They did the work a while ago, but the billing is somewhat lacking.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel asked do you foresee that \$75,000 being pretty much used up with what they have done?

City Engineer Ramm said yes, and then that should close out the contract.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said very good.

The 2019 Asphalt General Maintenance Contract, we have \$494,518; and I believe that's the one that we still have to do Rockside Woods North. Would this money be going towards that?

City Engineer Ramm said yes, and they are getting ready to do that this Thursday and Friday and then for the next week.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said so they will be working through the week.

City Engineer Ramm said yeah, we initially set it up for some evening and weekend; and the colder temperatures are making it problematic with trying to use that juicier mix. It's more of a rubberized polymer modified asphalt. It is more temperature sensitive. So, we need 60 degrees and better; so it's tough to get that at night.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel asked is this the higher quality?

City Engineer Ramm said yes, it's more durable and longer lasting.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel asked will you use most of that P.O. on that?

City Engineer Ramm said that \$494,000 looks exactly what that was for, which was that specific Alternate B Rockside Woods Blvd.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said those 2 should be taken care, the projects will be done before November; and then going forward starting with next year, we set aside \$400,000 for 2020.

The Crack Seal Program, that was \$200,000 set aside; and you still have \$34,223, is that still being utilized this year? Are there still open P.O.'s on that?

City Engineer Ramm said I thought we used that.

Councilperson Narduzzi asked is that what we saved by doing most of it ourselves? You bought that equipment. We have 3 or 4 guys who do it now. Are we tracking any of that to see what we are saving? Is it worth doing it ourselves?

Mayor Togliatti said we are covering more area, more lane miles of the City because we have the crack seal contractor that does mostly the major roads, Pleasant Valley, Brecksville, Brookside, Hillside. Then our Service guys concentrate on the less traveled roads that don't require traffic maintenance and the parking lots.

Councilperson Narduzzi asked but we never did those before?

Mayor Togliatti said not on our own.

Councilperson Narduzzi asked what did we save? Are we tracking that to see if we are saving money or is it costing us money? That's what I am getting at. If we did them, there's got to be a cost.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said you can tell by just how much we are spending on crack seal with the main contractor; and you see we are paying them less.

Councilperson Narduzzi said I don't think we are going to be paying less, it goes up every year.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said I think Don you wanted to have that \$200,000 so this way between the asphalt contract and the crack seal, you have some flexibility.

City Engineer Ramm said right, and knowing that with the pavement management process we are getting, placing more of an emphasis on the maintenance once we get these roads good. So, that rather than doing less of one in lieu of another, it would still keep both forces working and moving together, covering more area versus being less dependent on one.

Councilperson Narduzzi said I understand. It's just that if it costs us less to have somebody else do it, why wouldn't we do it?

City Engineer Ramm said I haven't specifically checked with Leon to see the dynamics of those costs.

Councilperson Asseff said labor is your cost, the material would probably the same whether they do it or we do it. It's our labor.

City Engineer Ramm said we haven't taken the time Councilperson Narduzzi to kind of look at it hard.

Councilperson Narduzzi said the equipment is not cheap.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said I know the fellows that Leon uses, they do the crack sealing until about July or something and then they shift over to concrete. It is the same fellows who do both jobs. Then they go to the concrete, the sidewalks and what we do there.

Councilperson Wisnieski said and we are determining that by the Mannik & Smith. Is that it?

Mayor Togliatti said yes, the roadway inventory.

Councilperson Wisnieski asked so we use that inventory? That's our starting point as to what we are going to do for the year?

City Engineer Ramm said generally. It's a guide, but we kind of use some judgment as well, mix in some things that might not be.

Councilperson Wisnieski said so someone is out there, and they still stuff.

City Engineer Ramm said right, we just know what we know. We drive around and see things that need some attention; whether or not it's on the list in a hard locking way, we tend to take care of it.

Councilperson Wisnieski asked so can we get some type of an estimate by that report of the needs? Can you look at that report and say this is what we are going to need to cover off of that report you did?

City Engineer Ramm said it's pretty sophisticated. The report is very detailed and with a heavy emphasis on the maintenance costs. It just sometimes it's practicality seems sometimes lacking because they could show a little side street with \$785 worth of costs; or doing streets at opposite corners of the City when there are 4 or 5 clustered that the report isn't smart enough to know because it's based on PCI's, pavement condition. So, some of those nuances are where we kind of get involved and make those judgments to do this more practical.

Mayor Togliatti said just like how we bundled Hemlock, Greenwood, Hemoga together. It doesn't make sense to mobilize in all those different instances.

City Engineer Ramm said perfect example, give or take a couple few years; we are still pretty accurately following the plans, just we shift things around to make things that make sense.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said then Don you used some of it for the maintenance, some of the new techniques as far as making the pavement last longer. You didn't do as much this past year, but that coating that you put on like a year or 2 after we have done a road job.

City Engineer Ramm said it was actually part of the spec. The reclamite we put down on Evergreen and Tanglewood right after it was paved and also Treelawn.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel asked so that comes out of the maintenance, the asphalt maintenance; I believe that is what you said.

City Engineer Ramm said we bake it into the bid of the contract so it's in the total dollar value of the bid; but as far as where it's budgeted, I suppose it could be budgeted in different silos.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said so then we move from the crack seal program to the Creek General Maintenance Contract which there is \$160,539 on the P.O. right now from this year, with \$400,000 set aside for the next 5 years.

City Engineer Ramm said and I can tell you that \$160,000 is probably mostly burned up. They are always a month or 2 behind on the invoicing; and we have been working pretty hard on projects that just haven't been billed yet. So, that will come down in the next few weeks as invoices come in.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel asked you don't foresee using more than \$160,000?

City Engineer Ramm said I don't know exactly. It is going to be tight getting us through the end of the year; and we are up for a one year extension on the contract; so a lot of the maintenance contracts I will hope to have legislation probably in December, sit on First Reading, and be authorized in January for the extension which will allow us to tap into the next \$400,000.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel asked and you are pleased with both of these newer companies? They are relatively new as far as having these contracts. You are pleased with the services they rendered this year?

City Engineer Ramm said well I'm speaking, the creek has been Geotech.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said I'm sorry, I meant the asphalt.

City Engineer Ramm said the concrete and asphalt, historically we have done that, the concrete we extended with Agresta. Oh yeah, I'm pleased with Agresta's work and Ronyak. We will entertain that, if they are willing to hold their prices; it's mutual.

Councilperson Wisnieski said Ronyak has gotten some really good reviews by the residents.

City Engineer Ramm asked that's the asphalt or the concrete?

Councilperson Wisnieski asked what did they do up on Evergreen?

City Engineer Ramm said we had them both up there actually. Agresta's guys went in there and slip formed the concrete curb and gutters; and we had Ronyak come in and mill and pave. It was kind of dual.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said I have gotten compliments for the company that is doing Bramley and Brookside also. The residents said they have been very accommodating on there.

Councilperson Narduzzi asked who is doing that down there?

City Engineer Ramm said that's DiGioia Suburban Excavating.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said so the concrete, there's \$92,253. Is there outstanding bills yet to be paid from that?

City Engineer Ramm said yeah, that actually looks kind of low. Is that pretty current Maggie?

Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko replied yes.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said so work was done on Rockside Woods, and then some other projects. They did the work first before the asphalt. I know Evergreen.

City Engineer Ramm said I do believe that's either going to be spent; or there might be a handful of items yet to do that would probably complete that.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said okay, moving down to the 2017 Sewer General Maintenance Contract. They are still working off of 2016 and 2017. I forget what your comments Don regarding those 2 \$50,000 P.O.'s.

City Engineer Ramm said I believe this was the result of a change order.

Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko said that's mostly on Grandview.

City Engineer Ramm said yes, Grandview and Springview. It was the sewer lining work. There was a \$320,000 change order that the Finance Department was able to find some old P.O.'s for United Survey or maybe general for the sewer. Ultimately, we kind of took a time out on that work because of the problems with some of the owners. So, there is still more work to be done, and we just need to come to a decision whether or not we are going to proceed or pursue it or just cut our losses and spend that money elsewhere.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said so it was \$127,000 from those 3 P.O.'s, and then we have the \$150,000 for this year. So, is that being, is there a project set for that or carry it until next year then?

City Engineer Ramm said we kind of dispatch. So, a perfect example, we had United Survey heavily involved out on Brettin because we had an old hodge podge system out there; and we were confused as to how homes were tied in. We sent them out there while Tri-Mor was still out there trying to work around them; and I don't believe we have been billed for a lot of that time and effort. It is a flexible contract, and we can dispatch the crews and they can help us out on the fly. It is really advantageous. We tend to send them out to streets that we know are coming up on our roadway program and try to get out ahead of at least a year. So, it's between that and doing things reactively, responsively. The problem is it's tough to focus on that sort of work and effort. It tends to kind of slide down on our priority list. Sometimes the money doesn't get spent because we are busy with other construction jobs. It is tough to be out there in front when you have things you are trying to be responsive to day-to-day.

Councilperson Wisnieski asked how long ago were the sewers done on Brettin?

City Engineer Ramm asked the storm sewers?

Councilperson Wisnieski replied yes.

City Engineer Ramm said there's a newer system that wasn't too old too long ago; so they are in good shape.

Councilperson Wisnieski asked an estimate in years, how old?

City Engineer Ramm said that was back in the 1980's, 1990's. There's older stuff that's corrugated metal pipes that are old.

Councilperson Wisnieski said when I drove down there, I saw some of the pipes that they pulled out of there.

City Engineer Ramm said those aren't too good. Those are old.

Councilperson Wisnieski asked so how old do you think those were?

City Engineer Ramm said those were probably pushing 60 or 80 years. When was the subdivision built?

Councilperson Narduzzi said you should see our water lines. Did you look at our old water lines?

Councilperson Wisnieski asked up on Lafayette? Really?

Councilperson Narduzzi said to think that I even showered in that. It's nasty.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said so on the Sewer General, then we have \$200,000 set aside for the next 2 years; and then it gradually escalates \$300,000, \$400,000 and \$500,000.

City Engineer Ramm said yeah, just under the premise that as the systems get older, we need to be taking more of a proactive stance in looking at them, doing a better job of inspecting them, cleaning them. As we find problems with them, just start doing more of the lining and those sort of things. You saw how expensive a small little neighborhood was, Grandview and Springview was \$300,000.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel asked on Oakwood you used the liner right?

City Engineer Ramm said right. We had televised it and saw that there were problems; and then we put alternate bids in the following contract. This additional funding would allow us to be in a better position and be able to fix things.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said and then finally the water main, that's the funds that we set aside. It's usually \$100,000 each year. I see that we are still working off of last year's total there. Hopefully, as the water lines get replaced with new ones, that would get reduced. That would be ideal if we could. Any questions regarding this page with Don as far as the maintenance contracts? There were none.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said that General Sewer and everything, that's going to be the highest maintenance contract in 2024 than the other ones we have on the list there. They keep escalating. Like now it's the lowest one, along with the crack sealing; but again, this is flexible. In 2 years we might be looking at other different needs and everything; but at least for now, we will have these funds set aside for these programs.

Councilperson Wisnieski asked Tom did you get your question answered on the Crack Seal Program? Is there more information?

Councilperson Narduzzi said I didn't get an answer.

Councilperson Wisnieski asked what would you like to see?

Councilperson Narduzzi said to see what it costs us to do this?

Councilperson Wisnieski asked how would they do that though? What information?

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said I know in our Streets & Sidewalks meeting that Dale conducts, you always have Leon give a report on that; so maybe we could have a written report so you can see what areas they are covering.

Councilperson Wisnieski asked would that help?

Councilperson Narduzzi said I guess if they track it. Just to say they did it doesn't mean nothing.

Councilperson Asseff said well the material and the hourly wages. It's how much money went into it. The equipment has been purchased. It's amortized. You put that in there, and what's the lifespan, 10 years, 20 years? So, it would be 1/20th of the cost per year for that and add up the numbers. It's just the numbers being collected.

Councilperson Wisnieski asked could we get that? Could we ask them to put something together?

Mayor Togliatti said certainly.

City Engineer Ramm said there are challenges to that.

Councilperson Wisnieski said an estimate, something we can track from year to year.

Councilperson Asseff said it's double use of the workers, and that's where your challenge comes in. We do this and this, and what part is it, streets, crack sealing; and what part is non in the same day.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said I think Mayor it's the third or fourth year that we started that program.

Mayor Togliatti said the third year, and I think we are still using the original material that was bought because we bought a semi truckload in bulk of the crack sealer.

City Engineer Ramm said it doesn't go bad. It's in cube, and they melt it down.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said and like I said, it saves from a big contract, usually our main roads are done by the contracts with the companies we have; where our locals can do the side streets and everything. That's where we weren't getting with the big contracts, besides the main roads, and some of the side streets weren't being done.

