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CITY COUNCIL

BUDGET MEETING

JANUARY 25TH, 2024 6:30 PM

MINUTES

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Councilmembers Alex Clark, Richard DeRose, Steve Light, Tommy Marrone, Christine Parker, and Council President Nick LaRotonda

ABSENT: Councilwoman Sandy Cain and Mayor Kim Horton

ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator/CFO Jessica Thompson, City Engineer Ed Dennis, City Clerk Carie Crone, Police Chief J.R. Laughlin, Police Captain Jeff Mazer, Police Lieutenants Ray Adams and Rich Huenke, Fire Chief Roy Talley, and Deputy Chief Jeff Ciccone

STATEMENT OF THE SUNSHINE LAW & NOTIFICATION THAT THIS MEETING IS ELECTRONICALLY RECORDED

Councilman DeRose: Wanted to clear up any confusion or misunderstandings about the City's PBA Negotiations. Affirmed that Council is operating in good faith through the contract negotiations with the PBA. Takes public safety very seriously.

Chief Laughlin: Spoke on behalf of officers whom he has talked with. They understand that contract negotiations are a process and believe the matter will be settled within a short time. Implied that officers were embarrassed by some of the comments made on the Absecon residents' Facebook Page and believed they were counterproductive to the common goal.

Council President LaRotonda: Agreed with Councilman DeRose. Assured the Police that the City will work towards an agreement.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Laughlin: Provided a line items worksheet. Reminded Council that, last year, they decreased their budget by \$3,000. Informed Council that their budget this year has increased \$4,000 from last year. Because the number of Police Officers increased last year, the uniform allowance ended up being \$2,000 over budget. Training is always expensive, and now that costs are increasing due to licensing, \$1,000 has been added to that budget. \$1,000 was also added for supplies. Reported that the Police Dept. did not use their total budget last year. Explained, that by early last summer, the PD recognized that several officers were planning to leave the agency, and so they needed to plan

accordingly, for the potential need for more overtime pay. Although two Officers did leave, one left towards the end of the year and so did not inflict a large impact on budget expectations. Secondly, under Budget Proposals, the PD's ongoing fees are listed (maintenance, training modules, software updates, etc.). Has had previous discussion with J. Thompson about the City's need to incur the maintenance fees, as the cost to fix any issues resulting from maintenance negligence, will be much more expensive. So, the Dept. needs to budget an additional \$5,000 for two programs. The Dept. has been using ProPhoenix's CAD system for about two years, and want to utilize its additional Internal Affairs software (\$3K). The Guardian Alliance Technologies Tracking is another software utilized by the Police to track training, car maintenance, personnel matters, disciplines, scheduling, etc. The background aspect of the Technology would be useful for recruitment and hiring of personnel. The Police's support staff is very limited, so the hiring process has extended to allow Police Officers to do the proper work required. The PD has gone through the process of being licensed with the State, there will be some Officers who will need to be re-licensed every year.

Council President LaRotonda: Asked whether he included the prices of Licensing in the budget.

Chief Laughlin: Confirmed that it was built into the budget. Last year the PD budgeted for two vehicles, however were unable to order any. They have already started looking into new vehicles this year. Addressed that the price of Explorers has increased from \$31k to \$45k.

Councilman DeRose: Can the unused vehicle money from last year be rolled over to this year?

J. Thompson: The money was canceled at the end of the year.

Council President LaRotonda: Brought up the possibility of using a leasing company for vehicles.

Chief Laughlin: Indicated that Lt. Adams had recently reached out to Enterprise about the possibility of leasing, but another meeting will be required to consider the idea further. Expressed that they have suspicions about the Program. The company previously used to upfit the Police vehicles usually took 8-10 months to finish the work, and so the PD moved on from using them. With their new company, they can send the car over and get it back finalized within 4 weeks. When the Chief took over in 2000, he and Lt. Adams looked over the fleet and recognized significant depletion and determined that the PD was spending too much money on repairs. They have made it to where the fleet is now quite new and in good shape, so they do not spend nearly as much money on vehicles as they used to. Reiterated that they did not get two new vehicles last year, but established his opinion that they should be getting two new vehicles a year. Considering the cost of new cars and the budget overall, the PD should be able to realistically get 3 new vehicles. Presently, they have 3-4 cars that the PD believes should be replaced (Chevy Caprices – parts are harder to find and expensive to get; 1 Chevy Caprice is being used by the City's Fire Officials.) Prior to taking over as Chief, the PD purchased a hybrid electrical vehicle, but is currently facing a \$2,000 repair bill for its secondary battery. Expecting more issues to emerge in the near future, so would like to have other vehicle alternatives if they were to sell it.

