

**CITY OF INDEPENDENCE
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 5, 2019 AT 4:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CAUCUS ROOM**

Present: Chairperson Kathleen Kapusta
Councilperson Dr. Carl Asseff
Councilperson Jim Trakas

Also Present: Councilperson Dale Veverka (arrived 4:38 p.m., left 5:26 p.m.)
Recreation Director Tom Walchanowicz
Community Services Director Marilyn Senick
Procurement Coordinator Dennis Zdolshek
Finance Assistant Maggie Osysko

Chairperson Kapusta called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Chairperson Kapusta said welcome everybody. Today the focus of our meeting will really just be very specifically on the Community Services and Recreation Department's Five-Year budget. We were asked by Vice Mayor to convene our committees so that we could talk about the proposed Five-Year Capital budgets so that when we have our Finance Committee meeting we have more background and information to be able to support and respond to any questions. So, that is what this is about today, and we actually have the Community Services Department on the agenda first.

Community Services Director Senick said it's pretty cut and dry here. I think the most important thing is the vehicles. The 41 passenger which we have had on here since 2016, putting away \$65,000 each year, we are not getting another 41 passenger bus at this point.

Councilperson Asseff asked how much money is in that account?

Community Services Director Senick said \$185,000.

Councilperson Asseff said that's just a sitting account. We are just putting money in and watching it grow.

Community Services Director Senick said right. So, just to give you an idea, so far this year we have spent \$18,000 on buses for all of our trips. The projection to the end of the year is about \$26,000.

Councilperson Trakas asked if we had bought a bus what would be the lifetime of that bus?

Community Services Director Senick said about 10 years.

Councilperson Trakas asked that's it? So, that's really prudent to rent the bus then.

Councilperson Asseff said well it's absolutely, we took a real hit on that last bus. I think it was a \$500,000 bus, and it just rotted away.

Community Services Director Senick said and it was constantly, constantly needing repairs. The other issue that we talked about numerous times was liability. BRT and J&F, we took the liability off of us because they are driving. If the bus breaks down, they have another bus; and then residents initially when we started this there were a few comments; but they love the BRT bus. It is a luxury bus. They are real positive about it. The trips are going very well. We had registration today, and some of the trips have 47 people on them already just in the first day. They are going very well.

Chairperson Kapusta said and when you think about it, it is not only the expenditure for the cost of the bus, it's the insurance, it's the drivers, it's the upkeep, it's the maintenance, it's the gasoline. There is a myriad of other factors that come into play to extend that cost beyond just the purchase price.

Councilperson Asseff said you are right, but it's beyond that. Are we inconvenienced at all by using these companies? No, in fact we are supported better because if there is a breakdown, they get another bus out there. If it's our bus that breaks down, we are sitting on our hands. There is certain equipment we need and certain equipment we can get readily.

Councilperson Trakas asked so with respect to the line item, do we need to be putting money into a capital budget line item?

Community Services Director Senick said they know we are done. We are not going to move forward with the bus.

Councilperson Asseff said well here's the advantage in what you talked about putting an addition on to the Rec center. We already have \$185,000 in the account that we can shift over there. So, that takes it away from that total amount of \$245,000. It is a very easy thing to do if Council decides; and we as a committee, but Council decides to go ahead with this project, it could go pretty quickly because the money is already there.

Community Services Director Senick said the other thing is the 21 passenger bus which there is some more money. The determining factor is that bus was purchased in 2010, so it's ten years old, and we put about \$10,000 in that bus to repair it, how long ago Dennis?

Procurement Coordinator Zdolshek said last year.

Community Services Director Senick said and that bus has been used this year on an average of 12 times this year. So, that bus is used once a month, and it's sitting there. We used to use it more, but we are getting more people on the bus trips; so I am renting buses. I am not using it. We were using our big bus. So, you have this vehicle, and it has 28,000 miles on it compared to the other bus which has 36,000 miles on it. So, the question there is even though I am

encumbering money for it; will we replace that bus? Or if I am only using it, I have to really look at that. At this point, we may not even need it.

Chairperson Kapusta asked Community Services Director Senick do you know in the 12 times that this bus has gone out in 2019, what generally is the ridership numbers on that bus?

Community Services Director Senick said over 15 and under 21.

Chairperson Kapusta said so it's more than our 12 passenger, that is what I was trying to get at.

Community Services Director Senick said so the other issue I am looking at on the vehicles, I have the \$38,000 plus another \$20,000.

Councilperson Asseff asked what condition is it in? We just put \$10,000 into repairs. If it's used.

Community Services Director Senick said I'm not saying we have to get rid of it.

Councilperson Asseff said I'm looking at this, if it's in good condition; I don't care if it's 20 years old, if it's functional, reliable. If it takes \$10,000 to keep it up top-notch every 3 to 4 years, that is cheap.

Community Services Director Senick said that we have to watch what we are looking at. It's not used like it was used years ago. Those two buses went out all the time, and we used the 21 passenger more often. We use the baby bus more.

Chairperson Kapusta said so it would be interesting maybe at the end of the year report, our last meeting of the year, if you could do a review for us and let us know what trips it has been going on or what use you have for that bus. So, you said 12 times this year, so with the amount of times over the year, where did you really use it for, what kinds of things?

Community Services Director Senick said I have that, no problem. We used it for the light trips at Christmas.

Plus, you need a CDL for that bus, the 12 passenger you don't. So, I have to have a CDL driver for the 21 passenger, which is harder and harder to find because I don't have the big bus now so I can't really employ a CDL driver because I don't have a bus. So, I have my transport driver who has a CDL, and he goes on the 21 passenger bus.

Chairperson Kapusta asked do we ever use this 21 passenger bus because I heard you say that on day one several of your trips are booked with 47 people? Would we ever resort to using this if we could fill enough people to make it worthwhile to bring on additional people or not?

Community Services Director Senick said we have done that on occasion, yes; but it depends on if I have a driver or not. What we are doing we are renting BRT which goes up to 53 passengers. They could take up to 53 which we have done.

Chairperson Kapusta said okay.

Community Services Director Senick said you are right, the bus has to be driven. If you are only using it once a month, that's the issue too.

Councilperson Asseff said you need to drive it around the parking lot.

Several people began speaking at once.

Community Services Director Senick said like I said, the 12 passenger, the handicap bus, it has 26,000 miles on it; and that was purchased in 2012 so we get more use out of that bus than we do the other one because we use that at least 3 to 5 times a week.

So, the question there remains the \$38,000 I have and the \$25,000; we are not going to purchase that bus. I could use that money too right now.

Councilperson Asseff said what you might want to do is to cut the amount down maybe to \$5,000 a year, and every two or three years you have \$15,000 if you needed to do repairs or whatever on it and use the other excess for adding on to what we talked about.