Mayor Togliatti said correct. We are covering and protecting a broader area of the City. So, the benefit of it is kind of long term because the longevity of the road is extended.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said very good. We will move on to the next page then. This is the Residential Street Projects; and Don we will go right from the top down. The first one is the Lafayette Subdivision.

City Engineer Ramm said one thing that Maggie had asked is how those jobs are tracking, and whether or not we feel that there will be some needs for funds in 2020 because both projects; the one is not even getting started until next year because of the dynamic of adding the southerly section for Upper Brookside and that was a quick and dirty cost that we thought we should earmark for 2020. Then Lafayette, that job, we got a little bit of a late start so that's going to roll into 2020 as well. In some of the resident meetings, in securing those easements for doing the rear yard storm sewers; there are things that come up, commitments that are made. In my exchange of trying to secure these right of access agreements and trees and things that are legitimate but that weren't accounted for anywhere, things that come up throughout a job. Right now the job is tracking pretty good, but I just felt it would be prudent to have some funding in 2020 earmarked for any overages or unforeseen items.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel asked that work with the backyards, there were 2 alternates we selected there? Is that being done this year or is that going to be done later?

City Engineer Ramm said it may be done yet this year. The focus is the water main because we have a temporary bypass and cold temperatures. Once that gets done, I think the contract will be poised to start the storm sewer work which is less temperature dependent and it keeps them busy. The weather will still be decent here and probably likely for that sort of work through November.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said and then Upper Brookside. That's already, we have the contractor in place; we just widened the scope of that to being from Lake Charles to Sprague.

City Engineer Ramm said correct.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel asked and we are still looking as far as sidewalks there? Has it been determined what side of the street? Will they shift sides to the east side?

City Engineer Ramm said it hasn't been determined yet, but we think that's the way it is seems like it's going to go.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel asked will this be ready to go come April next year and not wait until July?

City Engineer Ramm said this contractor is in a hurry to get the updated plans so they can start in the winter with the storm sewer work.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said I talked to Tom about it and everything, they will be starting later and later; and almost all of them are turning into being two year projects, which is an aggravation for the residents, and it makes for expense because you are prolonging it for 2 years. So, I think the discipline, we would like to get to maybe get back to where you bid these projects out in February and March and be ready to go by April and that. That \$1,000,000 will suffice?

City Engineer Ramm said yeah, I am hoping that it's more than plenty.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said Future Residential Street Projects, and we did move back Ash, Poplar and Willow. They had been in 2021 and 2022. It was pushed back for one more year. I would like to see and make sure we get the ones that are open now, get them done and completed before we put the smaller ones in. That's for the engineering I think Don in 2022.

City Engineer Ramm said this was a project that I haven't been able to spend much time on in terms of re-assessing the values that are listed there. They look low to me for construction, but we have good recent projects that are very apples-to-apples similar in scope that I can update that number pretty quickly. I just didn't get a chance to get to that one particular, and knowing that it was a few years out.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said and this is strictly the road part of it. We have budgeted elsewhere the water mains.

City Engineer Ramm said that's how the old forms were set up, but I believe now with these new forms I think we are throwing all the money in together and just putting a caveat in parentheses there.

Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko said and if you go on with some of the other TIF stuff, Don kind of broke it out a little bit. So, I kind of listed it that way, but it usually ends up where something overlaps the other and we end up taking the money from (inaudible).

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said I'm sure that this will go up as time goes on.

City Engineer Ramm said and I will try to update that before this process is finalized unless it's being finalized today.

Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko said well I'm sure there's going to be a few changes, and I think Dave just wanted to get it on the November Council meeting.

Mayor Togliatti said First Reading in November and approved in December.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said so again this is why if there's going to be changes, and then let's get it on in November.

Brookside Road, Eastview to Brecksville Road, and that was a mill and fill.

City Engineer Ramm said and that's an accurate number. That was from the, it was an alternate bid in the Ronyak contract that was not authorized; but it's a real, tangible number.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel asked it's an open P.O. for that amount Maggie?

Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko said there's a P.O. for that.

Several people began speaking at once.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said so all of Brookside will be done from Sprague all the way down to Bramley.

Mayor Togliatti said yes.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said so that will be done probably in the springtime next year.

City Engineer Ramm said it depends. It depends on whether, ironically Ronyak is the sub-contractor paving the DiGioia Suburban project on the east side of Brecksville Road; and timing wise we will see how they want to manage it in terms of paving the other side. I believe Ronyak is also the sub to pave the Upper Brookside. So, they are all over the place. They are going to have full reign to schedule that to the best of their liking to make it all suitable, to make for the best project sequencing.

Councilperson Narduzzi said they are doing Lafayette too.

City Engineer Ramm said probably for Catts.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said they will be on both sides of town next year then. Hopefully, Brookside, the goal is it will be done by next year from Sprague all the way down to Bramley. Now Bramley is concrete right.

City Engineer Ramm agreed.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said now Dalebrook subdivision, and that again, it just seems like Patti we were just doing it; and it was 20 years. That caused the whole sidewalk controversy. There was \$3,250,000; and we did push that back also to 2022. We have it all set there. Was there some engineering that you wanted done ahead of time that Maggie could put into 2021?

City Engineer Ramm said that would be prudent, and to revisit that number in general because that's a number where I don't think I spent a lot of time.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said so we may push the engineering a year earlier on that.

Councilperson Trakas said and then also when we did that 20 years ago, we put those trees right underneath the lines; and number of residents have called to talk about that.

Councilperson Wisnieski said well they came and trimmed them this year, the utilities came and trimmed them all this year.

City Engineer Ramm said and while we are talking about trees, the problem might go away because there's some stump work. So, that whole neighborhood has significant calcification of the storm sewers, and we had ripped those (inaudible) altogether. A lot of them are running in the treelawn. So, all those trees may unfortunately get completely removed as part of the work.

Councilperson Narduzzi said they are so nice in the spring.

City Engineer Ramm said those are the original storm sewers.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Councilperson Wisnieski said I had the opportunity to sit on that truck and watch them put the camera down those lines, that's something looking at that calcification.

City Engineer Ramm said they tried cutting it out, and it's so hard. We thought to try to minimize the disruption in the neighborhood to just grind it with their little grinding wheels; and it took a week to get 100 feet. It was just not cost effective. It worked, but it's nothing you can do; and to line it, you need to clean it. So, unfortunately we have to bite the bullet and tear them out the old fashioned way.

Councilperson Wisnieski asked is that a whole smelly process too?

City Engineer Ramm said if you lined it that would be, but that's not the way this is going.

Councilperson Wisnieski said they actually did it in Berea; they are still doing the road project down there. It worked out much better. They seem to communicate much better.

City Engineer Ramm asked was it sanitary sewers versus storm? I think that's another issue. Sanitary is a little bit easier where everybody typically has a trap and the gas is dumped.

Councilperson Trakas asked can we save those trees and put them on the lawns? They are 20 year old trees, they have taken a lot of water.

Councilperson Narduzzi said it probably would be something to look into is taking them out moving them and putting them back in. There's a service that does that.

Mayor Togliatti said and then you compare it to the cost of planting a new tree.

Councilperson Asseff asked what is the survival rate of the transplants? The bigger the tree, the less survival rate.

Councilperson Trakas asked is it more effective for what our purposes are? I see what you mean.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said so Don, you might want to break out some of the engineering for that. It was done down at the very bottom, Second Street, you have it broken out, the engineering, construction.

Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko said he didn't get to those yet, so that's why they are all grouped together.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said so maybe we can do the same thing there.

Eastview west of Brookside Road, and we have that next year too. So, that's going to be, not only will Brookside be done, but Eastview will be milled and filled.

City Engineer Ramm said and that was an alternate I think on the contract that was not awarded, but it's a real number.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said Highland and Midland. Also, is that mill and fill?

City Engineer Ramm said yes, that's in the section north of Brookside.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel asked what was done this year? Was it partially done Mayor and was not completed?

City Engineer Ramm said the part that chases over to Brookside.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said and it's probably a good thing it wasn't, there was a water main break anyways? If that would have been paved.

Mayor Togliatti said well they did pave it.

City Engineer Ramm said it chewed up the other end near Brookside. They were replacing a valve or something.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said so Highland and Midland will be in 2021, the following year.

Now Longano and Kleber, I questioned Don whether it made sense to do it next year since we are going to be doing Brecksville Road and finishing up the intersection. It didn't make sense to do both?

City Engineer Ramm said I'm going to look at harder because it made by advantageous since it's altogether, to maybe bid those as Part A and Part B and see. This way, one contractor has all 3 projects that are all right there next to each other versus leaping over, hopscotching or trying to sneak one guy in before another guy can start because the timeline looks like they would be tracking pretty close, give or take a year.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel asked is that something that we could get out early, can we do it in one construction season or is that something?

City Engineer Ramm said Brecksville Road is a big job. Brecksville Road is on another sheet, but it's millions of dollars. They all are right?

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said unless you wanted to do some of it next year and finish it up in 2021; but I don't know how that will coordinate with Brecksville.

City Engineer Ramm said right now that's all, that's probably not realistic. We might be able to, if you defer that to 2021, maybe get the engineering work done in 2020.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said because I would like to get an early start.

City Engineer Ramm said maybe pushing construction to 2021.

Mayor Togliatti asked and where is the utility relocation and easement acquisitions?

City Engineer Ramm said you know, I don't know; but I am worried that Kleber is so tight and to try to get sidewalks in and even widen the pavement to better meet a standard. It's just a tight corridor. The likelihood that utility poles are going to be in the way of something; it's just a high probability.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said Kleber is a lot different than Longano.

Councilperson Wisnieski asked is that a standard width as far as the street?

City Engineer Ramm said it's narrow. It will be very, very difficult to construct. So, you don't know what you don't know until you start looking at it. That's why I threw that in there just thinking that it may be practical.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said I think maybe the engineering next year and then get an early start on it in 2021 as far as that goes.

City Engineer Ramm said and I think from Brecksville Road standpoint, that's probably when that work would start letting loose, 2021. So, I think it would tie in together very good.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said Meadowbrook, we talked about it.

Mayor Togliatti said and this is the full depth recycle.

City Engineer Ramm said it's even higher. We are going to take cores and see if we can try the recycling. We haven't done it yet, but this dollar value would be the higher end in case we need to do more. So, it should cover us.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said we decided that even though it's not a City street, we are still going to take care of that. It hasn't been attended to for a long time.

Councilperson Veverka said it was paved in the 1970's.

Councilperson Narduzzi said it was gravel for a long time.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said Midland, Ranchview, Scenicview and Timberlane, and we talked about moving that back; but now you have.

City Engineer Ramm said that's right. I took a look at the water main condition assessment, and in that neighborhood when Cleveland Water updated their documentation, they were rated worst a number of years ago; and they have since upgraded or maybe in the grand scheme of their system. I think we can get away with, that subdivision was built in 1975, a lot of the homes were built. So, the water main is 45 years old.

Councilperson Veverka said wait, you are talking about.

City Engineer Ramm said Midland, Scenicview, Highland.

Councilperson Veverka said that development was built in the 1950's.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said I had a number of friends who lived there.

Councilperson Veverka said my parents' house was built in 1961, and it was the last lot left of that.

City Engineer Ramm said on the County Auditor's site, the first transfer was in 1975. I wonder if it is because they didn't track it prior to.

Councilperson Trakas said Troiano built in 1975 across the street.

Several people began speaking at once again.

City Engineer Ramm said that maybe changes things. That's why I thought we could get. I think the roads are definitely ready to be surfaced; it's just the water main. The City of Cleveland still shows the conditions as fair, those water lines. So, in that premise, thinking we could get another 10 or 15 years out of the water mains before we had a big reconstruction or a big water main replacement.

Councilperson Veverka asked are they in the road, or are they in margin?

City Engineer Ramm said probably very close to the back of the curb and gutters. I don't believe they are under the road, but for intersection crossings.

Councilperson Asseff asked how late is that city evaluation? When did they do that?

City Engineer Ramm said this was in 2016.

Councilperson Asseff said so it's recent.

City Engineer Ramm said yeah, fairly recent.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said because previously you had putting in new water lines.

City Engineer Ramm said right, that is correct because I believe in the prior version they were rated either poor or very poor.

Councilperson Asseff asked why did they change it? It's the same water mains.

City Engineer Ramm said I don't know. You are correct, the same water mains. It's all based on average breaks per mile or per foot.

Councilperson Asseff said I would check that out a little bit more before we did that road because we would hate to do the road and then find out we have to put new water mains in.

City Engineer Ramm said I am just saying that maybe if we could push it off.

Councilperson Asseff said they have upgraded it to make it better than what it was before.

City Engineer Ramm said on paper.

Councilperson Asseff said that bothers me. The bridge is safe, go across it; but it wasn't safe yesterday.

City Engineer Ramm said right, based on some drawings of software.