Councilman Marrone: Being a hybrid, should expect to get a good money for the vehicle.

Chief Laughlin: In theory, if the Police stop using the cars early (80k-100k miles), instead of waiting until they reach 150,000mi, the PD could either sell the vehicles for money, or re-use them for some other City purpose (e.g. Fire Officials).

Council President LaRotonda: Considering the price increases of the Explorers, asked if the budget set last year would be affected by possible price changes since.

J. Thompson: Reminded Council that the budgeted money was canceled.

Council President LaRotonda: Asked how much money was budgeted.

J. Thompson: Informed him that the total money budgeted was not just for the vehicles, but also for other Recreation items. The total was \$200,000. The issue with vehicles, is that they are not available through state contract right now and they're over the \$44k threshold. QPAs are permitted to buy up to \$44K, but anything over that would have to go out to bid.

Chief Laughlin: Indicated that there was effort by the Police to get a rebate to get the price below the \$44K, however they were unable to.

Councilman DeRose: Clarified that the \$6,000 for “Community Programs” is for events such as Hooked on Fishing. Questioned why “Other Equipment” was budgeted for \$18,000, but only \$160 was expended.

Chief Laughlin: Explained that items which should have gone into that budgeting category, were placed elsewhere. “Other Equipment” crosses over with other categories.

Councilman DeRose: Asked for the Community Affairs Committee budget.

J. Thompson: It’s about \$1,500, but commented that they receive many contributions elsewhere.

Councilman DeRose: Surprised with the request for \$6,000 for Community Programs, as he would have expected budgetary needs to be higher.

Chief Laughlin: Community Programs include Hooked on Fishing, Movie in the Park, National Night Out, etc. Acknowledge criticism received by the Mayor in respect to Absecon’s National Night Out (compared to Galloway’s) but pointed out that Galloway spends almost \$20,000 on their Night Out and is why those attending are required to pay for many of the features. Charging money conflicts with the true intentions of National Night Out. Acknowledged that the requested budget was low, but indicated that they have been able to maintain it at that amount. The last item on the 2024 Budget Proposal is a drone for the newly established Drone Program. They do not need any new License Plate Recognition Systems (LPRs) this year. Historically, the Absecon PD has led in technology, computers, etc., so the new Drone Program is a continuation of that. Three Absecon Officers took it upon themselves to get a proper FAA Drone License. Capt. Jeff Mazer is heading the Program.

Capt. Mazer: Thanked Chief Laughlin for his support for the Program. Explained a variety of ways that the Police will be able to use the drones (e.g. for crash reconstruction, mapping, etc.). Spoke with Jim Eberwine who is looking forward to using the drone for things such as FEMA recovery.

Councilman DeRose: Is the drone in question different from the drone currently being used.

Capt. Mazer: Confirmed. Explained that the expansion on the Program would be for additional features, such as thermal imaging.

Council President LaRotonda: Asked whether the PD would trade in their older drone or keep it.

Capt. Mazer: Stated that the PD plans to keep it, as it still serves a useful purpose. The older drone is used for overwatch in case of needed backup, training, etc. Noted that the drones can be deployed within minutes and so they want officers to know how to pilot them. These drones will not only be helpful to the Police Dept. but also the Fire Dept., and OEM.

