



AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: APRIL 9, 2007

DEPARTMENT: FINANCE AND BUSINESS SERVICES

DIRECTOR: MARK R. VINCENT

Consent Discussion

SUBJECT:

Discussion and possible action regarding currently funded capital projects - All Wards

Fiscal Impact:

No Impact Augmentation Required
 Budget Funds Available

Amount:

Funding Source:

Dept./Division: Finance and Business Services

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

After the Budget Workshop, the City Council requested that staff consider the need for another workshop to address capital project needs. This Capital Project workshop will review the funding currently authorized for the City Facilities, Fire Services, Detention and Enforcement, and Parks and Leisure Activities Capital Projects Funds.

RECOMMENDATION:

None

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted at meeting Update on Tentative Budget and CPF Review by Mark Vincent

Motion made by GARY REESE to Approve accepting the report and directing staff to review components of the spreadsheet, individually brief councilmembers and schedule an agenda item at the 5/2/2007 City Council meeting for additional consideration

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

BRENDA J. WILLIAMS, LOIS TARKANIAN, LARRY BROWN, OSCAR B. GOODMAN, GARY REESE, STEVE WOLFSON, STEVEN D. ROSS; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

Minutes:

MARK VINCENT, Director of Finance, appeared with CANDACE FALDER to report changes in the City's process, review current projects, detail funding available and review possible reprioritizations. He detailed the handout made available for Council and indicated there were funds available to spend. MR. VINCENT identified nine positions that could be reassigned to other positions affecting Parks Facilities, Fire Stations and Facilities, and Detention Facilities.

He outlined \$1.7 million in Ward 6 residential construction tax and noted that about \$6.9 million of tax generated is based upon residential construction in park districts. These funds are available to be used in parks for each ward in addition to \$5 million dollars in artificial turf, \$1.8

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million in shade structures and field lighting. MR. VINCENT identified \$20.5 million dollars available for reprogramming ward specific residential construction tax.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN inquired if the \$20.5 million would be applied towards artificial turf, shade structures and field lighting but MR. VINCENT referenced No. 5 of the packet to identify the funds set aside for such improvements and indicated that he does not recommend using any savings for another purpose. COUNCILMAN REESE indicated that Ward 3 is in need of improvements and he specifically requested the City's assistance to install artificial turf at Desert Pines High School.

COUNCILMAN BROWN requested MR. VINCENT highlight information regarding the Cultural Corridor Improvements, and DEPUTY CITY MANAGER BESSY FRETWELL indicated that the Centennial Committee awarded a substantial grant for the median. She added that the Centennial Committee also designated grants to five legacy projects, one being to restore historic signs to be placed in the median.

MR. VINCENT requested direction working towards the final plan for the Doc Little Community Center upgrades. There is \$1.6 million to be placed back into the budget or used for completing another project and sought the Council's direction.

COUNCILMAN ROSS requested additional briefing time to discuss these figures separately so that proper direction could be given. COUNCILMAN WOLFSON added that the total amount available should be divided between wards. MR. VINCENT clarified that the same amount of money is not available for each ward and there are very different projects underway within each ward.

At the request of COUNCILMAN BROWN, MR. VINCENT detailed the Entertainment Trail Streetscape project and the purpose of the funding and outlined funding used for the Floyd Lamb Park improvements. COUNCILMAN REESE noted that former COUNCILMAN WEEKLY had requested money be transferred from the federal government for aid.

MR. VINCENT addressed the Freedom Park Pool and gave progress about the Field of Dreams Project in Ward 3. COUNCILMAN REESE indicated that all six fields should be out for bid.

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON commented on the primary source of funding and secondary sources related to property taxes. He requested clarification about whether such funds would be incorporated into the discussions and whether each ward gets a certain amount to use. MAYOR GOODMAN clarified that if fund availability depended largely on affluent wards, then Ward 1, 3 and 5 would suffer. The matter is dealt with as a City-wide issue rather than ward specific.

COUNCILMAN REESE noted that Ward 2 has not requested monies for park facilities because the communities within Ward 2 and some of Ward 4 have constructed them independently. COUNCILMAN BROWN noted that RTC funds could be divided by wards and MR. VINCENT confirmed that the only way to tally ward specific activity would be via property taxes of each ward. Any and all other recourses would not be attainable by individual wards.