Several people began speaking at once again.

City Engineer Ramm said we even had a break there this season.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said it would be the same that we did on Cherry, Hemoga.

City Engineer Ramm said and over the years we have replacing curb and gutters that have been deteriorated; so we are almost done. I think one this coming season we can finish out, and that's where I thought we could go grind and pave before doing Brookside all over the place. This kind of could get us out of there for a while.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said you verified with the Water Department, you could get another 10 or 15 years out of them because that whole section would be complete on Brookside. We have done Serio and Beverly was done. San Fernando is a practically new one and Timber Ridge. That would complete that area hopefully for a number of years to do just maintenance.

City Engineer Ramm said that was the thought, concrete it up and get out of there.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said I guess we will keep that on there as long as it is verified with the Water Department that we are not being foolish about it. We would hate to be doing it, and all of a sudden in 3 or 4 years the water mains would need replaced. Now Second Street.

City Engineer Ramm said this one sort of slips through the cracks on the Mannik & Smith. They had rated the pavement not too bad, so it didn't show up even in our Five-Year Plan; but it's been neglected for a number of years. The curb and gutter kind of needs to be replaced; and I noticed too the water main is shown to be in poor condition.

Mayor Togliatti said yesterday it shut down St. Michael's.

City Engineer Ramm said so I just feel like it's something that got missed, and we ought to get it taken care of and upgrade. Those are reconstruction type numbers to kind of rip everything out, kind of like we are doing on Brettin, ripping everything out and starting over.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel asked when was it done last? I know that Wood and Sunset and Elmwood was all done in the late 1990's. Independence Excavating did the job. So, did they do Second Street?

City Engineer Ramm said it just looks and feels different. It looks older.

Councilperson Narduzzi said so when you schedule that, you have to schedule that around St. Michael's school. So, that has to start the day they get out and be done by the time they start again because that would be horrific. I am sure it could be done, it's not too long.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said there are houses on both sides because of the rentals.

City Engineer Ramm said I think it would be prudent.

Councilperson Wisnieski asked how many houses do you think are on there?

Mayor Togliatti said there might be 10 on the one side of the street, and 5 on the other.

Councilperson Wisnieski asked when they do that report is it based on a certain criteria? If there's less than so many houses on it, do they not?

City Engineer Ramm said the PCI, they inventory the pavement, and they said it was in fair condition. It didn't show up on our report.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said I think the engineering next year Don, and we will plan that for 2021. That makes sense. Any other questions on this page? There were none.

The last we have, we discussed that at the Streets & Sidewalks, and it was the t-ball drive which is also used by the Service Department.

City Engineer Ramm said yes, heavily. This was very similar in length to Meadowbrook, and the idea being trying to do them together. So, the same amount of money was earmarked for Meadowbrook as earmarked for the t-ball drive.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said you know the base is sufficient there.

City Engineer Ramm said that one there we had actually taken some cores a number of years ago. It's pretty thick, but that amount of money might allow us to do most anything. It's going to have to be more the stretch between where the Service Department salt dome is, that's where all the heavy traffic goes. It may have to be a thicker section there to hold up.

Councilperson Wisnieski asked is a second driveway or entrance into the Service garage, is that something that would be needed?

Mayor Togliatti said say that again.

Councilperson Wisnieski said a second driveway. You know you have that one main driveway to the Service garage.

Mayor Togliatti said well they use the t-ball drive to access the salt dome.

Councilperson Wisnieski said there technically is a second driveway.

Mayor Togliatti said there's a gate there.

Councilperson Wisnieski said I didn't realize that is what they used. Okay.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said so then for 2020, we have the total at the end was \$5,505,000; but I think we are moving Longano and Kleber, except for the engineering, moving that to 2021. So, that would balance 2020 and 2021 and moving more out as far as that goes.

Councilperson Narduzzi asked what did we spend this year on major road projects?

City Engineer Ramm said it was over \$20,000,000, but the one Upper Brookside never really got going. That was like \$2,000,000 or \$2,500,000.

Councilperson Narduzzi said so we still did \$18,000,000; so my personal opinion, we did way too much this year. It's crazy, and if you added up the engineering cost that we sub out instead of doing it ourselves, I think we bit off way more than we could handle this year. This is my personal opinion, and Lafayette will never get done. You know that, and those people have to live like that for 6 months.

Mayor Togliatti asked was Lafayette scheduled to be done in one construction season?

Councilperson Narduzzi said absolutely.

City Engineer Ramm said it was but, they the Cleveland Water Department struggled to get the bypass plan approved; and it got very late to the extent that they will never get done. They do intend to patch the road up. It will be asphalt patch back in because that main, half the lane is gone. That will get cleaned up, at least for the winter so they aren't riding on gravel when they are trying to plow snow.

Councilperson Narduzzi said if you could live like that.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel asked what's the timetable up there for that development up there?

City Engineer Ramm said that got delayed too; so we have been mutually delayed together.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said so they will be able to tie it in.

Councilperson Narduzzi said I don't know if he's going to start in the spring.

Councilperson Wisnieski asked what was the delay on that one?

City Engineer Ramm said they have some challenges up there with some storm water outfall out to the ODOT right-of-way and stone, the rock. It's just taking them a little. We weren't extremely quick on our plan review, but it didn't seem like that was slowing them down. They weren't screaming at us because they had contractors lining up. They were taking their time, looking at getting pricing for the underground work. It was just a variety of reasons. It kind of slid down the calendar.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said any major projects should be started, we have always started them many years ago; we always started them in April.

Councilperson Narduzzi said I just think we tried to do way too much this year. When you are looking at what we are going to do next year, we spent 4 times that much this year. Think about it, we are at \$5,500,000; and we did \$20,000,000 minus Upper Brookside which we stopped ourselves. That was another \$2,000,000; so we would have been at \$21,000,000.

City Engineer Ramm said keep in mind, the one big job was \$10,000,000 by itself; and that was Rockside Woods Blvd. North by AAA there. So, that was one project that took a lot of money, and the balance of it was spread out.

Councilperson Asseff said that's a commercial entity that was needed; so therefore, we are knocking \$10,000,000, and you knock \$2,000,000 so it's \$8,000,000 versus what are we going to do next year?

Councilperson Narduzzi said it's still almost double than what the average is.

City Engineer Ramm said it's definitely high.

Councilperson Wisnieski said again, look at the projects we did.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said I think Don we have learned our lesson from this point, of course there's not many more. I think one or two is about the maximum we should do. It has been taxing on the Engineering Department too and all the other contracts we have with inspections and everything else.

Councilperson Asseff said but we are still dealing with a lot of old City, and that's the problem.

City Engineer Ramm said they are all valid projects.

Several people began speaking at once again.

City Engineer Ramm said I think if you looked at prior years' Capital Plans they were earmarked to be done a year or two or three. All of a sudden I wasn't paying attention that they were lining up that last year, and it all fell in the one column.

Councilperson Narduzzi said Lafayette was pushed for at least 5 years, if not more.

City Engineer Ramm said that's a perfect example.

Councilperson Narduzzi said but we knew it was a big one because of the water main.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said as a matter of fact, we had the option 10 years ago to put a mill and fill on there too. I remember it came around then, and we said no.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said 2020 will come down to \$5,500,000, probably Longano and Kleber the construction will be pushed and just do the engineering work next year. So, we will do that adjustment there.

So, next year the Upper Brookside will get done. On Eastview, we will get that area, and if you could verify the Midland Ranchview; so maybe that will be the concentration of the area as far as anything new. Then we will push back Second Street. Maybe next year will just be finishing up jobs that we started this year I think as far as that goes.

City Engineer Ramm said there will be plenty of that.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said and then 2022, it looks like it will be Dalebrook and then Longano and Kleber.

Councilperson Narduzzi asked will they be done with 21 close to the bridge down there next year right around Kleber? Will that area be complete?

City Engineer Ramm said yeah, that portion, the current project, that is the project that Fabrizi is working on.

Mayor Togliatti said they are going to rebuild the bridge.

Councilperson Narduzzi said I am saying, if we are going to do that area, we should do Kleber too because if we are just going to mill and fill Kleber, you are right there.

City Engineer Ramm said no, Kleber was going to be a major reconstruction.

Councilperson Narduzzi asked but is it really going to be a major reconstruction? What are you going to do? You can't put sidewalks in.

City Engineer Ramm said even if we leave it right like it is, it still has to get torn out. The water main is bad.

Councilperson Narduzzi said I'm just saying, they have been living in hell for 2 years; and now they are going to live in it for one more.

City Engineer Ramm said we can certainly get a price. It would probably be pretty affordable to do a quick mill and fill.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Councilperson Narduzzi said you have to do something with their street. That heavy equipment goes down there, and it's ripped up. Drive down there, it's crazy.

City Engineer Ramm said I think Leon was going to go down there and pay special attention and do some strip patching and make it more durable.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said I still think we should do more than just a mill and fill for them.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said well I would rather do it right. I don't think much has been done since I lived down there in the 1960's.

Councilperson Veverka said they did strip patching down there recently.

Mayor Togliatti said that's what I thought at the end of the street.

Councilperson Veverka said a lot of places all the way down.

Councilperson Narduzzi said they should patch the apron, it's terrible.

Councilperson Wisnieski asked is that something Leon can do then?

City Engineer Ramm said Fabrizi is going to clean that up temporarily.

Councilperson Narduzzi said they are the ones digging it.

City Engineer Ramm said they have to tie that new water main into the old right there, and that whole area will kind of get concrete. It should be better in a month or so.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said that's just the residential areas. If you turn to Page 23, and these are the Commercial Street Projects. The first 3 we had earmarked for next year, but again we have engineering. These probably won't be started until late in the year.

City Engineer Ramm said these are probably not extremely intensive on engineering. I threw a number in there, but by and large, Commerce is just a pavement replacement basically like we did West Creek. We could in-house the plans together, like a maintenance set of plans.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said Commerce Park it goes the far west end of the whole Rockside. Is that the road that goes southwest?

Several people said yes.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said that road is deplorable.

City Engineer Ramm said it's pretty rough. It was originally concrete. It has been overlaid several times, and it's time to just completely replace it.

Councilperson Narduzzi asked what about East Schaaf Road?

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said East Schaaf Road, it starts from that little stub that goes to 17.

City Engineer Ramm said correct, we call it the West Creek connector road.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said so it starts from there and goes to the Brooklyn Heights border.

Councilperson Narduzzi said it comes off of 17.

City Engineer Ramm said it's an extremely rough road. It has been neglected for years.

Councilperson Narduzzi said I am talking out loud now. Is it worthwhile doing it in concrete because you know why it gets beat up because all of the trucks going down there. They come down there, and they put their brakes on. It just pushes that stuff on a hot day.

City Engineer Ramm said I wouldn't argue with you. It's just the constructability issues of concrete.

Councilperson Narduzzi said and that's a heavy construction road.

City Engineer Ramm said keeping everybody in business while you are ripping a whole lane out.

Councilperson Wisnieski asked what trucks are coming down there?

Councilperson Narduzzi said Independence Excavating.

Councilperson Wisnieski asked does ODOT go that way?

Councilperson Narduzzi said they kind of come and go west. I don't know if they come down.

Councilperson Wisnieski said not so much them.

Mayor Togliatti said C&K Environmental up there. You also have the asphalt company across, Buckeye. You have heavy truck traffic.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said there's one house that's still there.

City Engineer Ramm said I think at the last meeting when we were talking about we can go in there pretty quick and mill and fill and get it, make it smooth, make it look nice; but the curbs are completely obliterated. The drive aprons are terrible. You can't even see the catch basins because the asphalt has been overlaid over top of them. It is a disaster.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said I think it's easy to do.

City Engineer Ramm said that dollar value is to really make it up to standards, but not reconstruction with concrete. That is still utilizing. There's probably a good brick pavement under all that asphalt; that the intent would be to still utilize it but just to upgrade all the curbs and potentially throw some sidewalks in there too. I know talking about walkability, and with the Spins Bowl; and that district is just not up the hill there. So, considering some sidewalks on one side or the other.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said then hand-in-hand with that is Fuhrmeyer, which that's from the stub and then going east to the end of Old Brecksville there.

City Engineer Ramm said it's kind of a similar treatment there to try to get some curb and gutters in there and drainage.

Councilperson Narduzzi said there's water issues down there.

City Engineer Ramm said that whole area gets flooded.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said you take all that, and again it's almost \$3,700,000. I know you should do Schaaf and Fuhrmeyer together, and just pushing one back one year to kind of even out the spending on that too.

City Engineer Ramm said I wouldn't be opposed to it.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said because all 3 of those haven't been looked at for decades.

City Engineer Ramm said and they have been pushed. I think Schaaf has been on the list for years.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said it was on the list 20 years ago. What is Council's feeling on?