Chief Laughlin: Emphasized the importance of drones in fatal accidents. Without the drones and equipment, the City is reliant on another agency to reconstruct the accident, which requires longer road closures. The drones are helpful for both, the PD and the Prosecutors Office, as it is able to capture all the evidence in a faster amount of time. Some of their equipment could possibly be sold to other PDs, as it still holds value. There are several PDs that are interesting in the Drone Program. Expressed understanding towards budget constraints, and that public safety is the City’s largest expense. Did not include additional Police Officers in the Budget Proposal. Indicated that if Council wanted him to hire more officers, he would. For the hiring process in the past, the PD previously only needed to pay for candidates Psych Exam and drug testing (altogether, about \$550), but costs now include the licensing fee (\$500) and a physical/medical exam, in addition to the previously established requirements (now altogether \$1,650.) If Council wants to hire more Police Officers, they cannot ignore the additional costs.

Councilman Marrone: Asked how many Officers were in the PD.

Chief Laughlin: There are 28 FT employees and 2 Class-II Officers (L. Gadd works half-time for Construction).

Council President LaRotonda: Questioned the status of the City’s speedometers. Addressed the City-wide issue of speeding and suggested that the presence of the speedometers may mitigate the problem.

Chief Laughlin: Informed Council that the PD currently has 3 portable speedometers and the original speedometer trailer. Explained the rotation system employed by the PD. Speedometers are very expensive and require significant maintenance, but assured Council that Lt. Adams and traffic Officers do a great job of bringing the equipment in, taking it apart to clean, and recharging them. Admitted that the signs can only do so much for so long in regard to the speeding issue.

J. Thompson: Asked about vests, as she did not see them mentioned anywhere in the budget.

Lt. Adams: Questioned whether she knew if the grant would match the price increase.

J. Thompson: Has not seen them make any reference to it.

Lt. Adams: As of that moment, the money for vests would be used from the Supplies budget.

Stated that they need 7-9 vests (\$1,000 each.)

J. Thompson: Shared that there is about \$8,000 of the grant remaining.

Lt. Adams: Indicated that next year, vest costs will likely need to be added to their budget.

However, this year they can use the grant money, and any additional costs will be taken out of their Operating Budget.

Chief Laughlin: Mentioned applying for a grant again this year. Explained that the PD will not need to buy 9 vests every year, specifying how that's only a need about every 5-6 years. The current issue is that when the grant was awarded, the vests cost about half their current price.

Council President LaRotonda: Questioned if they will take the radios out of the older vehicles.

Chief Laughlin: They have already recycled the old radios out. There is also a functioning radio currently in the Fire Investigator car. The PD will be removing the cage from the Fire Investigator car, as requested by Tom Flynn, in the next week. Professional cage removal costs about \$2,500, so he and Lt. Adams will do it themselves, which will only take about 2 hours. The radio in another car is not good, so it will be repurposed. Radios are extremely expensive, so the PD tries to repurpose them as much as they can. They also repurpose other items, such as gun racks.

Lt. Adams: When the Dispatch Center closed, the Police were able to utilize about 6 of the old radios. However, due to the radios' stationary nature, additional parts were required in order to adapt the equipment to the vehicles. Noted that some of the radios have been repurposed for +3 cars and are getting quite old. Clarified that while he budgets for the items he expects they need, if they ultimately do not need the items, he will not spend the money.

ABSECON GREEN TEAM

Alex Perri: The Green Team's primary goal of 2024 is the creation of a community garden at Pitney Park, claiming that the garden will benefit the community and pose as an opportunity to bring people together. Estimated the cost of the entire project to be about \$7,000. Largest expense of the project will be the fence (\$3,684.77). Received a quote for the purchase and installation of a black chain-link fence. Asking the City to purchase the fence on behalf of the Green Team, while they fundraise, so that can avoid using their savings. Over the course of 2023, the members of the Green Team spent about 150 cumulated hours on volunteer work (e.g. Heritage Park Restoration Project, event tabling, City cleanups, etc.) Cited the Independent Sector's report which states that the value of Volunteer Time in New Jersey is worth \$33.83/hr. Estimated that the work completed by the Green Team in 2023 was valued at about \$5,000. Asked the City to provide the Green Team that \$5,000 in their 2024 Budget. Requested a stipend for Green Team leadership and the Community Garden Coordinator.

Council President LaRotonda: Pointed out that last year the City provided the Green Team \$500. Asked for clarification about what exactly the Green Team was asking the City to pay for and what the exact budget proposal was.