Community Services Director Senick said and the other thing is a transport vehicle. I am frugal okay, I could have purchased another vehicle at the end of last year or January; but Dennis was good enough to give me another vehicle, a Police car, so I did not purchase a vehicle this year. I am also trying to make a decision on the type of vehicle I want to purchase because what's happening here, I have two cars. I think I said it the last time, they are not easy to get into. I am thinking going with another 12 passenger handicap van versus a car or a van. So, I haven't made that decision. The way it's working out right now, just using a used car rather than going out and purchasing a brand new car.

Councilperson Trakas said the question comes down to the ability for people, either handicapped or senior citizens, you get into a vehicle and then to transport wheelchairs, walkers.

Community Services Director Senick said right. The problem would be the vehicles now you can't get two walkers in the trunk. I want to make sure that the purchase when I make it is going to be something that will be used.

Chairperson Kapusta asked or would you give any consideration because I totally understand about the trunk, would you be giving consideration if you do need to purchase a vehicle, to looking at maybe more of an SUV type where you have the bigger space in the back?

Community Services Director Senick said yes, not so much an SUV. Everything that I have looked at and we have looked at, nothing is really low to the ground.

Councilperson Trakas said the problem is you have to step up into the vehicle.

Community Services Director Senick said it's hard for them to lift their legs over. She doesn't know if it will change with the way the cars are made.

Councilperson Trakas said and SUVs are worst. You would like a sedan, but you don't have the room for the wheelchairs.

Community Services Director Senick said I am looking at for the number of transports I have, what are my needs. I don't have an issue right now, I am just saying I am trying to purchase something.

Chairperson Kapusta said I think you can though because we have two SUVs that we get our 93 year old mother into on a regular basis. You just have to look at them though. You totally have to evaluate them to see about access because then my brother-in-law has one that she would never even begin to step into. So, I wouldn't necessarily throw that concept out of looking at it; but I would definitely say you have to see them.

Councilperson Asseff said there are other vehicles out there that aren't SUVs. They are eight or nine passenger vehicles that have storage space for wheelchairs. In looking at one of those, I know that Chrysler Pacifica, a car like that will fit our needs quite well.

Community Services Director Senick said and that would fit our needs more than another car; and also the summer camp and after school program does use a van to transport the children in the summer to the pool and stuff. We have that old van which is still usable.

Chairperson Kapusta said so you are referring to another van, not the one we talked about.

Councilperson Veverka said Kathleen, I know my mom had a great deal of difficulty getting up out of the sedan, and that's the other point. It is easy to slide in, but then it's really difficult to get out. So, the SUV is at about a good level for that.

Chairperson Kapusta said then again you have to look at which one because I know they are all very different. That's a good point.

Councilperson Veverka said absolutely. I know that, I think the Ford has that conversion kind of vehicle that's not exactly a van either.

Community Services Director Senick asked which kind was it?

Chairperson Kapusta said Ford.

Councilperson Veverka said the Ford Flex. There are a couple of different ones, and I know that Valley Ford is close. There are a number of them. I am at the point now it's scary enough that we have an Escape; and I am used to sliding in and popping right out. When I go into a car now, it feels like I am crawling up and out.

Community Services Director Senick said you are just low.

Councilperson Veverka said yes, absolutely, and that's when it's tough.

Community Services Director Senick said we need to look at something like a seven or eight passenger. It would be good for us, and also that would help out for grocery shopping, church, rather than taking out the bigger bus.

Then the Civic Center parking and the access system; that's been there, right Tom?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz replied yes.

Community Services Director Senick asked do you want to address that?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said I didn't get a copy of that.

Community Services Director Senick gave the Recreation Director a copy of the budget.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said I could probably address the parking lot stuff that's on there. Back in 2014 that was back when they were talking permeable pavers; and they wanted to cut that one curb that divides the parking lots, and they were going to put an area of permeable pavers in there. Personally, I think that all works fine the way it is now, the way the parking lot is set up. I would venture that the \$25,000 could go elsewhere.

Then we also have the next three years, including this year, it was \$80,000 for resurfacing the parking lots. There's \$80,000 on the main master Five-Year Capital saving \$80,000 for the next three years to redo that parking lot. That number seems very high because that parking lot really isn't in bad shape because over the past years we did do some work to it; and by constantly sealcoating it. We started sealcoating about five years ago. Since we have been sealcoating it, we have been getting more longevity out of our parking lots. That parking lot really isn't in that bad of shape right now, and when we do go to do it, all we have to do is mill and fill. So we will mill it down two inches, and then just put another two inches of fresh asphalt which I can't see that being \$240,000.

Chairperson Kapusta asked so what you are saying Tom is that the years of 2020, 2021 and 2022 we have down \$80,000 a year?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said I think it started this year.

Maggie Osysko said Dennis is going to look.

Chairperson Kapusta said thank you.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said I think it started this year. Yeah, it's 2019, 2020 and 2021. So, we can do one of two things which is bank that or we could, whatever Council decides they want to do with that. I am not Don Ramm, and he can make a judgment on that; but I would think maybe we won't have to replace that until 2023 or 2024 maybe.

Councilperson Asseff asked do you have an estimate on what that would cost?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said Don had \$240,000, and Dennis and I talked about that; and we think it's kind of high. So, we don't think we would need that kind of money to do that. If I had to take a guess, we just did the tennis courts. I would think \$80,000 to \$100,000 to do that parking lot at the most is what we would need.

Maggie Osysko asked and when would you want to do this one?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said I don't really think it needs to be done until maybe 2022 or 2023.

Maggie Osysko said to spend the \$80,000 or \$100,000.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said right, to mill that parking lot down and put a new two inch coating on it.

Chairperson Kapusta said so if that were the case in 2022 or 2023 that would obviously give us more than enough money from the estimates.

What is building access system right below the Civic Center parking lot, then building access system at \$30,000? Was that when we were thinking about keying the locks or something?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said that was when Marty Kurkul was back in Tech Services. I think he wanted to do a swipe card system.

Chairperson Kapusta asked so we are not planning that at this point and time?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said I don't think so.

Councilperson Asseff asked will that ever become a reality because you have \$30,000 tied up in that fund? If the building access swipe doesn't become a reality, and we don't want to do it, then let's use that money for something else.

Maggie Osysko asked can I talk?

Chairperson Kapusta said yes, please, absolutely. Maggie, why don't you join us at the table? We have more than enough room.

Maggie Osysko said I'm just throwing this out there. Are we going to do some security over there? We can earmark it for security.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said it could be for security.

Maggie Osysko said we can just keep that since we have the P.O. already done.

Chairperson Kapusta said I think that would be good.

Community Services Director Senick said you're looking for security.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said the big thing that I have been pushing for, and actually even before when Ed Kostyak was here was cameras throughout the building and throughout the park, playground and everything. We are a big advocate of cameras.