Mayor Togliatti said Commerce Park Oval is probably the least traveled.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said there's not a whole lot as opposed to Schaaf and Fuhrmeyer.

Councilperson Veverka asked and when's the bridge because you also have to deal with the bridge construction because that's going to tear it up. You also have the levy.

City Engineer Ramm said those are less impacting Commerce than they are Old Rockside Road.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel asked now the levy, that's kind of on hold now isn't it?

Mayor Togliatti said it is. Well, it's back at the Army Corps of Engineers for some re-analysis for the impacts on the National Park property.

Councilperson Narduzzi said they will ask us for more money when they get going. That's why I voted no. I have been fighting that for 18 years now. We keep throwing money at it.

City Engineer Ramm said the bridge is currently being designed. The consulting firm is going through a rigorous process of analysis.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said and that bridge is being done by the County right. That's why we had that litigation for.

Mayor Togliatti said it is.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said I think that maybe next year it would be Schaaf and Fuhrmeyer.

Councilperson Wisnieski asked so Schaaf Road from where to where?

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said from the border I think of Brooklyn Heights.

Councilperson Wisnieski said Brooklyn Heights border.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said all the way to where Old Brecksville Road, that whole stretch there.

Councilperson Wisnieski said so up and including up to, as it goes around the bend then.

Councilperson Narduzzi said it goes in front of Precision by the north side, and Old Brecksville Road goes (inaudible).

Councilperson Wisnieski said so all the way up there.

City Engineer Ramm said until you get where the ODOT garage is, and that becomes Old Brecksville. That one we pushed off.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said we pushed Old Brecksville. Hopefully, by that time there might be a development going in.

Councilperson Wisnieski said that would make sense. That is what I am hoping. That's what I was eventually going to get at. Have we heard anything going on down that way? So, maybe when that spurs some growth down there, then it might time right with Old Brecksville Road.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said that's why we pushed it back in hopes that, we can always push it forward if something gets built there. We don't want to build anything and have them rip it up. Would Council feel that Schaaf and Fuhrmeyer is more pressing than Commerce Park as far as the vehicle traffic?

Councilperson Trakas said Schaaf is in much worst shape, and there are more people on it.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said Commerce Park, All Erection is not on that part.

Mayor Togliatti said well they have buildings down there. They are scattered about down there, but it's a dead-end road essentially.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said I never see much traffic when I go down there once a month or so.

Councilperson Narduzzi said and you are saying Dave that there's too much in these 3 here?

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said that's why I thought that we would push it back because we don't have as much in 2021 as we do next year. As far as biting off more than we can chew, I thought to move it back.

We will have Rockside Woods North, Brecksville Road and all that done.

You said the engineering wouldn't be that difficult.

City Engineer Ramm said Commerce Park, depending on what you want to do with Schaaf.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said well I think we should do the drains and the curbing and everything else; they haven't been done in probably a half century or more maybe.

City Engineer Ramm said it's a 36 foot wide pavement. It is extremely wide, but losing half at a time to build it slip form of concrete; and we would probably have to have a hard conversation with a lot of those businesses and get a good understanding of their truck traffic and whether they could live with like a one-way, one lane, one-way detour. If they could get in and out, turn their big trucks.

Councilperson Narduzzi said they access 17 the other way, do they have to go through Brooklyn?

City Engineer Ramm said yes.

Councilperson Narduzzi said that little stretch there. It can be done.

City Engineer Ramm said it doesn't seem so industrial in that stretch. It's commercial, but it's less severe.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel asked do you think that can be done in one year?

City Engineer Ramm said yes, depending on what because there is no water main. I don't believe there are any storm sewer problems. So, it's really just pavement and curbs and catch basins. I think we could knock that off in a season.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said hopefully get that out to bid early.

Councilperson Trakas asked do we have to grade it any differently?

City Engineer Ramm said not really. There's not much you can do. You need all the aprons, so you can't adjust it too much vertically.

Councilperson Trakas said you have big trucks, that's a pretty dangerous street.

City Engineer Ramm said steep slopes.

Councilperson Narduzzi said Indy Equipment is the one that would (inaudible) because they have trucks coming out there all day long hauling gravel.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said we would have to coordinate with them.

City Engineer Ramm said it might lend itself to nights and weekends.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said I would say then let's do Schaaf and Fuhrmeyer next year, but move Commerce Park Oval one year to 2021.

Councilperson Asseff said that's fine.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel asked how much money was spent on that levy there with the Army Corps?

Mayor Togliatti said \$346,000.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel asked is that what we spent already?

Mayor Togliatti said I believe that's what we spent.

Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko said that's what I came up with that I could find.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel asked as far as Council's feeling is that to push that back?

Several people said yes.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said and Old Brecksville we will keep it right where it's at right now.

I think Old Rockside is for 2023; so it will be pushed back even farther. Hopefully, we will be able to get to those and finish the jobs up in our commercial areas.

Councilperson Veverka said with Old Brecksville there was a conversation whether there was a way to make that intersection safer anyway.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said we talked about whether it was a proposal that they were possibly going to build something there; we talked about changing that.

Councilperson Veverka said so it doesn't come out at an angle.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said yeah right. So, that's why it's good to keep that and not rush it.

Councilperson Narduzzi said I think that when they are done with that Brecksville project, they might do something down there; but they are tied up.

City Engineer Ramm said and Old Rockside because that's still out ways, 2023; and that road is rough. So, if we have to we can use some of the maintenance money. We will get the Service Department to kind of keep band-aiding it for now as needed.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said Sprague Road culvert. Now that's the project with Broadview Heights.

City Engineer Ramm said yeah, only because it goes from the south side to the north side.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said so nothing has been set aside for that yet.

Councilperson Trakas asked where's the basin going to be?

Mayor Togliatti said this is culvert replacement.

City Engineer Ramm said that's a different project. The detention basin is a different project than the culvert. The culvert is that little spot in the road where that brown house sits just north of the stream. It's down by the creek there, and it floods there; that's where this culvert is. It's the culvert underneath Sprague.

Councilperson Narduzzi asked so that's where it comes from, from the south?

City Engineer Ramm said yes, from the south to the north.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said and then the Sprague Road drainage upgrades.

City Engineer Ramm said yes, that was just non-descript; it was roadside drainage improvements; and I think it was tied to at one time we were thinking about sidewalks along Sprague Road, and to do that typically you have to deal with some drainage issues. I do believe the Sprague Road sidewalk conversation kind of went away; but the drainage improvement maybe stayed on the list.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel asked is there a reason to have those in 2021 and 2022?

City Engineer Ramm said I don't think it's hurting anything. There isn't anything pressing.

Councilperson Narduzzi said it's not pressing because we haven't had rain this year.

City Engineer Ramm said it's been dry.

Councilperson Narduzzi said 2 years ago, it was a pretty hot topic. You remember Bob Wagner gave us the slide show on it. We haven't had any rain, but when we get it; it's going to be a hot topic again.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said Upper Sprague Road, Broadview Heights; that detention basin is \$100,000.

City Engineer Ramm said and this is just some seed money to study it and reach out to Broadview Heights because the project actually came out of the Lower Brookside Watershed Study from a number of years ago. It identified an area up by the highway in Broadview Heights to store the water and slow it down and release it slowly.

Councilperson Trakas said it would make a big difference.

City Engineer Ramm said we thought it would be a great candidate for the Regional Sewer District to take on, but they didn't seem to have too much of a palate for it.

Councilperson Wisnieski asked maybe something else to do?

City Engineer Ramm said it certainly would be helpful. That is just to keep it alive. The construction was pushing \$2,000,000 for land acquisition, engineering, environmental permitting. The designated areas were probably ripe with streams, riparian setbacks. It's going to be a very challenging environmental project to facilitate.

Councilperson Narduzzi asked did we ever go back to ODOT with that about the widening of I-77 and dumping all that water in that area?

City Engineer Ramm said yes.

Councilperson Narduzzi asked and they never said anything?

Several people began speaking at once again.

City Engineer Ramm said they gave us some assistance with some work that we did. So, they helped where they could.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said those sound barriers to help drain.

Councilperson Wisnieski said right.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said whoever put those walls up in the State had a good lobby.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel asked are we finished with Page 23?

On Page 24 we have Stone Road drainage at those 2 houses.

City Engineer Ramm said correct, near Guzi's property.

Mayor Togliatti said and so all you know, we did have a tractor trailer overturn on Stone Road today dumping its load of scrap metal from the demolition of the mine.

Councilperson Wisnieski asked and where did it flip?

Mayor Togliatti said right at the bend of the road, right by Guzi.

Councilperson Wisnieski asked in his front lawn?

Mayor Togliatti said not in his front yard, but the neighbor's.

Councilperson Wisnieski said that was the Haydite truck that flipped in his front yard.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel asked was he going too fast around there?

Councilperson Wisnieski asked nobody got hurt right?

Mayor Togliatti said I don't believe anyone got hurt.

Councilperson Wisnieski said okay, that's good.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said you said there was nothing pressing.

City Engineer Ramm said not really. We took a bid, and that's a real price from a contract from Geotech a year or so ago. That's a good number if we want to entertain it. It doesn't lead to house flooding in any way. It is just roadway.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said and Stone Road upper roadside drainage. We had 2 years of putting \$200,000 aside.

City Engineer Ramm said that's stretching. This is a project that kept getting pushed. It's really the section up near the top of the hill from Brecksville Road to the ballfield before it goes down. The road is higher than the properties, and it's just very poor drainage; but the thought until the downtown redevelopment and some dynamics that may change things there. The thought was to keep pushing it just for fear that you could be wasting the money for something that would come later.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said the last one is Valley View Drive, and that's basically just a mill and fill.

City Engineer Ramm said it looks pretty rough behind the shopping center there.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel asked and that you are looking at for next year?

City Engineer Ramm said yes.

Councilperson Wisnieski said what do we have back there right now? So, we have the pre-school and then.

Councilperson Narduzzi said the telephone company is still back there.

Councilperson Veverka said one house.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel asked is there anybody in Casini's old building?

Councilperson Narduzzi said they are still open.

Councilperson Wisnieski asked that's where the mail trucks come in and out basically or do they go out the main?

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said I think they go out the shopping center.

Councilperson Trakas said they do both.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said there are a few that go out there, but not all of them.

Councilperson Wisnieski said since they changed the configuration.

Several people said yes.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said we had changed that slightly where we took Commerce Park Oval out, and that would reduce it to about \$2,900,000 for 2020 because right now in 2021 there's next to nothing. So, I think it makes sense not to do all of that next year. Any other input on that? We will move Commerce Park Oval one year and then just concentrate on Schaaf and Fuhrmeyer for next year.

Councilperson Narduzzi said so Schaaf Road, it should be going now. We should start that now? We should put money aside this year so we can start it. I think that's going to be a lot to do there for engineering and just getting everything in order.

City Engineer Ramm said a lot of it depends on the sidewalks, if you do or don't do sidewalks. A lot of it is just maintenance, replace curbs that are there. They are just gone. There is not a whole lot of engineering there; and getting sidewalks in there.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel asked is there much pedestrian traffic on that road?

City Engineer Ramm said I don't know. I doubt it.

Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko said I don't see anybody walking there.

Several people began speaking at once again.

City Engineer Ramm said for some reason there is a sidewalk in front of the vet clinic, the intersection of that connector road down to Welker McKee, that stretch has a sidewalk. It sits out of place a little bit.

Councilperson Narduzzi asked where does it go to?

Councilperson Asseff said nowhere.

City Engineer Ramm said it stops at the driveway I think.

Councilperson Asseff said it starts at one driveway and goes to another driveway.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said just in front of Welker McKee.

Councilperson Asseff said you can walk from Welker McKee to the vet place.

Councilperson Veverka said you can take your pet over to the plumber.

City Engineer Ramm said I don't know, it's been there a while, but with the premise of making our business districts more walkable and with the amenities that are coming here on Brecksville Road. It is not out of the question that people could walk around and up the hill and to and from. I am not married to it, I am just throwing it out there.

Mayor Togliatti said well look at the practicality, the cost of it.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said you can make that optional.

City Engineer Ramm said yeah, the focus is definitely the road and improving what is there.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said the road hasn't been worked on in 50 years so talking about sidewalks there doesn't make much sense and that. Sidewalks there don't make much sense and that. That would lower it to about \$2,900,000 then for 2020.

Councilperson Wisnieski asked Don, are there more resources or things that we can help you with to manage all these projects? With all that on your plate, is there something more?

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said Mayor, I think we talked to Don about hiring another Engineer, and 3 or 4 years down the road not have enough work.

Councilperson Wisnieski said that's the balance.

Councilperson Narduzzi said I kind of say just cut back because we are setting ourselves up to fail; and why do that. Just go at a steady pace instead of this push. Even next year, and the year after that we have \$100,000 on the books.

Councilperson Wisnieski asked can we share personnel with other communities or is there some, how does like a Brecksville do it? They don't have the funds we do here to be doing all these projects. Are there any other options?