A.Perri: Acknowledged that he was "aiming as high as he can." Hopes to receive donations, but questioned whether that channel of fundraising would allow the Team enough time, after the Ordinance passes, to build the garden in time for May.

Councilman DeRose: Questioned what would happen if the City were to buy the fence, but the Green Team's donation efforts were unsuccessful. In a typical private-public partnership, the private proves x, before the public inputs y. Pointed out the risk of the request.

A.Perri: Listed additional costs associated with the garden (e.g. weed management, shells, 15 beds, etc). He is open to the idea of lowering their original goals (e.g. less beds, no shells).

Council President LaRotonda: The Community Garden Ordinance is expected to be approved in the following week. Once the Ordinance is passed, the Green Team will be able to solicit funds for it. Suggested that the City would likely be willing to contribute more to the Green Team's budget, after seeing the outcome of the Team's fundraising efforts. The Team could possibly be able to cover the costs completely, instead of using taxpayer's money.

A.Perri: Argued that the budget proposed was a relatively small amount of money "in the grand scheme of things." Claimed that residents' hostility to the idea of raising taxes is unrealistic, and ultimately an unavoidable eventuality. Believes that if residents can visually see the new amenities in their town, they would be more accepting of the tax increases required.

Councilman DeRose: Has issue with the idea of raising taxes for all residents of the City, so that 17 people can pay their own money to be a part of something.

A.Perri: In regard to factoring in the number of people directly affected by this project, asked how much money the City spent on plan designs for a new neighborhood of only 14 households.

Councilman DeRose: The Council who made that decision is no longer here.

Council President LaRotonda: Asked A.Perri for specific clarification about the Green Team's Budget Proposal.

A.Perri: Requested \$3,684.77 to purchase the Community Garden fencing, \$5,000 to cover additional garden expenses and other projects they may pursue.

Councilman DeRose: Reassured A.Perri of the discussion's conversational nature. Questioned that the additional charges for the garden would be, considering people will be paying for their bed. Perplexed with the Green Team's request for the City to pay for the Community Garden fence, additional expenses, and stipends for leadership and liaisons. Asked A.Perri directly what is planned for the money incurred from those who will be using the garden beds.

A.Perri: The money will go back into the Green Team budget.

Councilman Clark: The baseball fields use black chain-link fencing, the understanding is that Lloyd installed them. Suggested that City resources could possibly be used for installation in order to help with the overall cost. If the City has a contact for fencing, it could perhaps result in some kind of savings. Proposed possibly purchasing the fence and then having Public Works install it.

Councilman DeRose: Asked if Galloway's Community Garden was located at Glenn's Field.

E. Dennis: Stated that Galloway's Community Garden was located at Township Hall.

A.Perri: The enclosure at Glenn's Field is a Pollinator Garden. The funding for the garden was from a Xerces grant and Go Green Galloway's budget.

Councilman DeRose: Asked if any Green Team members have reached out to AtlantiCare to discuss their Growing Green Initiative to create and sustain community gardens.

A.Perri: The Green Team was working on it.

Councilman DeRose: Reassured A.Perri of his full support for the Green Team and the community garden, but maintained his opinion that he may be putting the cart before the horse.

A.Perri: Proposed the City possibly provide the Green Team a loan.

Councilman DeRose: Implied the idea impractical.

Council President LaRotonda: Agreed with Councilman DeRose in support for the Green Team's initiative. Although the City cannot roll over the unspent money provided last year (\$500), Council could understandably provide the Green Team \$1,000 this year. Emphasized the Council's responsibility to balance the budget. Stated that Council will need to have further discussion to come to an agreement about whether the City could afford to contribute any more funding. Noted that they were early in the Budget process, so it's too soon to make certain decisions. Looks forward to working and thinking outside the box together, to help aid the Green Team accomplish their goals.

A.Perri: Shared that Green Team member, Mike Celestino, has been paying for the Absecon Green Team website out of pocket over the past few years. According to M. Celestino, he used to receive reimbursements from the City.

J. Thompson: Would need to check in the records from years prior.

A.Perri: Read aloud a request from M. Celestino for the reimbursement of \$67 for service, storage, and maintenance of the Absecon Green Team website.