Councilperson Trakas asked where would the cameras be located?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said we would have them at the desk. We have gone to civic centers, and they have multiple screens at the desk. Your desk employees can monitor and also record. So, if you do have an issue of a theft or kids acting up in the gym or down the hallway, they can see it; and you can play it. We had a car get hit in the Civic Center parking lot, and she got sideswiped in the parking lot. She came up to us and said can you review your camera and see who hit me. We said sorry, we don't have cameras that face that way. She was kind of taken aback and said you don't have any cameras out here. So, we are kind of behind the times when it comes to that.

Councilperson Asseff asked have we construct a plan or asked somebody to give us a bid?

Councilperson Trakas said I would want to have a citywide campus plan.

Maggie Osysko said we started this Project Management Team, and we all went to class and stuff like that; and so there is a Project Management Team that's looking at all the campus security. They are doing a lot, getting a lot of pricing as far as City Hall and things like that, new windows, bulletproof glass up front and stuff like that. Then they are also looking at how it can all connect together rather than having them have their system, and we have our own system and stuff like that.

Procurement Coordinator Zdolshek said Councilperson Trakas, to kind of address that; I agree with you 100%. I think what we need to do is assess all the buildings as a whole so that we look at it as the whole function, everything is consistent throughout every building. I think initially we will need to spend some money up front, and I think that way we are going to get the most for our money. We are going to make sure we get something that will interact between all of the buildings.

From just being relatively new in the City, one of the things that I have noticed is that just like every building is kind of its own little entity; and I think we need to kind of start coordinating things.

Councilperson Trakas said like a computer system, and I have a little system here; and all of a sudden mutual departments have different systems.

Chairperson Kapusta said and they didn't talk to each other.

Several people began speaking at once.

Councilperson Asseff said while we are talking about it, let's get it done. I don't know what it takes to put a bid out for somebody to come in and plan for us or whatever; but the longer we delay, we are losing a security opportunity.

Chairperson Kapusta said let me ask this first because I definitely feel that the Rec Center, Community Services building needs to be involved, that is our most visible building in the City. That is our building that we have most outsiders going into, residents and non-residents. I think, and no offense to City Hall, I think that's where the priority should go in this. Do either of these folks sit on that Project Management group?

Maggie Osysko said Tom does. Marilyn hasn't been coming.

Chairperson Kapusta said when you have a subsequent meeting, if you could possibly express the concern that we have as a committee in wanting to support going forward and possibly putting some priority to the Recreation Center and Community Service building. You are open until 10:00 at night, you are open at 6:00 in the morning and public going in and out; and then if you could possibly, whoever attends that, could give us a report back at our next meeting, we would appreciate that.

Councilperson Trakas said it's like the cemetery.

Maggie Osysko said Dennis had looked into this to try to get some continuity with how things are even repaired in the City and things like that in our building and what we actually need in buildings and stuff; and similar to what the school system when they had GPD come in and survey it. So, Dennis reached out to talk to the person at the school, Tom Dreiling, and he got some information and reached out to GPD. Dennis and I met with GPD, and they quoted us a price of \$25,000. They would come out, bring whatever experts they needed, architects, look over everything in the buildings, check our HVAC, check out windows, check our roofs, check everything and give us a report on what they feel might be the necessary things that we need to repair coming up.

Procurement Coordinator Zdolshek said they had like 30 specific areas that they look at insofar as even if you are ADA compliant; and everybody who comes out, it will be specific to that specialty. Part of that program is they give you, they provide a budget. They are an architectural firm in addition, that was my first question, \$25,000 seemed fairly reasonable, and that included every building in town.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Maggie Osysko said they could review.

Procurement Coordinator Zdolshek said they would look at everything and say these are your weaknesses, and then they would prioritize things like Councilperson Trakas was saying. Okay,

we might be setting aside money for a roof, but you know what, we really need windows first. They give it a useful life or remaining life on that system in the building.

Maggie Osysko said and they take a boatload of pictures, and they give you a whole manual of your City buildings basically; and they will come out and review. Every year they will come out and recheck things they said, and then like when we decide what we want to do, if we wanted to do new windows, they would actually write the specs for it.

Procurement Coordinator Zdolshek said that's an additional fee for them to do it, and that's how they justify the cost up front. In turn, they hope we turn to them when we are doing projects.

Councilperson Asseff said I am getting confused here. We were talking about security, and all of a sudden we are talking about windows.

Chairperson Kapusta said because that's an aspect I think of what this GPD would do, it would evaluate the whole system.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Maggie Osysko said I'm just throwing that example out there of windows, but it could be anything.

Councilperson Asseff said well there's mechanical. We are talking about Tech Services' issues.

Maggie Osysko said they would have a report of our City so that we have a comprehensive manual on what needs to be done eventually, rather than somebody going oh the HVAC just broke, what are we going to fix it with, do quick repairs on things when maybe we need a whole new system somewhere that would more efficiently or things like that.

Procurement Coordinator Zdolshek said it's similar to what they do with the road program.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Maggie Osysko said you bring in the experts.

Councilperson Trakas said my opinion would be, while that's valuable; and I think you should go ahead and do it, you might want to get a security consultant to come in and discuss overall security as it relates to photographic.

Councilperson Asseff said we can do that, and then start with the Rec Center as we build out the system. So, the first building that would be done would be the Rec Center for security, and that same system gets incorporated into the City Hall, the other buildings and all the things that we have.

Councilperson Trakas said I have seen what those guys do, they are more like an energy audit type firm from a perspective that's what they do. They are not as much into the security aspect of

it all. Excellent idea, but I just think from a security perspective you want to try to get a security consultant to come in. Where should we have photographs and that type of thing. What are your priorities? The buildings need to be maintained as well. We have valuable things around. So, it's a different type of an approach.

Maggie Osysko said and I thought Angie said that years ago they had somebody come in, didn't they?

Procurement Coordinator Zdolshek said we had a study. Actually on the security group, it's Chief Kilbane, Chief Rega, Angie from Court, Chris Cross is the lead person on that; but it seems to have stalled. We were making a lot of headway, and then all of a sudden. One thing that one of the vendors that I did deal with because we did put a security fire alarm system in the Service Department, and with the security firm that has the State contract. One reason why I favored them is because it is described as vendor neutral. By that it means that if you put in like AT&T, you are stuck with AT&T for life, or Simplex or whatever. They systems that they put in, and that's why those were our first goals, we could build onto this system. We could add other buildings, and they wouldn't be competing against one another. You wouldn't have to have multiple vendors servicing them.

Community Services Director Senick said I do think that's something that we talked about for a long time, but in this day and age for everything that is happening in all of these different cities, right here in Ohio; I think it is a priority. If you could actually say, if something God forbid, happened, an active shooter; we don't even have a camera.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Community Services Director Senick said the first thing you see on TV is everybody showing all the cameras. They show who these people are right away. We have nothing.

Chairperson Kapusta asked does the Project Management committee that we are speaking of have a special name? Is it Security?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said Campus Security.