Mayor Togliatti said we utilize a number of consulting engineers to help out.

Councilperson Wisnieski asked that's how we manage it then? Okay.

Councilperson Trakas said if you look at how much money we spend on consultants versus employee, I think we are at that tipping point.

City Engineer Ramm said and the Mayor and I have talked. We definitely could use 2 to 3 people pretty quick between inspectors and guys could then plug different holes and be used in multiple arenas.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said that's something we should look at too.

Councilperson Wisnieski said if you could look at that.

Councilperson Trakas said it would be prudent and cost effective.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said Tom brings up a good point, maybe some of these projects, maybe we are still biting off more than we can chew.

City Engineer Ramm said it's aggressive.

Councilperson Trakas said another thing Don, in terms of your (inaudible), maybe you can assign some people to do residential projects as well because we have a lot of people who have these flood studies and that type of thing maybe do more and a quicker turnaround and that type of thing.

Councilperson Trakas asked how much additional money are we getting from the gas tax that we didn't get last year? What's our percentage?

Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko said I would have to look, but we were getting some. It's not a huge amount, but it just started too in July.

Councilperson Trakas said we should get more money next year.

Mayor Togliatti said I think the original estimate that they sent for a full calendar year was about \$300,000 for the City of Independence. Does that sound right?

Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko said I think I have the sheet.

Mayor Togliatti said I know I received an excel spreadsheet that had it broken out, but I don't remember the exact figure.

Councilperson Wisnieski asked are we making you nervous here?

Several people began speaking at once again.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said Schaaf and Fuhrmeyer might be bumped up to 2021. I think we should move that, and then Commerce Park, do the engineering in 2021 and then do it in 2022.

Councilperson Wisnieski asked why don't we have him re-assess and make the recommendations? He is the one managing it.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said make it more realistic.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Councilperson Wisnieski said but it's a good program to have. They just have to manage it.

Councilperson Narduzzi said the problem is still worse in a sense, it's still a problem.

Councilperson Wisnieski said but it's also how you managed it too. We just have to change the way we are doing a project over more than one season; we just have to be better communicators.

Councilperson Trakas said the other problem you had was the really heavy rains. That shot us back 2 or 3 months. That was a big change. So, a place like Lafayette could have had a lot more progress.

Councilperson Wisnieski said that's a good point.

Councilperson Asseff said you can't control the weather.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel asked well Don do you want to look and see so we are not so top heavy next year again, maybe moving it back one year. You could at least get the engineering because with Schaaf and Fuhrmeyer, there's a lot of coordination to be done with excavating; and that's the big one with their trucks and that. I think we want to make sure that we kind of study it and see what kind of traffic pattern that we are going to have, and what we are going to do as far as sidewalks go and the curbing and all that. I think it will take more time to do the engineering.

City Engineer Ramm said even if it's sitting around this table, if there is no palate whatsoever for sidewalks, we will just move forward with what's out there.

Mayor Togliatti said then we wouldn't need any engineering at all.

City Engineer Ramm said potentially little, very little.

Councilperson Trakas asked are you talking about Schaaf?

City Engineer Ramm said right, that whole area, Fuhrmeyer, Schaaf, Old Brecksville.

Councilperson Trakas said I think it's worth taking a look at only because there are people.

Councilperson Narduzzi said I think you can ask those companies because I don't think they are going anywhere anytime soon. I don't know if you wanted to be upfront and just ask them, we have ascertained putting sidewalks in, we are thinking about doing them. Is it something you are going to utilize?

Councilperson Trakas said there's not much residential.

Councilperson Narduzzi said it's all one company.

Councilperson Wisnieski said it's more about the economic feasibility of the whole thing for me.

City Engineer Ramm said and I haven't walked it or took the time to look at it, there might be some practical difficulties that may take it off the table right out of the gate.

Several people began speaking at once again.

City Engineer Ramm said and I was thinking, no matter what we do, we would put it close up against the curb, a 6 or 8 feet walk up against the curb just because the further you go out, the more trouble you get into trying to stay in the right-of-way. I think no matter what, but even doing that there's some challenges. Some of those drives come in and take hard slopes down and are right off the curb. If you have to have a 5 or 8 foot slab that is a quarter inch per foot because of ADA compliance, it tends to cause problems quick. I just have to look at it.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said it would make sense to talk to those companies and get a feel from them what they would like.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Councilperson Wisnieski said look at what we see long term being put over there.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said I think it makes more sense to stretch these out as far as from a financial standpoint too.

Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko said on the next couple pages there's some stuff too.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said we are not done with it. I think Don if we push it back one year; we have waited this long to do it, why not rush into it. We can go in 2021 as far as Schaaf and Fuhrmeyer.

City Engineer Ramm said there are probably a couple of speed bump type areas on Schaaf that need a little bit of TLC, and we could probably smooth them out and make it more drivable for another year or two.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said that makes sense, so that could be done next year. We are ready to move on to Page 25. Here we have Ashwood, Chestnut, that's the traffic signal upgrade. Again, we have that, it's been pushed back.

Mayor Togliatti said several times.

City Engineer Ramm said it's an old signal.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said that's not as pressing as like Midland was.

City Engineer Ramm said it's been on the list for a while.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said we could even push that back a year or two as far as that.

Councilperson Narduzzi asked is that even needed there realistically?

City Engineer Ramm said I think it is, some sight issues.

Councilperson Narduzzi asked because of the bridge?

City Engineer Ramm said unless you make it right turn only coming out of there.

Mayor Togliatti said I don't think the Police Chief would like that so much.

Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko asked so you want it back another year or leave it there?

City Engineer Ramm said maybe we will get the engineering done in 2020 and build it in 2021. It doesn't need to coordinate with anything over there in terms of road project.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel asked is that something that could be paid out of TIF then?

Councilperson Wisnieski asked how?

Several people began speaking at once again.

Mayor Togliatti said the Chestnut Woods TIF would be the closest.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said that's what I was thinking. So, we could move that back.

Now Brecksville Road north of Rockside.

City Engineer Ramm asked you mean move the whole project back or just push the construction off to 2021?

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said push the construction maybe. The engineering, I know at Midland and Pleasant Valley was pretty expensive.

Councilperson Narduzzi said it was \$75,000.

City Engineer Ramm said it was a lot. This is a much smaller deal here.

Councilperson Veverka asked Don, were you able to re-tweak the timing on the Midland/Pleasant Valley one?

City Engineer Ramm said it's operable now.

Councilperson Veverka asked on the weekend?

City Engineer Ramm said yes. I think we kept it off flash too.

Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko said I will have to look. I can't remember. I know we have driven down there.

City Engineer Ramm said it's definitely operable during the weekends now.

Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko said I know on the weekends it was correct.

Councilperson Narduzzi asked so are you going to do \$75,000, \$125,000 or \$50,000, \$150,000?

City Engineer Ramm said \$30,000 and \$35,000 maybe.

Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko asked for engineering?

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel asked \$35,000 you said, then \$165,000 on 2021. Then Brecksville Road north of Rockside, the project in conjunction with the State?

City Engineer Ramm said it's the rest of Brecksville Road north of Rockside. So, the piece that's being built was a little piece out of the overall to get the road extended; so this is the remainder of it. So, from Rockside to the current project; and then from the bridge north to the Cloverleaf is this project.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said so it's \$2,000,000 construction next year, and \$3,500,000.

City Engineer Ramm said I just spread it out. It's actually \$5,500,000 total, rather than load it all up in 2021. It was just a budgeting technique. If you want to throw it over; in 2021 is the feasible construction year.

Councilperson Trakas said you would have some type of a gateway. We talked about that in the past that we were trying to figure out if there's something we can attach it to. It's really rough when you come into that part of town, and it looks like it is neglected.

Several people began speaking at once again.

City Engineer Ramm said it includes sidewalks and decorative streetlights, this project.

Mayor Togliatti said but it doesn't include a gateway sign.

City Engineer Ramm said there's no gateway.

Councilperson Trakas asked could we put up a sign that says we have a broken liberty bell?

Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko said put the arch down there.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Mayor Togliatti said I think we had delayed that because we were hoping to work in conjunction with the Broglio project.

Councilperson Trakas said I think while we are doing this, we might as well design it in the event that we do something.

Councilperson Wisnieski said put something below the Goodyear sign.

Councilperson Narduzzi said we should buy the Goodyear sign.

Councilperson Wisnieski said no because we make money off of it. Don't we? Every time they change the advertising, don't we get some type of billboard fee? We get something off of it.

Councilperson Narduzzi said \$5,000 every time it changes.

Mayor Togliatti said it's more than that.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said so it's gone from our iconic Goodyear sign to Tim Misny making you pay.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said as long as it's not too much of a distraction for the drivers.

Councilperson Wisnieski said I just don't want to see the Mayor up there like this.

Several people began speaking at once again.

City Engineer Ramm said the engineering is active on this job. E.L. Robinson was hired last year to do the whole corridor, and then they shifted gears to focus on the little part. So, but I did carry over \$100,000 for design engineering, only because of the changes of scope and the timing of the design effort. It will focus heavily next year on utility relocation. So, you saw all those utility poles that had to get moved, and that level of effort; that has to continue as you head south all the way down to generally Drug Mart area to make room for the streetlight. So, a lot of that utility relocation and right-of-way will take place still we hope next year such that construction could then come in 2021.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said so the streetlighting there, then the lights that are up there now, will they complement or supplement what we have there now as far as the traditional streetlights?

City Engineer Ramm said I didn't know if they were going to be together.

Mayor Togliatti said I think we are eliminating the cobra heads and just having the decorative lights.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said I was just wondering if we would have a hodge podge of lights.

City Engineer Ramm said so while the poles and the wires will still exist, the lights will be solely offered a new decorative look.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said I see.

Councilperson Narduzzi said so this is coming in from, when you come off of I-77 onto to 21 right; so that stretch to the bridge and then from the south of the bridge til Rockside Road.

City Engineer Ramm said yes.

Councilperson Narduzzi said and it's only \$6,500,000. It just seems like it's very cheap compared to the \$9,500,000.

City Engineer Ramm said a lot of that, \$6,000,000 of that was down for the road that got extended. There was \$3,500,000 was out on 21. So, \$3,500,000 is what we bought for what you see out there for the widening, the new signal.

Councilperson Narduzzi said so for \$3,500,000 we are doing 100 lineal feet.

City Engineer Ramm said it was a couple thousand.

Councilperson Narduzzi said well this is a lot more than that.

City Engineer Ramm said oh it's expensive, right.

Councilperson Narduzzi said I'm saying it's only \$6,500,000; the numbers just don't seem right in my mind. We spent \$3,500,000 for whatever footage we were doing, and then you are doing 10 times this much.

Mayor Togliatti said we are also widening and putting in new pavement.

Councilperson Narduzzi said on this too.

City Engineer Ramm said no, the curbs are pretty much staying where they are at.

Councilperson Narduzzi said I thought we were going, we were taking some land and trying to straighten the street out. We had all of those pictures before, remember?

Councilperson Trakas said I remember.

Councilperson Narduzzi asked what happened to all of that?

City Engineer Ramm said straighten the street out.

Councilperson Narduzzi said in front of Eric Michalski's house.

Councilperson Asseff said you put wider sidewalks in.

Councilperson Narduzzi said we were taking some land and trying to straighten out 21.

Councilperson Trakas said it was so many feet, it was quite different.

Mayor Togliatti said I think they were referring to the way the right-of-way has shifted as opposed as to where the road is constructed right now. I don't think we were talking about shifting the roadway itself.

City Engineer Ramm said I don't recall saying that.

Councilperson Asseff said I don't recall about shifting any roadway.

City Engineer Ramm said sidewalks.

Councilperson Asseff said we were going to prepare it to be a commercial entity from Rockside Road down to the bridge. That was the thought, wider sidewalks, new posts.

Councilperson Veverka said I thought we were going to isolate it to the top partway down to where the houses were.

Councilperson Asseff said well the houses have to be sold. That is a whole different entity.

Councilperson Narduzzi said I don't think there's enough money put aside to do it. That's all I'm saying.

City Engineer Ramm said there was a lot less initially in the previous Five-Year Plan; so E.L. Robinson used accurate current bids and looked hard at the rest of the job because that's exactly what I told them to do. I said I didn't think. That project came out quite a bit over budget, what we had planned for. So, these are their numbers. So, I had the consultant to look at it and use the current pricing. We could revisit it though.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel asked how much is the (inaudible) of this?

City Engineer Ramm said it's a fraction. I believe it's \$500,000.

Mayor Togliatti said it's 80% of the resurfacing.

City Engineer Ramm said it's 80/20 just on the mill and fill.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said and then the bridge aesthetics, that's the reconstruction of that Brecksville Road bridge across there. That's going to be done in 2022.