J. Thompson: Suggested for the Green Team to use their allocated funding to pay for the reimbursement.

Council President LaRotonda: Asked A.Perri if the Green Team would be interested in having a page on the City's website.

J. Thompson: Suspects giving the Green Team access to a webpage would allow them access to the entire City website, so challenged the notion.

Council President LaRotonda: Does not advocate the Green Team's direct access, but suggests they submit updates to the City which will make the changes. Believes the City's website traffic would be a good opportunity for more Green Team exposure.

A.Perri: Questioned the idea of using the Green Team's allocated funds to pay for the reimbursement request.

Council President LaRotonda: Told A.Perri to just submit the receipts and reimbursement can be issued.

Councilman Light: Asked whether it was possible for the City to budget the money for the Community Garden fence, contingent on the full cost of the fence being paid for by the Green Team. If the Green Team raises all the necessary money for the project, the budgeted money does not need to be expended, however, in case of a shortfall, the budgeted money would be available for their use.

A.Perri: The quote was provided in October so concerned that if they wait any longer to make the purchase, the price may increase or they may no longer offer free installation.

Councilman Light: Questioned whether it would be more efficient to install the fence later in the project, as opposed to earlier (i.e. first get the beds up and everything prepared, then install fencing).

Councilman Clark: Warned that, without a fence, sports equipment in the area could accidentally disrupt or damage the garden.

Councilman DeRose: Pointed out that there wouldn't be anything in the garden at that time to really be damaged.

A.Perri: The beds selected for the community garden could be easily stolen. Explained that most of the garden's construction would be focused on building and preparing the beds.

Council President LaRotonda: Agreed with Councilman Light's idea. Believes the Green Team is capable of fundraising enough money to pay for the garden fence, but understands the urgency of getting the fencing sooner rather than later. The Council will need to discuss the matter before a decision is made.

Councilman Marrone: Reiterated that when the Ordinance is passed on February 15th, they will be able to begin their fundraising efforts. Suggested, in the meantime, that the Green Team prepare a donation letter, so that as soon as the Ordinance is approved, they can begin the fundraising process. Agreed that time is of the essence in regard to getting the garden established, but asserted the need for Council to understand the amount of donations the Green Team will receive before the City decides to purchase the fence. From a business perspective, admitted concern about price increase of just the material, alone. Emphasized required the importance of teamwork between the City (i.e. providing the Ordinance) and the Green Team (i.e. dispersing out a donation letter to fundraise) in order to accomplish this goal.

Councilman DeRose: Reminded A.Perri that the Green Team would not even have access to the money provided in the budget for at least a couple months, realistically.

Councilwoman Parker: Questioned whether A.Perri should get an updated quote, or, at least, ask if the company could hold it at its current price.

A.Perri: Spoke to his contact on Monday and they indicated that the quote was still valid.

J. Thompson: Suggested the idea of putting \$1,000 into the cost and then putting \$4,000 into a line other than the Green Team (e.g. Recreation). In case the \$4,000 is not needed by the Green Team, it could be used for a different Recreation purpose or roll into the Fund Balance at the end of the year.

Councilman Marrone: Supports that option.

A.Perri: Accepted the option, but expressed concern, again, about not being able to complete the garden in time.

Councilwoman Parker: In addition to preparing a donation letter, suggested preparing a list of supplies needed, as well.

A.Perri: Wanted Ordinance approval before he began making requests for donations.

Councilwoman Parker: Clarified that she was suggesting they prepare the material now so that as soon as the Ordinance is approved it may be distributed.

Council President LaRotonda: Acknowledged that the Ordinance won't be approved until March 15th, but assured A.Perri of the Council's support for it. Advised A.Perri that he could solicit donations now, so that they can begin accepting offerings as soon as the Ordinance is passed. This would provide a better understanding of what the Green Team will receive and what it may need.

A.Perri: Complained about the time and effort it would take to write a donation letter and meet with Home Depot to request donations.

Councilman DeRose: Asserted that such activities are standard elements of volunteer organizations. As an advocate of the Green Team, encouraged having a meeting with AtlantiCare, as they may possibly be willing to cover all the costs themselves.