Chairperson Kapusta said can I ask my fellow Councilpersons if we could send a memo from our committee. Chris Cross was the one?

Councilperson Asseff said do that and indicate it a high priority.

Chairperson Kapusta said I will get you copies of that for your review before we send it out.

Councilperson Trakas said you can kind of mention sometimes ADT comes in and do security systems, but then you are locked into ADT. I think it's good. It reminds me of the George Spilker Xerox mentality that no matter what you had, it had to be a Xerox. That used to get frustrating at times I know for everybody who worked at City Hall; but having a security consultant who does this for other entities, military and things like that, I think that is what you

would want to do is something like that so they could make everything broad based and non-biased recommendation.

Councilperson Asseff said the other thing we can do is a survey of our surrounding communities and see who has it and what they have and their experience. We push our people with a letter or memo saying high priority, but yet there are lessons learned out there. Does Brecksville have anything? What do they have? Who do they use? What's their experience?

Councilperson Trakas said our friend Jesse Smollets, he stages this attack and the camera is going in the wrong direction; and you can't see the guy. Where you position these things, what type of camera; there's a strategy behind all of this.

Chairperson Kapusta said alright, that sounds good. We will do that, and I will let you both review it before we send it forward.

Community Services Director Senick said okay, so on with mine. We have \$100,000, this is still from the Civic Center banquet, I don't know why we have security on there, this is more for the atrium.

Procurement Coordinator Zdolshek said I think that was just kind of like a general catch all for Community Services upgrades, and I think part of it they intended for it to be atrium upgrades, also security and possibly even reconfiguring the front desk; but with that being said, I think that's another thing that we kind of have to look at that whole building to try to figure out how we work Recreation and Community Services together so it's one, kind of speak with one voice as opposed to two separate.

Community Services Director Senick said I will need the money, I have to replace the furniture and the carpeting in the atrium.

Chairperson Kapusta asked so that's the \$100,000 you are referring to?

Community Services Director Senick said probably about \$50,000 you think.

Procurement Coordinator Zdolshek said probably between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

Councilperson Asseff said I would assume that none of that is security.

Chairperson Kapusta said no.

Procurement Coordinator Zdolshek said out of \$100,000, part of it, could \$50,000 be used for security?

Councilperson Asseff said what we are talking about is trying to help with a fund to get this thing going. Is the \$50,000 available for security, or is the \$50,000 just there with the other \$50,000 for the atrium?

Several people began speaking at once again.

Councilperson Asseff said it's dedicated funds.

Maggie Osysko said we can raise that up.

Community Services Director Senick said but also, what's going to depend here to as we go on is it if I do an upgrade in the kitchen. Right now we are saying atrium, I have \$100,000 and say I use \$50,000 for that. I am trying to upgrade that kitchen also. That's part of it too.

Councilperson Asseff said well you have \$100,000 for that.

Maggie Osysko said so the money from the bus, let's go back to the bus thing if we could. So, we have all that money for the bus. I am thinking.

Community Services Director Senick said that's going to go somewhere else.

Maggie Osysko asked to?

Community Services Director Senick said it's down here.

Maggie Osysko asked can we just call it Civic Center upgrades or improvements?

Councilperson Asseff said we have I figure \$250,000 rough numbers of funds that are in slots, but yet aren't being used; and we decided we don't need a 41 passenger bus and these other things. We haven't decided what we are going to do for it. Marilyn is asking for an atrium breakthrough and building behind between the atrium and the library, something for Tom, he needs some space, some meeting rooms and that which we can talk about here. Let's just look at it is we have \$250,000, we haven't decided what we are going to do with it.

Community Services Director Senick said that's right.

Chairperson Kapusta asked wouldn't it be better for us as we are approving the budgets for the next five years to have appropriate headings for where those monies were going to be?

Maggie Osysko said that's what I'm saying.

Chairperson Kapusta said I am not saying we should lose the money.

Maggie Osysko said I'm not saying lose the money.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Councilperson Asseff said when Marilyn's going to give her presentation, then we can decide do we want to put it in that type of fund.

Chairperson Kapusta said well, I think you could, but she knows what she would like to allocate for already.

Community Services Director Senick said why don't I just finish what I wanted to do, and you can see maybe this can open up what you might want to do with the money if you approve it, if you agree with this.

Chairperson Kapusta said Civic Center parking lot, 1 or 3.

Maggie Osysko said that's where the \$80,000 is.

Councilperson Trakas asked do we not use that? Why not?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said I think we are veering away from permeable pavers in the City because of what happened down on Dalebrook. It clogs up so quickly.

Chairperson Kapusta said well wait, I want to go back to the parking lot because I am still a little confused here. So, we have under Civic Center Improvements, Tom was talking about timeframes and everything on what we might do for the Civic Center parking lot; and we said there was \$80,000 this year. Is that the \$80,000 that we see down below now?

Maggie Osysko said yes, that's the \$80,000. It says 1 of 3, so I think we just need to.

Chairperson Kapusta said so we need to get rid of this other Civic Center parking lot.

Maggie Osysko said right, which is another one we could put somewhere else too.

Chairperson Kapusta said well we kind of are putting it because we are putting it right below where it says 1 or 3, so we are going to put \$80,000 in 2020 and \$80,000 in 2021.

Maggie Osysko said right, but if we don't need, we don't have to put it in there.

Chairperson Kapusta said well right, but that's for them to determine. We are just going to get rid of the other line item, that's all I wanted to know, it's too confusing.

Are we bringing down that, I see there in 2014 they already have \$25,000, are we going to bring that down there then too because that was for parking lots?

Maggie Osysko said my suggestion would be to keep that \$25,000, bring it down with the other parking lot and maybe not do the other \$80,000 and \$80,000 if we don't need that because Tom's saying about \$100,000 maybe at the most. So, if we had the \$25,000 and the \$80,000 in 2019, we could use that other \$160,000 for something else. So, that would be my suggestion.

Chairperson Kapusta asked do you have that Marilyn?

Community Services Director Senick said I think so.

Chairperson Kapusta said so we are totally eradicating that Civic Center parking lot line above, and we are bringing it here.

Community Services Director Senick said all this money that's maybe kind of like sitting here right now, I have been looking at this since last year an addition on to the Civic Center. In the back of the building where the offices to the library, to extend from the back; I had Norm Casini come out last year and give an estimate. It would give me, what I wanted to really start was upgrade the kitchen. The kitchen is very small, over 30 years old. I wanted to bust out the wall in the kitchen and go into the craft room, use the craft room as a storage area. We have no storage area for all the tables and chairs. Tom can attest to that. So, I wanted to expand the kitchen, use the craft room as storage for all the chairs and tables and then add an addition and plus an upstairs for Tom.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said expanding an area for equipment.