City Engineer Ramm said I have to revisit that. I have to check. The ODOT design engineering is almost complete, but they are always out on their bridges. They are out a couple few years ahead of time so they could sell the projects well in advance. I have to circle back with the consulting firm, Oswald Engineering is who is working on that with ODOT to get a better feel for the schedule.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said now Brecksville Road, Rockside to Sprague.

City Engineer Ramm said that's everything. So, the pavement, I think ODOT has that section programmed for 2026 for the resurfacing, the pavement conditions.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said this \$4,000,000 is for.

City Engineer Ramm said it would be to get the water main done and to do whatever; and that's just a guess at this point.

Mayor Togliatti said that seems low.

City Engineer Ramm said compared to \$5,500,000 to do the north section. It was just something to get on paper right now. It is out aways.

Councilperson Trakas said we should put the money aside.

City Engineer Ramm said we have to revisit it, it may be double that.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said the downtown streetscaping, and that says underground utility relocation; but that's money to set aside for streetscape because we are not sure if we are just going to have an amphitheater and a park, then you wouldn't want to be burying the utilities and that. If it's going to be more in the way of development and everything, that might be an option.

Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko asked do you want me to just take the utilities out of there and just call it streetscaping?

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said I think so, just downtown streetscaping and leave it at that.

Councilperson Asseff said well we need a plan. We don't have a plan, we are setting money aside; but we should start getting a plan what we want downtown.

City Engineer Ramm said I increased the price. I increased the funding about \$1,000,000 specifically for the underground. So, if that isn't it, or maybe that should be its own separate line item.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said unless, Mayor you had talked about an amphitheater; and I don't know if we are going to do that if it would make any sense to bury the utilities.

Councilperson Narduzzi said but either way, we should be putting money aside.

Several people said right.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said and that's what this, and not earmark it for anything but for the downtown.

Councilperson Asseff said downtown development, and leave it go at that until we decide what it really is.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said I'm not sure, if St. Michael's is there.

Mayor Togliatti said for the west side of the street.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said that might have to even be for the east side of the street.

Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko asked is the arch include in that?

Mayor Togliatti said yes.

Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko said so, tell Dave his arch is included in that development.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said that will be part of it; it's all part of it.

Councilperson Narduzzi said we got him \$1,000,000 for your arch Dave.

Councilperson Wisnieski asked do you just want to leave that as downtown streetscaping?

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said just leave it at that, and leave the other. It all depends what the project would be.

The Hillside Road culvert replacement; that's what we applied for the money from the State, right?

City Engineer Ramm said right, and that assumes we get zero funding; so that's the 100% local cost between the engineering and the project.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said now that Brecksville, we are going back up north where it says Brecksville north of Rockside, does that include the State money coming in there, or is the State money extra, above and beyond the \$6,500,000?

City Engineer Ramm said it might be reimbursable because you front it and get it back. I think it's in there.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said if we do it alone, without State aid.

The storm sewer upgrades that you have open P.O.'s from 2016 and 2017, that's \$74,000.

City Engineer Ramm said the thought was that if we were replacing the culvert there and running all the way up to the Seven Hills Corp. line with the water main, that there are some areas all along Hillside Road, on the sides of the road, that could be upgraded from a drainage standpoint. It would be the proper time to get it done, and that's what those funds would facilitate.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel asked is there anything coming out of there right now?

Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko said there's a couple of P.O.'s that were open; and they were closing the project, so I thought I would just repurpose them for that.

Councilperson Narduzzi asked where is that culvert at Don, the Hillside Road culvert?

City Engineer Ramm said it's basically from Vineyard heading east towards that McDermott house, that house that sits back next to Chuck Kornuta. It's getting built; it's basically in 2011 we replaced that stretch starting near Chuck's house and going up 2 or 3 lots. Then from that point it's the old corrugated arch culvert.

Councilperson Narduzzi asked it's on the north side or south side?

City Engineer Ramm said it started on the north by Chuck and then swerved to the south. It's on the south.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said I see Lombardo Center, but that's in Seven Hills.

Mayor Togliatti said that's a road in Seven Hills.

City Engineer Ramm said I threw it on there. I thought I saw it somewhere, and knowing with the IRG development how important it's going to be to revive that roadway.

Councilperson Trakas asked at some point in time, aren't we going to have to do that because of what Seven Hills is doing? Don't they have a development right across the street?

Mayor Togliatt said Seven Hills has a development.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Councilperson Narduzzi asked do we own all of Lombardo?

Mayor Togliatti said we don't own any of it.

Councilperson Wisnieski asked don't we plow it?

Mayor Togliatti said we don't plow it.

Councilperson Wisnieski said I thought we plowed it, on the one side of the street maybe.

Mayor Togliatti said we do have the Goddard School there, so we do. We have one business.

Councilperson Narduzzi said I would take that \$750,000 out.

Mayor Togliatti said it's a decision for Council to make. They do have a substantial development coming in right across the street that they have in a TIF district.

Councilperson Wisnieski asked what do you do?

Councilperson Narduzzi said tell them to ante up.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said that benefits more their right now until we get something.

Councilperson Narduzzi asked what do we get from that Goddard School? We won't get that in 10 years.

City Engineer Ramm said with that new development, we would like access off of Lombardo.

Councilperson Narduzzi said if in fact we do something over there, right? That's a different story then.

Councilperson Asseff said well it will happen, just when.

Councilperson Narduzzi asked well why put that money into it if it's not going to happen?

Councilperson Wisnieski said they should assess them, all those commercial properties over there and do the road that way. We are solving their problem.

City Engineer Ramm said they spent some money there recently, Seven Hills doing some patching.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said I don't think we will need it in 2020.

Councilperson Wisnieski said so maybe we just spread it out over more years.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said that's \$1,500,000.

Councilperson Wisnieski said I can't imagine spending that much money for this.

Several people said no.

Councilperson Trakas said maybe we land swap or give away.

Councilperson Wisnieski asked land swap?

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said I would move that down as part, we could move it Maggie.

Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko asked do you want to keep it at \$750,000?

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel asked or do you want to make it \$500,000 and move it to 2022, 2023 and 2024 because it's all hypothetically, we could always push it up.

Mayor Togliatti said it's very hypothetical, and I'm not even sure what these numbers are based upon, what sort of improvement.

City Engineer Ramm said I think it was a complete, that concrete is shot; and it would be a complete replacement. I believe I used one of the recent jobs that had sidewalks in it because I thought that with that new development and walkability of the Rockside area, we would want sidewalks on our side.

Councilperson Narduzzi asked can we legally even do it? It's not our property.

Councilperson Wisnieski said and all for just the Goddard School.

Mayor Togliatti said well it's because of the development of the 33 acres that runs parallel to Lombardo.

Councilperson Wisnieski said because it will cut into that road.

Mayor Togliatti said access.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said are we going to push it back \$500,000 for 2022, 2023 and 2024, just push it back and next year look at it again and push it back even farther.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Councilperson Wisnieski said in order to curb cut in there, we needed some negotiation tool over there.

Mayor Togliatti said I am not sure if we necessarily need a negotiation tool over there for access.

Councilperson Narduzzi said that's what I am saying, legally can we even touch that road? It's a public road, they can't deny you curb cuts.

Mayor Togliatti said I mean Patriot's Way cuts into it.

City Engineer Ramm said the property line, the corp. line is a couple few feet, 3 or 5 feet off the back of curb. So, there's a strip of land immediately adjacent to the pavement.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said we could put Patriot's Way in there because that road is starting to deteriorate.

Mayor Togliatti said Patriot's Way will need to be resurfaced.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said so maybe we put Lombardo Center/ Patriot's Way because it is pretty shabby back there.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said so let's make it Lombardo Center/Patriot's Way.

Councilperson Narduzzi said but push it back.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said we still want to see what's going on with that northwest quadrant. We don't have anything set aside for Patriot's Way.

The next one is Pleasant Valley and I-77, and that's putting the new signals on there.

City Engineer Ramm said yes and some ramp.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said you talk about the ramp going south, the Y that comes to Pleasant Valley. Two cars usually go there anyways, the ones that are going to go east to Independence.

City Engineer Ramm said we had a consultant study it, and they made recommendations for the dual left coming off that ramp to head towards Seven Hills. That would help move that traffic off the ramp as well as a legitimate widening for that slip right. They widened the shoulder the last time they paved I-77 to facilitate the space; but it's striped.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said it does get pretty hectic there during rush hour.

City Engineer Ramm said the p.m. rush hour.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said so that \$200,000 set aside for 2020 and 2021 that's for engineering. You have \$2,000,000 set aside for 2022.

City Engineer Ramm said right. The construction was off a year or two. I thought I would spread it out over 2 years, not 3.

Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko said you had \$200,000, \$200,000 and \$2,000,000.

City Engineer Ramm said okay. I don't think it's going to be high on ODOT's priority. The thought was that we could try to get some funding, petition ODOT because it does benefit. It's a safety issue getting the traffic off the ramp, and so I just thought it would take a year or two to get some consensus, get some engineering done. We are under no gun necessarily to build it; so I think that's what the premise was. Those 2 signals are in need of replacement, upgrade. Those ramp signals are old span wire type signals.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said next is the Rockside corridor maintenance \$100,000. Now did we use any?

City Engineer Ramm said I think it was a little bit less. Maggie, was it \$50,000?

Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko said I don't know.

City Engineer Ramm said I think in our maintenance contract we did have some work identified on Rockside Road, Summit, Quarry, the catch basin failing on Quarry Lane. So, all that work would come out of this funding.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said so we will keep that \$100,000. We have been doing that. Has it been \$50,000 in the past?

Councilperson Narduzzi said I think we raised it to \$100,000. Something tells me, and we put some more things on it.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said it makes sense because that's our.

City Engineer Ramm said and when we crack seal Rockside Road, all that money comes out of this.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said well that will stay put. Then the last one is Doc's favorite project, Rockside Road bridge street lighting. That's \$160,000.

City Engineer Ramm said that was a County project I think. They pushed it back.

Councilperson Narduzzi asked is this the one down by Valley View?

City Engineer Ramm said yes.

Councilperson Asseff said you have no lighting from Rockside down Canal, but for this bridge that's going to be lit. There's no streetlighting on Rockside from Brecksville Road. Here we are, we are going to put light posts on a bridge, a bridge to nowhere.

Councilperson Narduzzi said that we don't own.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said and only part of that is Independence.

Councilperson Wisnieski said it will look beautiful.

Mayor Togliatti said but it was engineered years ago, and they upgraded the lighting.

Councilperson Asseff asked how long can we keep this in denial?

Councilperson Wisnieski said right. That's what they are doing.

City Engineer Ramm said in essence we have had no outlay to date, have we?

Several people said no.

Councilperson Asseff asked what was the deal with Seven Hills? We were going to light it?

Several people said Valley View.

Mayor Togliatti said they have some lights in their municipality, we have some in ours.

Councilperson Asseff said but neither have lights on the bridge, so what was the deal with the bridge?

Mayor Togliatti said I don't know.

Councilperson Asseff said it was some deal, but I would pull our money out and use it elsewhere.

Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko asked so do we keep it?

City Engineer Ramm said we made some commitments to the County and to the Engineer.

Councilperson Asseff said we don't (inaudible) at commitments we made.

City Engineer Ramm said we passed legislation, and it was specific.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said that's been years ago.

Councilperson Asseff said that's years. Don't we have an extinguishing clause somewhere on our legislation where it disappears?

City Engineer Ramm said I'm sure you can revisit it, and it's become less of a priority. I think they are focusing their efforts on one of the next projects because the East Pleasant Valley bridge as you go over the railroad tracks.

Councilperson Narduzzi said I do recall, we have some money invested because we ran electrical and had different bases put in I believe.

Mayor Togliatti said well it was designed that.

Councilperson Narduzzi said well at least that's the b.s. story you told me when you wanted me to vote on it. I am thinking that's what's there. There is something that we did already.

City Engineer Ramm said well the engineering I think.

Councilperson Narduzzi said there's something that we have money involved in it.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel asked that's going to be a new bridge down there too?

Mayor Togliatti said yes.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said we will have it there for now, but we will see what next year brings.

We are almost near the end. The Rockside Road/I-77 ramps; and that's again going east on Rockside and north on I-77.

City Engineer Ramm said right, the northbound exit and entrance.

Mayor Togliatti said getting back to Page 25, what is the \$750,000 in 2020 and 2021.

City Engineer Ramm asked are those totals from above?

Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko said maybe I missed something.

City Engineer Ramm said it was the Lombardo Center.

Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko said so we will take that off.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said we will remove those.

Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko asked do we need to put any more in there then?

City Engineer Ramm said no, not that one.

Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko said alright, I will take that off.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said the Rockside Road/I-77 ramps, and that \$300,000, that's for the engineering.

City Engineer Ramm said that's the one we submitted the Highway Safety Funding application for.