Councilman Clark: Shared that he wants to speak with A.Perri after this meeting so that they may discuss other options. He may know a potential sponsor for the Community Garden fence.

Councilwoman Parker: Noted that everyone on Council has contacts who would be willing to help, and that there are countless charitable organizations who would, likely, be willing to help as well.

A.Perri: Because Green Team is not a non-profit organization, doubts that businesses would be able to write-off any donation provided to the City.

ENGINEERING

E. Dennis: Explained that he provided Council his yearly Wishlist. Presented the City's Infrastructure Projects. Attested that the high costs listed were standard for infrastructure projects in New Jersey. The material provided to Council details each project with a brief description. The first column of numbers listed are estimations for the Total Cost of the project (for budgetary purposes, estimated on the higher end to ensure coverage). The Total Cost includes hard costs (e.g. construction) and soft costs (e.g. engineering inspections). The Other Funding column cites any grants that they have received, applied for, or plan to apply for as possible sources of funding. The City Expenditure column lists the amount of money the City would need to budget this year if Council wants to move forward with the project. The list includes any project that has ever "been a sparkle in someone's eye." Projects are typically carried over from year to year. The City has done a great job managing its debt over the years. Reminded Council that large projects are typically funded through bonds to keep things smooth. The projects on the list are either prioritized, put off for 1+ years, removed entirely, etc.

Infrastructure Projects:

1. 2024 Road Program (perennial project): Includes construction & inspection costs. At the next Public Works Committee Meeting, they will begin discussing the 2024 Road Program. For the last couple years, the City has budgeted about \$1m for Roads (not just strictly for roads, as

money from the Road Program will also fund the drainage project on Highland Blvd., and other little projects along the way). Currently in possession of a NJDOT Grant for \$269,995, for Chelsea Rd. and Woodcrest Ave, and any other roads the City chooses to do work on in 2024.

2. 2025 Road Program (perennial project): The 2024 budget includes the engineering for the 2025 Road Program. Explained that if the City waited to start the engineering process until after the entire budget process was complete, it would significantly delay the project's completion for that year. By budgeting the project's engineering in the year prior, it allows the City to begin the engineering work early in the year, thereby keeping the project on schedule to be complete while the weather is still good.
 3. Crestview Ave. Pedestrian Safety Improvements – Phase 1: Currently in the process of putting together the plans for this project. Have already gone out door-to-door and met with property owners on that stretch to get their input. Through the process, several property owners pointed out an existing drainage issue at a low spot in the road, and upon further inspection, discovered that there is an old metal drainage pipe running from Crestview Ave. back into a ditch in the woods between the woods and several homes. The pipe appears to be completely deteriorated/collapsed and is filled in, causing problematic flooding for nearby residents during periods of heavy rain. The Safety Improvement Project involves adding sidewalk and curb (would end up channeling water to the low spot), so now would be an ideal time to fix the issue by replacing the pipe. While the total project was already budgeted, proposed \$75,000 supplement to add the pipe replacement project (new pipe, new allow at the end of the pipe, more drainage inlets, etc.)
 4. Crestview Ave. Pedestrian Safety Improvements – Phase 2: NJDOT Grant submitted for the project, but have yet to hear back. Once the sidewalk goes in, this Phase would include putting a cut-through to connect the new sidewalk back behind the playground and be tied into the walk-along path. Relatively low-cost compared to other projects on the list. For these kinds of projects, whether or not it is pursued is based on whether the City receives the grant. Warned that for NJDOT grants, while they usually are awarded such grants, the full cost of their Projects are not typically covered.
 5. Faunce Landing Road – Shared Use Path: (Wish List item). Was a grant application submitted a few years ago to create a pedestrian and bicycle path along Faunce Landing Road from Shore Road to the Boat Ramp. Project included a boardwalk piece in the marsh area. Although it's a nice concept, admitted that it would be pricey item. Included on the list now, more-so in case another grant opportunity presents itself.
 6. Fourth Avenue Drainage Improvements: Have been monitoring drainage concerns on 4th Avenue (beyond Sooy Lane). Nearby residents have complained about the drainage and there is additional concern because new homes are going to be built soon. This project would catch drainage on 4th Ave, and pipe it out through the woods and to the marshes. A new drainage line would have to be installed going back into the marshes, so it would be somewhat costly.
- Council President LaRotonda**: Asked if that portion of the street had just been paved.
- E. Dennis**: Confirmed that the gas company just paved the road. Commented that this project is a matter that emerged over the years and reminded Council that taking it on in 2024 is optional.
7. Hobart Avenue Drainage Improvements – Phase 2: The next phase of drainage work conducted on Hobart Avenue. There is a low spot on Hobart Ave. that collects a lot of drainage from a large area of surrounding neighborhoods. The drainage inlet on Davis Ave. gets so much drainage pressure from surrounding areas, that the grate pops off of the inlet. A few years ago, the City added about 4 inlets at the low part of Hobart Ave. to help collect more of the water into