Community Services Director Senick said an addition so it would be kind of going south from where the offices are in the back where Claudia's office is. It would just be extended so, Norm Casini was saying so it could be easy. You just have the three walls going up. It doesn't change the look of the building, but it gives us a lot of space. What was the total square foot for you Tom?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said almost 800 square feet.

Community Services Director Senick said over 1,000 if we go with the other room.

Councilperson Asseff asked what's going to happen with the craft room? You are going to use it for storage.

Community Services Director Senick said storage because all we have is that little. We can't even fit the tables and chairs in there.

Councilperson Asseff asked what are you going to replace it with?

Community Services Director Senick said the craft room then, am I going to replace the craft room?

Several people said yes.

Community Services Director Senick said the craft room would be on the first floor. It would have two additional small meeting rooms which we don't have, or it could also be the craft room.

Councilperson Trakas asked how would you access this new part?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said right from the atrium.

Councilperson Asseff said that space between the atrium and the library.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz produced a rendering of the proposed addition.

Community Services Director Senick said so we have talked years about giving Tom more space upstairs.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said we are looking at two walls. This is the outside grass. This is inside though. You would get to this right in the atrium there. There's the craft room. That would turn into storage, and then this would end up turning into the new craft room.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz asked Community Services Director Senick what was the cost on that? Was it \$255,000 total?

Community Services Director Senick said that would not include the kitchen.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Community Services Director Senick said it's a vision.

Chairperson Kapusta said you are guessing, I realize you are estimating, \$150,000 for the kitchen.

Community Services Director Senick said that's what Norm Casini said.

Chairperson Kapusta said okay, \$255,000 for the build out actually.

Community Services Director Senick said right.

Councilperson Trakas said this is an office.

Community Services Director Senick said it should be upstairs for Tom and gets two offices or it could be a craft room and an office or small meeting rooms. When somebody wants to come and rent a room for 20 people, I have to give them you know.

Chairperson Kapusta said so just so I understand again, we are still going to get an office out of it.

Community Services Director Senick said right, or an office and a craft room. Norm is telling me two offices.

Councilperson Trakas said that seems like a lot of money for two offices.

Community Services Director Senick said well it's two offices. Let's call it the craft room and office plus the upstairs.

Councilperson Trakas said it seems like a lot of money for what we are trying to accomplish. I want you to be able to accomplish this. I am not sure this is the most effective way to do that.

Procurement Coordinator Zdolshek said Marilyn, it's only 725 square feet.

Community Services Director Senick asked upstairs you are saying Dennis?

Procurement Coordinator Zdolshek said I am assuming it would be up and down because it's 22' x 30', 22' x 33' is 726 square feet. It's 1,400 square feet.

Community Services Director Senick said well the other issue too is I am trying to get storage space. I have no place for my tables and chairs. The kitchen we are crowded in there. There is no storage in there. I mean, we cannot even fit the tables in there. You see when you go into the rooms, everything is in those rooms.

Chairperson Kapusta said I still always wonder how we are able to get Health Department approval without a dishwasher.

Community Services Director Senick said the building is 30 years old, it needs an upgraded kitchen. This isn't written in stone. This is an idea where we could look at it and see the feasibility of it because we talked about one time of building out from the front with the canopy and giving Tom the upstairs where it was a lot more money for that.

Councilperson Trakas said and that didn't get you much.

Community Services Director Senick said and that didn't give us room where this is going to give.

Councilperson Trakas said GPD might be somebody you want to ask about this. As I recall, the minute we moved into this building, we had zero space. Then when we moved into the Civic Center, we had zero space. Maybe we need a fresh set of eyes on space allocation.

Councilperson Asseff said I think once we get more solid numbers because we have a lot of money just sitting there in idle accounts that we projected that we would need that we don't need. So, it's not really an issue of allocating new funds, it's shifting funds and then see what we need to do with the kitchen.

Councilperson Trakas said I just think of it as that taking that whole area and making it into a space that we can use. If you are going to spend this kind of money for two rooms or soon after three rooms, what would do if you would take that whole area.

Community Services Director Senick asked what whole area are you talking about?

Councilperson Trakas said the entire walkway there.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz asked are you talking about that whole area, the outdoor?

Councilperson Trakas said yes. It might be just money. It might be more, but you might get a lot more space and not that many people use it anyway; and it might be a better fit.

Community Services Director Senick said you are talking about the atrium in the center between the library.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Councilperson Trakas said because that will get you a lot more space.

Community Services Director Senick said it doesn't solve my kitchen issue. My kitchen is small, and old. It does solve my storage issue. You know what I'm saying. You look at going into the craft room, you could take all the tables and chairs and go right through the rooms to go there. We have to go outdoors, hit the doors, knock the doors to go into this little storage area. I am trying to expand where we can have a good storage and a kitchen. We are really like sardines in there. It's ridiculous, but I definitely need more storage; and I would like a nice upgrade of the kitchen. Okay, give me some new cabinets and a new stove. If that's what you want to do, but I don't think that is what you need in that area.

Councilperson Trakas said 30 years ago we didn't envision being as busy of a facility as it is in every aspect and all the equipment and things that you need are all your own needs. So, now 30 years later, rather than just adding on because you might be able to take a little broader of an approach.

Community Services Director Senick said right, and I wanted to get the conversation going for a vision of what can we do; and Tom has said that he could use more space for his equipment and what he wants to do.

Councilperson Trakas said no question about it.

Community Services Director Senick said and like you said, we have the money, if we could get something at least. We have some good ideas there, maybe a different approach.

Chairperson Kapusta asked so what would be your next step? I think you have us interested, and you have a commitment to say let's explore this further. What would be your next step then?

Community Services Director Senick asked what would be my next step? My priority would try to be, and again, how would you want to do it? Just get a committee going to really work on this to get something. I want to improve the kitchen and storage space. It is ridiculous.

Procurement Coordinator Zdolshek said I think that you are on point a little bit early when you said I think you need to get somebody to look at the building as a whole in saying where are we

with facilities there and then to include that; okay if we are putting an addition on the building, we also would have to take into consideration how that would affect security down the road and everything. So, I think you need to kind of look at, take a step back and say okay here this is what we would like to accomplish. Here is a blank slate, and what would you recommend. How can we achieve that?

Community Services Director Senick said right. What are our needs? My needs are an upgraded kitchen or a new kitchen. I need storage. I would like a new craft room. Tom, I think we are outdated with our upstairs.

Councilperson Trakas said there's a lot of space that's not really used efficiently in the building. It is just because it is the design of the building. So, maybe if you took a holistic approach and said what we want to do is have x amount of banquet rooms, x amount of workout room; where would you put that? Maybe redeploy the whole building and maybe make some changes to the building so that it would be a bigger project but it would actually solve your problems. This looks like it's jerry-rigged in a sense; and I am worried about it. You would probably outgrow it as soon as you did it. I am thinking maybe let's be a little bit bolder and think about what more we can do.