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MR. VINCENT outlined the progress of Garside Pool and indicated that the City had anticipated obtaining funds from the Clark County School District but those were no longer available. COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN stated that the City was to match funds with the County but the County has reached a deficit and can no longer participate.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS requested further details about the Martin Luther King Median Landscaping Project. CHARLIE KAJKOWSKI, Public Works Director, stated the project is an extension from North Las Vegas and would entail landscaping within a median from Bonanza Road to Carry Avenue. The Las Vegas Arts District Gateway was briefly discussed and MR. KAJKOWSKI indicated that the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) has offered to match funds for that area as well as the Arts Commission. COUNCILMAN BROWN requested that Item 43 should be detailed in briefings another time and COUNCILMAN ROSS expressed that it is not efficient to intermingle funds and requested that such funded projects be removed from the list. COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS requested that something greater than rock landscaping be considered for that area.

MR. VINCENT addressed the shade structures planned for some parks and COUNCILMAN REESE requested those be in place before money is re-assigned. COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN agreed. MAYOR GOODMAN encouraged all Councilmembers to visit and attend as many meetings as possible without violating the Open Meeting Law. He requested clarification of why COUNCILMAN BROWN continued to request certain items be labeled with an asterisk and MR. VINCENT explained that those items and the available funding should be briefed in detail with each Councilmember. MAYOR GOODMAN agreed with the concept to label such items.

LARRY HAUGSNESS, Director of Field Operations, stated that the City was quoted a reasonable figure for the shade structures needed for the aforementioned parks. COUNCILMAN ROSS and COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN expressed their desire to assure the parks' playground equipment be shaded.

Pertaining to the Stewart/First Street Landscaping, MR. VINCENT stated that project is partially funded by the NDOT general funding in addition to the obligation fund from CDBG grant money. The project is in design and is considering the Stupak Center before the design is finalized. Once additional CDBG grants are discovered, MR. VINCENT stated he would discuss the matter in whole with each Councilmember. COUNCILMAN REESE supported those improvements and indicated that the development of a community center is important for Ward 1 and deserves further discussion.

The Urban Pathways was discussed by MR. VINCENT and MAYOR GOODMAN stated that the ultimate desire would be to improve the sidewalks that link the Entertainment District with Downtown. MARGO WHEELER, Director of Planning and Development, stated the sidewalk area from the Las Vegas Academy High School would be incorporated with the Urban Pathways in addition to linking Las Vegas Boulevard from SoHo Lofts to Newport Lofts with a second phase to follow. MS. WHEELER stated that the area off Casino Center Boulevard to downtowns California Hotel and Casino would be improved as new development occurs.

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COUNCILMAN BROWN inquired whether the Urban Pathways would lead to the Post Modern including core and shell along with the museum development and whether general funds would be used. MR. VINCENT stated that general funds could be used to the extent that they're available. He emphasized that filling gaps between new developments in the Downtown area is puzzling because new developers are not responsible for those improvements.

COUNCILMAN ROSS suggested Special Improvements Districts to help fill in the gap between new developments and MS. WHEELER stated that the Redevelopment Area would support another plan besides Phase 1 and Phase 2.

MR. VINCENT spoke about the possibility of a new City Hall and/or improvements needed that entail a new electrical system. MAYOR GOODMAN inquired the status of a new building and DOUG SELBY, City Manager, stated that a new City Hall could be established in five years. MR. VINCENT suggested further discussing the two options of continuing to lease and renovating the building as necessary, or building another City Hall altogether.

COUNCILMAN ROSS urged that the Council be mindful of the water wells and inquired the status of the water wells servicing Floyd Lamb Park. COUNCILMAN BROWN queried whether we have rights to the well and how much it would cost the City to purchase those rights from the Southern Nevada Water Authority. COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN expressed that it would be a huge cost.

MR. VINCENT described the plans for a Ward 6 Fire Station. After some miscommunication COUNCILMAN ROSS was pleased to know there are plans to provide fire service to the growing part of Las Vegas. MS. FRETWELL clarified some of the reasons for the plans and supported MR. VINCENTS recommendation from the first budget hearing.

MAYOR GOODMAN requested clarification about the general funds to be used to provide the service needed and stated he would turn to the public to provide financial assistance if needed. The matter of safety is a precedent and COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN concurred.