Councilperson Narduzzi said so these are the ramps going north, correct? If you are headed east. I'm just looking ahead; if you guys ever travel that in the morning, where our ramp comes into the I-480 ramp that goes east on I-480; that is the problem. So, now you are adding another lane to make that problem even worse because they double that lane up going to I-480 from I-77, not us. It backs up because of them, not because of us; and now we are going to spend more money. It's going to make that problem even worse.

City Engineer Ramm said say that again, which problem, north of here.

Councilperson Narduzzi said north of I-77, when you are heading north on I-77, and you have to go I-480 east. That backs up past Rockside Road.

Councilperson Asseff said that's your cross over. It's a big mess.

Councilperson Narduzzi said but this lane ends up being right where those cars come in.

City Engineer Ramm said I think that is its own exit lane.

Councilperson Narduzzi said they all come together.

City Engineer Ramm said so this is the queue.

Councilperson Wisnieski asked is that where you are talking about?

Several people began speaking at once again.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel asked could you take the traffic off of Rockside and put it into these two lanes?

Mayor Togliatti said it is.

Councilperson Narduzzi said right here is the bottleneck when it gets to be over here. So, our cars never get backed up that they can't get on the highway here. It is the merging part over here.

City Engineer Ramm said it does back up on Rockside. This one single lane, everyone is trying to jockey to get into the one lane as they are heading east on Rockside.

Councilperson Wisnieski asked is that more at night?

Councilperson Narduzzi said someone screwed this all up because I am telling. This is the bottleneck right here. When I get on this ramp here, and I want to go west.

City Engineer Ramm asked what time of the day, the p.m. rush hour?

Councilperson Narduzzi said 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. It is probably backed up. It takes me 15 minutes sometimes to get from here to get on I-480 to go west. I don't know if anybody else travels that.

City Engineer Ramm said this improvement was for the p.m. rush hour.

Councilperson Narduzzi said it's no better at p.m. Just take a look at it; but in my mind I'm thinking we are spending all this money; it's going to compound this problem going north.

City Engineer Ramm said no question. That interchange is terrible.

Councilperson Narduzzi said when you come on here, you have to go I-480 west; you have to cross over 3 lanes now.

City Engineer Ramm said the weaves are terrible.

Councilperson Narduzzi said and these cars are coming; so you are putting more cars coming now.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said we are not adding a lane north of Rockside are we.

City Engineer Ramm said the ramps merge back so it still ends up being (inaudible).

Several people began speaking at once again.

Councilperson Narduzzi said but you are adding more cars. At least now you get a break every once in a while. This way, you will never get a break.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said the bottleneck is going to be right up by the bridge there. It goes from two to one.

City Engineer Ramm said through the curve, and that's where it is ramping down from two to one.

Councilperson Narduzzi said personally, before we did that, I would have ODOT fix the other problem.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said I don't know if they could ever fix that.

Councilperson Narduzzi said they could put 2 lanes going to I-480 east. That would solve a lot of problems. They are not going to solve crossing over to go west.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said because there are 2 lanes to go west.

Councilperson Narduzzi said there's 2 lanes going west. Then you have the merge off of I-77 onto, you have to cross over one to get to I-480 east. It's crazy.

Councilperson Wisnieski asked have they looked at that I wonder?

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said there has to be a ton of accidents in that stretch.

Mayor Togliatti said and we have to respond to all of them.

Councilperson Narduzzi said it's all ours. I don't know. I think that is something that should be looked at. I am not saying I would put money towards it; but I think before we did it, we should look at what it's going to cause us.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel asked isn't ODOT looking at that now aren't they?

City Engineer Ramm said well they are looking at our ramp application and study.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said if they agree with that.

Councilperson Wisnieski said I do agree at night though, if you go that way.

City Engineer Ramm said in the morning we don't care about 2 lanes.

Councilperson Wisnieski said it's backed up all the way to Oak Tree.

City Engineer Ramm said it's primarily the p.m. rush hour.

Councilperson Narduzzi said it's just trying to get that group of cars off of Rockside Road.

City Engineer Ramm said to get onto the freeway quicker, get off of Rockside quicker. Ironically, this ramp is more driven by the morning rush hour, the exit ramp northbound, the dual. You have the complement of the a.m. improvement, p.m. improvement, all in the same quadrant.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said you only have 2 lanes, but you are getting a third lane then.

City Engineer Ramm said going from 2 to 4. It will be dual rights and dual lefts for that ramp. Right now it's one left and one right.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said because I know they did it at Chagrin a few years back, they added an extra lane there, but they have 2 going left and only one going right. I think the middle lane can go either way.

City Engineer Ramm said right. If you only widen one and that center one can be a left or a right; but then you run into problems with right on red.

Councilperson Asseff said well that I-77/Brecksville Road entrance into I-77 when it's complete, will take congestion away from people trying to get on at Rockside?

City Engineer Ramm said that's the thought, some, not if they are already in this traffic here. People can avoid this area by coming through 21.

Councilperson Asseff said going through Brecksville north.

City Engineer Ramm said that's very likely.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said so Don we are seeking some ODOT money here.

City Engineer Ramm said yeah, \$1,400,000 I believe was the request.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel asked and if they don't come up with any of that?

City Engineer Ramm said that \$2,000,000, whatever that dollar value was, that's the total project cost, assuming we receive no funding. If we get funding, then that number that is in the plan would be reduced by \$1,400,000.

Councilperson Wisnieski said it should look as nice as when you get off in Strongsville on 82. Did you ever see that?

Councilperson Narduzzi said they have flowers there.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Councilperson Wisnieski said it's landscaped nice.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said so that part of it definitely it would be needed as far as the off ramp going north. We will see what they comment, we will leave it as a placeholder for now.

You talked about last time was Heritage. You were going forward with that, and it kind of took a back burner. We do have money set aside, right Maggie for that.

Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko said there's \$390,000.

Mayor Togliatti asked and we have the engineering completed on that?

City Engineer Ramm said we hired the consultant, and it kind of got put on hold until we got our act together with Rockside Woods Blvd., but now I think we are ready to re-focus on that too.

Councilperson Wisnieski said so remind me where Heritage is.

City Engineer Ramm said Heritage is where Slyman's, that little street that heads up.

Mayor Togliatti said which dead-ends into the parking lot.

Councilperson Wisnieski said got it.

City Engineer Ramm said that will ultimately go through.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said they replaced that private road that is off of Rockside Woods. It goes by Slyman's. Isn't there a private road that goes there?

City Engineer Ramm said that's Heritage. The private drive will stay there.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said more cars will take this, it will be the public route to take.

Several people said yes.

Mayor Togliatti said and it will give those 2 office buildings better access. They won't have to do the drive out, back out through the parking lot. It is just a goofy configuration. It should never have been designed that way.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel asked any engineering on this at all?

City Engineer Ramm said it was initiated, and it just was put on hold.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said these P.O.'s were for construction inspection.

Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko said they are really not. Construction inspection is just basically what Don was asking for, but they are just listing those P.O.'s.

City Engineer Ramm said I think we were going to put a sidewalk on one side of this connector road as well.

Councilperson Narduzzi said we talked about it going to the restaurant.

City Engineer Ramm said and the plaza.

Councilperson Narduzzi asked streetlights too potentially?

City Engineer Ramm said I don't know. That would be something we would have to look into.

Councilperson Narduzzi asked are we going to talk about that walking boulevard like we have on Oak Tree South? I know they talked about something with the walking and lights and stuff.

City Engineer Ramm said I think we were going to put a sidewalk on the west side of Plaza Drive that just got dedicated, and then tie in the sidewalk that goes down here. I think it was part of the scope of work.

Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko said yeah because we put \$338,000 according to this for construction, and then there was another \$30,000 from 2018.

City Engineer Ramm asked is that encumbered?

Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko said these 2 are encumbered. This is the one that's not encumbered.

Councilperson Narduzzi said so Don, we are up to over \$10,500,000 for this. So, when do you pull the trigger on this stuff realistically and start spending engineering dollars? Is it early next year?

City Engineer Ramm said well a lot of them, if they reach a threshold that is over \$50,000 for design engineering, I have to go through the RFQ process. It takes time. I generally try to do that in the holiday season when things quiet down, and we can get the proposals out. It takes a series of months to hire, get legislation for design engineering to get going. So, the answer is ideally now I would start getting our ducks in a row for a lot of this engineering work if it were truly meant to go. It depends on if we are going to do the construction.

Councilperson Narduzzi said well it may be too late for this year, but I think this is when Council needs to sit down and talk about engineering and talk about how much money we are going to spend on these projects in one year and just try to regroup and see if we are doing this the right way. I don't know. It's a lot, and I keep saying we are setting ourselves up for failure.

City Engineer Ramm said the commercial, the TIF.

Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko said this is the TIF stuff.

Mayor Togliatti said and there's still another \$5,000,000 in residential work.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko said if you look at the overall page it will tell you. I know we were moving residential to over there.

City Engineer Ramm said it's easy to push.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel asked what's the Rockside Woods North that we just have engineering and inspection next year?

Mayor Togliatti said sidewalks and streetlights.

City Engineer Ramm said so the section we are getting ready to pave now, and we built this 8 foot walk across Topgolf and Embassy has a sidewalk. We want to continue that sidewalk, people walk in the street. We want to really get that done, and then this decorative streetlighting; we want to carry that theme from Topgolf all the way south to Rockside and make it look uniform. That is what this money and work is. The electrical design needs to get done.

Councilperson Asseff asked will that sidewalk be torn up with Saucy doing their construction?

City Engineer Ramm said well, we wouldn't do it there; we would start south of Embassy or replace the 5 foot walk that's across Embassy, make it an 8 foot and keep going. With Kent State potential development there, we may not do that; we might start at the Kent State road that goes in, go from there for sure. That would be safe to at least get that done, which is still a good clip from Rockside all the way to that roadway that goes to Kent State.

Councilperson Wisnieski asked what are they proposing?

Mayor Togliatti said they haven't proposed anything yet. They talked about a few things.

Councilperson Wisnieski said I didn't know if we had an actual proposal.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said finally the West Creek sewer I-480.

City Engineer Ramm said I have just been thinking about this a little bit, and right now the West Creek sewer discharges much like our I-77 behind Embassy that run under I-77; and we have one sewer that runs under I-480 at the end of West Creek way down at the bottom. It is a 21 or 24 inch pipe that is inaccessible because there's flow in it; and we have never looked at it. We don't know the condition. There is no redundancy; so even if you asked me what kind of condition it was in, I would say I don't know. We can't look at it. Can't stop the flow enough to assess it. This would be to get going with a study, see what it would take to kind of build a parallel sewer; and with the new development coming to the northwest quadrant, and I just thought. There has not been any pressing problems there, but the reality is we are going to have to try to build some redundancy in the system.

Councilperson Narduzzi asked where does it come out on the other side?

City Engineer Ramm said behind the aggregate crushing facility I believe.

Mayor Togliatti asked and that's not part of the sewer district's?

City Engineer Ramm said no, not until it gets over to Schaaf and Fuhrmeyer where it goes into the interceptor.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel asked so this is all Independence?

City Engineer Ramm said it's a local sewer system. It is one of the bigger pipes that we have, it's getting on near the end of the line so to speak where it ties into the interceptor. It has been flowing well. There's a lot of flow in it, and it's only gets more when we redevelop and add more to it; but it's old. It would be nice to know what kind of condition it's in.

Councilperson Asseff said look at it.

City Engineer Ramm said so the initial couple of hundred for the first couple of years is just getting some study going, Hatch, Mott McDonald might be a consultant that we reach out to. They are the ones who did the first sewer project there by Embassy, or somebody with their capabilities.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel asked so that \$2,000,000 is just a placeholder?

City Engineer Ramm said right because the Embassy sewer was \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000 project.

Councilperson Narduzzi said we talked about that one for 10 years. We start talking about it now, and I will be gone by the time it gets done.

City Engineer Ramm said so there was one project I added here. East Pleasant Valley Road, I mentioned the County was looking to do the bridges; and they want to, they think it's prudent to put pedestrian facilities on these bridges, all 3 of them because of the towpath, the proximity to the towpath. So, for some 100% local costs, we were thinking about putting in either bike lanes, paying for bike lanes in between the bridges so that pedestrians could have a nice access. This is out ways, a number of years; but the costs were already on paper from coordination we have been having with the County and with Valley View. They have their portion. So, we want to put \$50,000 per year, starting in 2021 through 2024. I think our local costs were about \$200,000. It was programed for around 2024.

Councilperson Veverka said so that's for 2 bridges headed west to where. The one by the river, the one over the railroad track, and the other.

City Engineer Ramm said the abandoned portion of the (inaudible).

Councilperson Veverka said right now, currently they limit the guardrails to like a foot off of the road surface at Brookside.

City Engineer Ramm said this would be like on the north side. This facility would be all on the north side.