Maggie Osysko said the other thing, we talked about for years too has been along with the security comes the access into the building. We might only need one. I think we need somebody to come out and kind of give us an overall view of what the possibilities are and include the security into that because right now you walk in and can go either way. There is nobody watching you until you actually cross in front of the desks basically.

Councilperson Trakas said you have people wandering aimlessly, and it is an issue. We talked about this before. People who aren't residents, and how do you track them down? Then you just have a bigger, comprehensive. You have security issues, you have space allocation issues, you have very popular rooms. Maybe the current rooms become something else, and then you are adding something else on with more rooms. I would just think about this a little bit differently.

Maggie Osysko said like the money that we aren't using for the bus and stuff, we can kind of just group it in one thing that says Civic Center Upgrades, Civic Center Improvements, whatever you want to call it and kind of move that money in there. So, if we are accumulating money if we do decide whatever we want to do.

Community Services Director Senick said you don't have to wait another five years to do it.

Maggie Osysko said no, and I am not sure that I would even keep the kitchen upgrades separate. I would kind of just put that all together because it might be a whole big project; but my suggestion is to make it all on each line that we have the money reserved. Now going forward, we could put the \$150,000 for 2020 and another for 2021 because we are not using the money for the parking lot.

Councilperson Trakas said you are building it up.

Maggie Osysko said but I think just keep it altogether, not necessarily break it up into different things because security, banquet rooms, kitchen improvements, it's all kind of one big job that we are going to end up doing.

Community Services Director Senick said and it's the same thing though, we talk. We have been doing this for five years, what I know of; and we are still in the talking stage.

Chairperson Kapusta said that's why I asked what is your next step?

Community Services Director Senick said you are saying put it away for 2021, I want something done by then. I don't want to put another \$100,000.

Maggie Osysko said I am just saying, even if we put the \$150,000 in 2021.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Community Services Director Senick said look at that kitchen please. Everybody come over there and walk in that kitchen, and what we have with those banquet rooms. You want to use the bus, we will take a ride over to Brecksville and look at their kitchen. It can function.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Councilperson Trakas said we weren't going to have a kitchen. We were going to have people bring food in. We weren't supposed to have a kitchen.

Chairperson Kapusta said if you could rework this based on what I hear from the discussion and synthesize some of these things together, I think that would be helpful because then when this goes to the full Council, it will be easier I think to understand, accept and go forward with supporting you on it.

Community Services Director Senick said and I appreciate everybody's comments.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Councilperson Asseff said we need somebody to look at this whole project and then make the recommendations for the kitchen, for the bathroom, the whole thing in one package. We may not build it out as one package, but present it as one package.

Procurement Coordinator Zdolshek said you know Councilperson Trakas, even with Tom has a number of things that he needs, that he has spoken to me about; and I think it makes sense to include Recreation because right now the building is kind of treated as this is Community Services, this is Rec. Then it is like we go back and forth with the money, and it's the whole building, including the parking lot, including everything and say okay what can we do so we get the most bang for our buck and the most use out of this building where everybody benefits, Recreation, Community Services and will support the residents.

Councilperson Trakas said I would even be in favor of approaching the library and asking do you want to move someplace else. We could use that.

Community Services Director Senick said I will tell you, years ago we did do that to really let them leave and get them a new library. That would be beautiful to have the whole area.

Councilperson Trakas said move them to the center of town on the land we have because there isn't a soul that wants to buy it from us and develop it without \$20,000,000. Just have that as your Civic Center.

Chairperson Kapusta said I could only but imagine what it would cost to build a new library here, and that would fall on us to do that.

Councilperson Asseff said I smile because I was President of the Library, and we built multiple libraries; and we had a budget of about \$500,000 per library that worked well until we got to the Glenville library because it was George Forbes and Mike White fighting each other and everything. That library came in at \$2,000,000.

Chairperson Kapusta said while I respect what you are saying, I think I would rather see us use our City money to improve our building rather than build a new structure for them.

Councilperson Asseff said I don't think we need a new structure.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said the concept of a library now is so much different than it was years ago. They are smaller. That's why the high school did away with their library.

Chairperson Kapusta said they reconfigured it, right.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said you used to go to the library to look up things, and now you pull that phone out and you could basically get an answer on your phone no matter where you are.

Chairperson Kapusta said okay, let me ask this question while the library was brought up. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the library? Is that the County's responsibility? I would like us to possibly send them a note telling them to spruce up the front of that building, that whole door. It looks horrible. It doesn't make a good reflection on us as a City, and people call it the Independence Cuyahoga library. I just don't like that. I have often wondered about that. The point is we know they have already coordinated our, the head librarian of the Brecksville library is our head librarian too. So, they are already coordinating some services as they are trying to downsize their expenses as well. We do not have our own head librarian like we used to. This has been for several years already.

Marilyn, do you have a direction of what we are suggesting that you work on this; and then too I don't know if you heard the conversation that Councilperson Asseff was saying which was it

would also be helpful when this was presented to Council if they at least had somewhat of an outline of what you are hoping this to look like. So, rather than just saying you know upgrades to the Civic Center, x amount of money, what are you hoping it would look like too? Or what it would include, let me put it that way, what it would include? Okay?

Thank you very much for presentation.

Okay, Tom can we move into you?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said I think everyone has the handout. The pages are numbered, but we are saving for campus security and have been for the past three years, on the second page. We have been saving just so you know. There's a fund for that. It ends in 2019.

Councilperson Trakas said so we have \$60,000 allocated. That's a start.

Councilperson Asseff said that could cover the cost of the Civic Center. They could set it up so that the other buildings and everything could all hook in and become one; but that's the first one in the process.

Councilperson Trakas said and everything has to be systematic so that dedicated people are looking at this thing and not just random.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said okay, so on the first page I am going to go through, this is our basic department Five-Year Capital; and anything that's highlighted in yellow are proposed additions, changes or deletions. So, just keep that in mind.

So, I am just going to go over the yellow highlighted items. For 2020 I would like to add \$35,000 to complete the playground project out there.

Councilperson Trakas asked what more do you need?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said this would be Phase 2, and would be done in the kid area. We have \$35,000 from this year, and a \$35,000 grant; and then we have some funds that were available from last year that we did not use. We have some concrete work that we use to go towards this; but we would need an additional \$35,000 to complete what we want to do over there.

I am going to go right to the next pieces if that's okay with everybody.

The ride on auto floor scrubber for the Fieldhouse, I want to push that to 2021 and add \$5,000 to that. The machine is going to be around \$18,000, and next year I might even push it to 2022. Obviously, I am not going to use it if the present machine is working. So, as of right now, I don't think we will need this until 2021.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said the walk behind floor cleaner for the Civic Center, I want to totally remove that because this past year we actually replaced it; and we had funds that we used already. So, that's going to come off.

The next item is the Elmwood pool water feature replacement, and this is where, if you look at all of our Public Lands and Buildings, we have been saving money for the Fieldhouse, Town Hall, Historic Hall, City Hall, and we never had the outdoor pool facility on there as a facility. So, what I am proposing is to actually add a facility on to that portion of the Five-Year Capital that says Outdoor Pool Facility because believe it or not this year, that pool was completed in 2000; so this will be going on 21 years for that facility. We really haven't put much money into that place at all, and we have to upkeep it. So, this Elmwood pool water feature would be moved to another location on the Five-Year budget. I will talk about that when we get to that page.

Down the road, again 2023 or even 2024, I am looking at things that are going to break down the road. We have some of our equipment, by this time out of that one machine it will be 18 years old. So, that's why I am looking at down the road adding some money in there to replace one of our big pieces of equipment for our grass.

Here's one for discussion, and again I will open it up to say Jim or Doc when you are around the Civic Center, I can take you in there; I showed Dennis. The Civic Center locker rooms are one of our most used areas in that building. They are in bad shape. The lockers are rotted out. We have patched to get through, get more time out of them. Brecksville updated their locker room I think five or six years ago; so ours have lasted longer than Brecksville's because their building opened after ours. You have to stop by Jim. That is going to be a big capital expense right there. That's why Dennis and I were talking, and it's going to be, we don't know the exact numbers right now, but it's probably going to be between \$200,000 and \$230,000 is what we are looking at. The lockers themselves to get plastic lockers to replace all of those is probably going to be around \$40,000 to \$50,000 just for the lockers themselves.

Procurement Coordinator Zdolshek said one of the things as part of that project also is that if we are going to do the expense of remodeling, I kind of think that we should have it done, plans drawn, and make sure that the facility then is ADA compliant. Currently, I don't think that everything is ADA compliant. I think it's another situation where we should start with a clean slate and instead of trying to retrofit things, just go in there and say hey look do what needs to be done. Tom has pointed out, there are low spots in the concrete where water always puddles, and it does need substantial work.

Councilperson Trakas said look at Seven Hills. Do it right.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said so I am just putting that in there.

Chairperson Kapusta said Tom can I ask you are always so proactive in your planning and everything, we are putting in \$10,000, \$10,000, \$10,000 and \$10,000 only. This is a big amount obviously for one year, I am not questioning that it is needed Tom. Please understand that, but was there a reason why you didn't start to put in more like \$25,000 or \$30,000 each year before that?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said we didn't realize how big it would be.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Chairperson Kapusta said my next part to that question then too Tom is do we have any monies in that prior to 2017?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said I don't think so.

Chairperson Kapusta said so we just started.

Maggie Osysko said I would have to look that up.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said from what I can tell, I don't think so.

Chairperson Kapusta said because I think we will probably get asked that question.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said back in the day when John, and the way John had it set up which I think was good, it's the way Maggie is talking about now. John had it set up where there was a fund for the Civic Center for Civic Center improvements; and we were putting away between \$25,000 and \$50,000 each year, and that was going to go towards major projects like the Oak Room remodel, the locker room remodel. Somehow along the way it got broken up into locker rooms and then banquet room upgrades. So, I don't know how that happened, and that's how I think it should have stayed as a Civic Center improvement so we could all look at it and say what is our highest priority to get done.

Chairperson Kapusta said okay, instead of being pigeonholed into one thing.

Councilperson Asseff said barring a recession, we should have the money for it. Our collections are up, we are doing well with that.

Councilperson Trakas said the next two years, plus what we have planned for the 33 acres. It should be good for a while.

Maggie Osysko said and back to the parking lot again.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Chairperson Kapusta said the same thing too, we have kitchen renovations here; and Tom I am assuming you are talking about the big kitchen, not your little kitchen.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said this next page was actually the Five-Year Capital which is Publicly Owned Lands and Buildings. This really isn't the Rec Department budget per se, this is more Public Lands and Buildings.

Chairperson Kapusta said gotcha.

Councilperson Trakas said so your big number is obviously the locker rooms.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said right. Just so you know down the road, I think it was Marilyn, how long ago, about eight years ago when the Community Service side front desk was improved. Our front desk, it was pointed out to me by a couple of people already, our front desk, the whole desk itself is getting pretty bad as far as the way, the condition of it. So, down the road we have to look at replacing that desk; and like I said, if we get a consultant in, maybe they can tell us better.

Councilperson Trakas said maybe we do some things where we don't have that whole concept. There might be a better way to do that. Put the money aside in 2021, but let's not be married to something that we know maybe there's some other approach.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said and then the last piece on this one is we have been talking about it, we haven't been putting any money away for it; but it's the restrooms at the Shared Use soccer field area.

Councilperson Trakas said let's bring that back.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said we should have restrooms over there by the soccer fields.

Chairperson Kapusta asked that's the ones that we talked about in the past about having them up by the Service Department so we could use that wall and then just build the other three.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said yes, it's a more inexpensive way to build restrooms. That's maybe a whole thing for the Finance Committee to have something that could be all talked about amongst yourselves. Right now we have porta-potties out there which we are paying for those \$102 a month for 8 or 9 months out of the year.

Councilperson Trakas asked how many of them do we have?

Maggie Osysko said one of them sits in a parking spot so you can't park there.

Chairperson Kapusta said so we pay \$100 for those you are saying.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said yes.

Procurement Coordinator Zdolshek said it's actually in front of the high school isn't it?

Maggie Osysko said yes.

Procurement Coordinator Zdolshek said if you were visiting the school, they have a lot of ammo.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said moving on to Rec Building upgrades.

Councilperson Trakas asked so what kind of a latrine does this buy us by the way? How many shooters do we have for \$50,000?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said it would be a women's and men's with a commode on each one and a urinal. You can get the utilities out of the Service garage. That would be the most economical way to build a set of restrooms.

Going on to the next page, the Old Rec; and this has been talked about for a while. We looked at a floor for that building, but we would go with what is called a Pulastic floor which is what the Fieldhouse is. It would actually be a better grade than what they have at the Fieldhouse, and the cost for that, by the time 2023 comes around, would be about \$50,000 to do that floor. That would basically complete that building with the upgrades for the most part as far as flooring in that building.

Councilperson Trakas asked what is this product?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said it's what the Fieldhouse floor is made from. It is 3/8 inch piece of rubber, and then it has four different coatings; and the last coating is a real dense surface. It is more of a rubber based product.

Councilperson Trakas asked is that easier to maintain than wood?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said it would be easier to maintain. It wouldn't need sealed like that top floor we have now.

Chairperson Kapusta said and obviously it must be holding up fairly well because you wouldn't need anything.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said Dave originally had on here for HVAC upgrades; and we actually put a new boiler system in the building already. So, if we want to do anything, we could air condition that building; and I might be high on this, but we already had these two \$10,000 for 2020 and 2021. I think if we add another \$10,000, that would more than cover to air condition that gym so the gym would be air conditioned.