Councilperson Veverka said I think the guardrails there are really close.

City Engineer Ramm said the whole roadway corridor would get widened to facilitate, that's all part of the project; and that's where some of our local costs are coming from.

Councilperson Veverka asked do you have to play with the park then?

City Engineer Ramm said oh yeah, and that's all the County is handling that. Ours is just funding participation, it's pretty simple.

Mayor Togliatti asked and then do we envision installing this bike trail along the full length of Pleasant Valley Road?

City Engineer Ramm said we already have the sidewalks down to Rio Nero on that north side; and so then from there it would probably be a striped bike lane and/or if we chose to extend sidewalks, concrete sidewalks to the bridges. The bridges will have sidewalks on the bridges themselves; and then in between the bridges would be pedestrian use facilities to make it safe.

Mayor Togliatti asked so this isn't just on the bridge surface itself, this is the area between the bridges?

City Engineer Ramm said oh yes.

Mayor Togliatti said I gotcha.

City Engineer Ramm said and then Valley View's participation is the river bridge because that is 100% in their village.

Mayor Togliatti asked are they going to put lights on it?

Councilperson Narduzzi asked so they are doing the bridges?

City Engineer Ramm said the County. The County is doing the bridges.

Councilperson Narduzzi asked so if we did sidewalks, would they make their bridge wide enough to accept our sidewalk?

City Engineer Ramm said they are having sidewalks.

Councilperson Narduzzi said I think it would be cheaper to do sidewalks than it would be to redo curbs and gutters and moving everything over for a bike lane.

City Engineer Ramm said well the bike lane is they will add a little asphalt and stripe it.

Councilperson Narduzzi said you have to add to the street right, so you have to redo the curbs and stuff.

City Engineer Ramm said that section is uncurbed. That is an uncurbed pavement. The curb stops pretty much at the beverage place.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel asked for safety, wouldn't you rather see the bikes on the sidewalks than on the street?

Councilperson Veverka said but then you have to do something with legislation because I think bikes are not allowed on the sidewalk.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said there will be some pedestrians down there too.

City Engineer Ramm said it's out away, but planning is already happening; and they are studying these bridges; and these bridges got moved up in front of the Rockside bridges because of a variety of reasons that I am not privy to; and they know they can't do them both. It's going to be a significant project. There are paralleled routes that would get detoured from each other, so they would have to do one at a time. They seem to be the priority.

Councilperson Narduzzi asked so what are they going to call that, Pleasant Valley bike something?

City Engineer Ramm said I called it East Pleasant Valley Road Head Pedestrian Facilities, and I put in County Bridge Project.

Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko said I will add that in.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said then in a few weeks we will get an updated version.

Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko said I will give Don a couple days to do his numbers.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Councilperson Wisnieski said we were just generally talking about once we get this, and how we generally prioritize; and I suggested that maybe we give it a priority number and then go from there.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said we are not married to this.

Councilperson Wisnieski said when we see this all on paper.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said it's mind boggling.

The next one is the Army Corps flood study. Are we married to that money from 2020 on?

Councilperson Narduzzi said next year is \$1,250,000.

Mayor Togliatti said we haven't finalized anything. What problems were you referring to?

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said just having that kind of money set aside.

Councilperson Narduzzi said putting that money aside, that's the problem.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said for something, between the park and Valley View and everything else.

Mayor Togliatti said it's the design of the bridge affects the flow of the river, which affects the flooding south on the National Park's property. So, they have to redo their model for the National Park to show them the impact with the new bridge design. They have the structure in the middle of the river.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel asked the City has to pay for that?

Mayor Togliatti said I am not aware of an additional cost. Is there?

City Engineer Ramm said not yet. The hydraulics of the bridge design.

Several people began speaking at once again.

City Engineer Ramm said not that I am aware of.

Councilperson Wisnieski said we are on a need-to-know basis.

City Engineer Ramm said we are working through it because it caused them some nuances there for sure, the headwater of the bridge and pier.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel asked they will be designing that?

City Engineer Ramm said the County and the Army Corps.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel asked you want to still leave that on there then?

Councilperson Narduzzi said it's unnecessary at this point.

City Engineer Ramm said it's a placeholder I think in 2020 in case the stars align and we work these things out to the degree that it satisfies the National Park.

Councilperson Narduzzi asked that's all we have in there is \$3,700?

Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko said that's all the payments I could find.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said well we paid almost \$350,000 already.

Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko said so we could probably reduce it.

Mayor Togliatti said I believe they have to get it in line for the Federal funding. It has to be approved for the Federal funding before anything can be poured. There are multiple steps that have to fall in line.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said it's highly unlikely as far as this timetable.

The next is EPA Stormwater Compliance, and that's just ongoing every year.

Councilperson Wisnieski said one question back to that. So, you are saying between 2009 and 2017, that's what we paid.

Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko said that's what I saw as payments.

Councilperson Wisnieski said so we began this in 2009.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said 10 years now.

City Engineer Ramm said I thought that study was over a million dollars already.

Councilperson Narduzzi said I think we had grant money. Somebody else helped us pay for that.

Mayor Togliatti said Valley View originally started out with us, and then they dropped out because of the economic analysis. It didn't meet the threshold for the Army Corps of Engineers to continue with them. So, they had some initial cash outlay, I don't know how much.

City Engineer Ramm said maybe that's what it was, a million dollar study; but our portion because the Army Corps paid for the lion share.

Councilperson Narduzzi said so I think whenever this thing happens, if it ever does happen, we would be able to borrow money at zero percent interest. I can guarantee it because they are going to want us to do it, they are going to have to give us a way to fund it. So, us saving money for it to happen is kind of why because.

City Engineer Ramm said I think this was saving money for our portion, it's 65/35. So, 65% would be funded through the Corps, and we would still be obligated for 35% and 5% is cash.

Councilperson Narduzzi said but even that 35%, they would have to give us some kind of loan I would think, zero percent loan because any other city, they could never even think about doing this.

City Engineer Ramm said I don't know.

Councilperson Wisnieski said we would have to go back and re-look at this whole thing.

City Engineer Ramm said there is public partnership agreement with the Corps that would have to be entered into, legislation required to even execute that document, which has never even been brought before Council. So, there are a number of steps that need to be taken.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said it took 10 years to get to this point, and it's probably going to be another 10 years before we get it done.

Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko asked so do you want me to leave it the way it is?

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel asked do you think things would be moving that quickly on this?

Several people began speaking at once again.

City Engineer Ramm said we thought we were ready to enter and execute this agreement.

Mayor Togliatti said but they can't start any of the construction or even some of the design of this flood wall until the bridge is fully constructed, correct, because that sets the elevations.

City Engineer Ramm said they could be moving on a parallel track with engineering, construction wise totally not.

Mayor Togliatti asked and when is the bridge slated for construction?

City Engineer Ramm said it was a 2 to 3 year between design and construction; and we have started it.

Councilperson Wisnieski asked 2024?

City Engineer Ramm said to complete the bridge.

Councilperson Wisnieski said you are talking about engineering.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel asked just leave this here then?

City Engineer Ramm said you could push it back.

Councilperson Wisnieski asked or spread it out?

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel asked push it back a couple of years?

Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko asked is the only amount we need to come up with this \$1,750,000?

Mayor Togliatti said yes, in today's dollars.

City Engineer Ramm said that's based on some estimate of the cost today.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel asked do you want to move this back 2 years? Push it out to 2021?

City Engineer Ramm said the only risk I think is that since the study was formally complete, and there might be a shelf life to the study in terms of the funding being available; so those are the questions I think we have to work through with the Army Corps. They understand the dynamic of what the challenges are.

Mayor Togliatti said push it back one year.

Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko asked do you want me to do \$250,000 in 2020 and \$250,000 in 2021, and then move the big one?

Councilperson Wisnieski said go \$250,000, \$500,000 and \$500,000, \$500,000 or something like that.

Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko said that would be alright too.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel asked it's altogether \$2,250,000?

Several people began speaking at once again.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said \$250,000 a year for 3 years, and then \$500,000 the last 3 years; that would give you the \$2,250,000, with the idea that we probably won't use it. If you want to stretch it out for all 5 years, it would be \$250,000, \$250,000, \$250,000 and \$500,000 and \$500,000.

Mayor Togliatti said it sounds like a plan.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said there will be something set aside in case they do move forward.

Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko said we can start with that, and then next year if it's more, we can tweak it.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said the EPA Stormwater Compliance. Don, that is set aside every year.

City Engineer Ramm said we use that with the Soil and Water Conservation District to meet our permit obligations. We spend that pretty good every year. A lot of those invoices come towards the end or into the first quarter for the end of the year.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said then you have inflow and infiltration work, \$50,000 a year.

City Engineer Ramm said that's pretty much non-designated, but when we come across; one example, we paid Tri-Mor, there was a cross connection on a home on Brettin for years. The sanitary was discharging into the storm sewer; and we were televising and dye testing, we came across it.

Councilperson Wisnieski asked is that on the south side?

Mayor Togliatti asked Trakas' house?

Several people began speaking at once again.

City Engineer Ramm said no, it was not Trakas'. It was on the south side. So, it was deep point repair. We had to excavate down 10 feet, get it over to the right system and rather than have that money come out of the Tri-Mor budget. I would ask that maybe that cost could come out of this because that's exactly what this was, inflow, sanitary into a storm sewer system. Things like that come up throughout the City, and this pot of money could be designated for this things like that.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said then Poplar storm outlet. I think that is dependent on the road project we are doing.

City Engineer Ramm said I have yet to get out there to look at the condition of the outfall, but we need to do that. One of the residents had mentioned that.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said so that's set aside for the next 2 years, that money.

City Engineer Ramm said only because I don't know the scope. If the \$100,000 next year can mitigate it, then so be it; then it's over and complete; but if there needs to be more.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said then finally the Pleasant Valley retaining wall replacement.

City Engineer Ramm said the location is west of I-77 on the south side. There is an old pile retaining wall that was built by the County when that road was widened, and it's in the right-of-way. The resident brought it to our attention who has the serpentine drive that the timbers are rotten; and it looks like if a car hit it would fall down. So, we did some research, and those are our walls to maintain. So, Geotech gave us a quick review of the wall condition and gave us a price to replace the timber lagging. The steel piles are in good shape.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel asked was that from the 1960's? That's on Pleasant Valley.

Councilperson Narduzzi said there's a couple of driveways with the same timbers.

City Engineer Ramm said there are 3 homes I think.

Mayor Togliatti asked and does this address all 3 of them?

City Engineer Ramm said yes. Some of the timbers are not as bad as others.

Councilperson Veverka said we could put Welcome to Independence on the timbers.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said very good. What we will do is summarize it and take a look at it again once we get everything. If you want to possibly move something back; and what Council has to do is prioritize like Patti said, take a look and see.

Any other questions? There were none.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said I think it was a productive meeting. It is kind of worrisome too when you are talking about big bucks like that too, but it has to be done. None of this is trivial.

City Engineer Ramm said the Rockside Road corridor traffic signals are getting old, the controllers are old. The paint on the poles is old, and I thought we had earmarked some money somewhere.

Mayor Togliatti said it was \$5,000 a year every year from the previous. We talked about streetlight painting, pole painting.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko said I think it was on Public Lands or it might have been in the 410.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said it's on the old Page 18 under General Government. It has traffic signal poles paint, \$5,000 set aside every year. There's still \$5,000 in there this year.

City Engineer Ramm asked money has been getting earmarked for that?

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel said there's \$5,000. It's on Page 18.

Mayor Togliatti said it's Page 19 on the one we have. It doesn't involve any of the electronics.

City Engineer Ramm said I want to make sure it's the nuts and bolts of the controllers being upgraded, so we would need more. I will work with a consultant to try to get some budgetary figures. I am not sure \$5,000 to paint a pole is enough. I have no idea.

Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko said the thing that is confusing, I wasn't sure if it was something with Rec.

Mayor Togliatti said I know we did paint some poles on Rockside last year or 2 years ago.

City Engineer Ramm asked the entire pole?

Mayor Togliatti said Snyderburn coordinated that.

City Engineer Ramm said I thought there was talk somewhere about making everything black instead of the green.

Councilperson Wisnieski asked who paints all those utility boxes on Rockside?

Mayor Togliatti said all the respective utilities.

Councilperson Wisnieski said I guess we have to have a conversation about how to address that.

City Engineer Ramm said and who to address it with.

Councilperson Wisnieski said exactly.

Councilperson Narduzzi said I think it's the utilities.

Councilperson Veverka asked if the Chairman wanted a motion.

Chairman Vice Mayor Grendel asked for a motion to adjourn.

Moved by Veverka, seconded by Narduzzi, to adjourn the Finance Committee Meeting of October 15, 2019. Voice Vote: 3 yes/0 no; motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, the Finance Committee Meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Debra J. Beal, Clerk of Council
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