In our wrap up Community Service meeting that we have at the end of this year, I will do an analysis of the increase in rentals that the facility has because of the new kitchen we have.

Procurement Coordinator Zdolshek asked have you given any thought to maybe adding insulation for that building also if you are going to put in an air conditioner? You probably would want to add insulation.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said I don't know that gym, the way that the ceiling is, if there's any way to get insulation in there. Whatever is in there right now is barely good.

Procurement Coordinator Zdolshek said that might be another case where we want to have somebody here do a facilities study and say hey is it feasible, is it not feasible?

Maggie Osysko asked is there a reason why you are pushing that off to 2023, the floor if it's the last thing in the building to do?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said there's no particular reason. I just thought we had expenses in the next couple of years. If we could do it earlier, that would be fine.

Maggie Osysko said since the rest of the building is all done, why wait another five years for the floor.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said that could be something that could be discussed at the Finance Committee meeting.

Procurement Coordinator Zdolshek said Tom knows you are tough Maggie.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said and on the last page I want to remove the pavilion by the tennis courts, slide doors. I am not sure why that was on there. Somebody brought that up one time. I just don't think it's necessary. I don't think it is needed, so I am going to remove that. Then the Elmwood Park utility pole removal underground electric because we don't have any poles left in the park.

Then again this is why I wanted to add the Outdoor Pool Facility as part of the Publicly Owned Buildings and Lands. Again, these aren't wants, these are going to be needs down the road; and the Diamond Brite surface, that was original. We are definitely getting our money's worth out of that because we have never done this. If we do that in 2022, we would have gotten 22 years out of that surface, and we never had to do anything to it. That was one of the best surfaces we ever put down.

Councilperson Trakas asked is it failing, or you just anticipate it.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said what happens is it degrades each year, and as it degrades, the surface gets rougher and rougher; and by that time we feel it's going to be needed to be done.

The slide flume interior we never did anything with. We did the exterior of it, so that's going to need to be resurfaced.

Councilperson Trakas asked what is the slide flume?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz it's the blue part of the slide.

We will need three pool chemical controllers, we want to upgrade those.

I know Doc this is a sore subject for you, the UV for the outdoor pool. Right now, just so you know, the State requirement is that any outdoor water park is required to have UV as a secondary disinfection system. Eventually, the State will make all of us to do. I really predict this down the road, so that's why we are putting it down towards 2023.

Councilperson Asseff said I have a hard time accepting this because it's a surface area being beaten down by the sun which is UV; and then we are putting chemicals in the water, chlorine and what have you, and then this here. The question that I have is how much more will this give us from what we have now? I would like to see that kind of data.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said the big thing is it will help cryptosporidium. It's a parasite, and if you look up on it, it is a nasty parasite; and it has been getting in more and more pools. That's why I think this is being such a big thing because the only thing that really kills that parasite is UV light.

Councilperson Trakas said but we have the sun.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said I know what you are saying, but if someone gets in your pool that has cryptosporidium, they basically contaminate that pool, and the chlorine cannot kill that parasite for 12 days. So, it can be alive in that pool for 12 days.

Chairperson Kapusta said I would suggest Tom because I remember you told us before that the State is going towards requirements, is that mandated already or will be?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said it's mandated for water parks, which is like Cedar Point, big water parks it is mandated for.

Councilperson Trakas asked can you get who it is mandated by, the U.S. Department of Health?

Chairperson Kapusta said that would be helpful.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said again, that's why I asked before, this year or next year it's out there because I think eventually it's going to be required just like all of our drain grates in the pools. Eventually all that stuff trickles down.

The water feature replacement for the outdoor pool, again I would like to plan for that upgrade. That pool is going to be 20 years old. Just so you know, Cleveland Magazine had a ranking back over the summer of the best pools in Cuyahoga County, and I don't know if anybody saw that; but believe it or not our pools came in Number 2. We were beat out by Middleburg Heights outdoor pool. I think it was June or July.

Chairperson Kapusta asked do you have a copy of it?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said I could drop that off.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Councilperson Trakas asked Maggie, what kind of growth are you projecting or thinking about? I know we try to stay flat, and then see how the world comes together; but we had a couple of years of that. What are you thinking for next year?

Maggie Osysko asked as far as income tax? My guess right now would just be pretty much the same, flat. It's really not flat. We should get an increase because of some of the new developments that are coming like Topgolf and some of the other companies that are coming on at Pleasant Valley. We should see some kind of growth. I am not really sure how much.

Councilperson Trakas said I'm just thinking that we aren't going to be doing every street known to mankind as we are in 2019; so we will have some additional funds hopefully.

Councilperson Asseff said I would think we would see about a 2%. What you have is fuller employment, more people working, better salaries, all of those things. It's not phenomenal, but better and 1% to 2% increase.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said and then the last piece is what I know a lot of departments have been putting in just to cover miscellaneous things that come up like a freezer/refrigerator that goes out. These refrigerator/freezers cost \$6,000 or \$8,000 now for commercial, a scoreboard. It seems like we always have something that comes up, and I go to Dennis and Maggie and try to find funds to get a replacement. So, I would like to add a fund in there for miscellaneous, and we might not even use it.

Chairperson Kapusta asked anything that either of you can give us as supporting information, pictures of the locker room. I think that article about our pool and how we are ranking is good. Marilyn, if you have anything that you want to share from the architect, or anything, that would be great. That would help us as we go forward with this process and then work on consolidating some of those items with Maggie. I think that will make it clearer to go through and support. I personally think you have done a really good job, both of you, in explaining what your needs are and it helps us too when we have to go forward and sit with the Finance Committee. So, we greatly appreciate that.

Do we have any other questions?

Community Services Director Senick said I will say to you, if you are ever around and want to stop over and just look to see what I am saying about the kitchen and how I want to take out the wall, what I want to do with the craft room and kind of see the storage area if you are not aware of the small space there. I know we are looking at the big picture, but I think it gives you an idea if you could look at that.

Councilperson Trakas said I will stop over.

Councilperson Asseff said I think in the plans that we have your suggestion, cover that whole area and see what we can get with extra square feet, more for storage. You have the opportunity, and we are having somebody look at it and say what is this and what is that? It will all be on the same nickel.

Councilperson Trakas said we have inefficient space there.

Chairperson Kapusta said okay, no other questions? I would like to thank Dennis and Maggie for joining us today. It has been very helpful to us in our discussion and greatly appreciate it.

Chairperson Kapusta said we have the approval of the Minutes from the June 20, 2019 meeting.

Moved by Asseff seconded by Trakas, to approve the Minutes of the Community Services Committee Meeting of June 20, 2019. Voice Vote: 3 yes/0 no; motion carried.

Moved by Asseff, seconded by Trakas, to adjourn the Community Services Committee Meeting of September 5, 2019. Voice Vote: 3 yes/0 no; motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, the Community Services Committee Meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Debra J. Beal, Clerk of Council
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