the system and off the street. Phase 2 would be the next steps to take for the improvements. Phase 2 includes running a drainage line from Hobart Ave. to Amy Lane (an easement runs behind houses). The pipe connecting the draining system on Hobart to the drainage system on Amy, is undersized, and thereby creating a drainage backup in the neighborhood. The drainage is unable to get out at Amy Lane (which ultimately ties into Route 9). The project would require replacing the old pipe with a larger pipe to improve flow.

8. Heritage Park Restroom Building: Item was listed on last year's list, but it was ultimately broken into a Utility project and a building project. The Utility piece went out for bid and was awarded, so the City is now just waiting for the Contractor to begin the work running water and sanitary lines from the Concession Stand. A standalone restroom in Heritage Park is listed as an option for Council consideration. The water lines installed around the Concession Stand would make it possible to build a restroom in the area.
9. City Hall Accessible Ramp: Part of the discussion regarding Item #8. Project would entail putting in an ADA accessible ramp in at the back of the Municipal Complex, to provide a way to enter/exit the building that is ADA accessible (for restroom access). For the 2023 Fiscal Year, applied to the ACIA's County Community Development Block Grant Program for an \$80,000 CDBG. The submission has yet to be officially approved. While the CDBG has available funding, entities can tell them about a project they want to work on, and if the project's eligible, it is usually approved. There is a delta (\$20,000) between the estimated costs of the project and the grant application.
10. Replacement of Baseball Barrier Netting at Pitney Park: This item was listed last year, although the City was unable to get to it. Spoke with Lloyd Jones and believes this item is needed. The baseball barrier netting is getting old (installed in 2005) and needs replacing (\$80,000).
11. Resurfacing of Pitney Park Tennis Courts: Clarified that this will be an ongoing item that will re-emerge about every 10 years. The tennis courts were last resurfaced about 10 years prior, so they are currently in rough shape. The current estimate for resurfacing is about \$100,000. They are applying for a grant, which is on the Agenda for next Thursday. The cap for the grant is \$100,000, so it could potentially cover the entire cost. Advised Council to consider how they would budget the item, in case they do not receive grant funding, or postpone the project another year entirely. Suggested that they could dedicate City funds for "Recreation," and use the funds for any Recreation-related project they want to prioritize (in case they do not receive the grant money).
12. Recoating of Faunce Landing Road Bulkhead: Recoating the bulkhead has been discussed for the last year or so. Cautioned that the price listed is an estimated cost, as it varies. A few years prior, the City received a quote for the work. The project would include recoating the steel bulkhead at Faunce Landing Road. The Faunce Landing bulkhead was put in as an emergency (with limited funds) because the one before was collapsing. Pointed out that the City collects money for boat ramp permit.

J. Thompson: Shared that the current balance in that account is about \$62,000. The City has not pursued any large projects since they began collecting boat ramp fees. They use the money for payment to the boat ramp monitor, the portable toilet, and other boat-ramp related costs.

Councilman Marrone: Asked how much money the City collected from boat ramp permits last year.

C. Crone: Estimated that the City earned about \$12,500 for the seasonal passes (low estimate) and about \$15,000 from boat ramp dailies.

Councilman DeRose: Questioned whether the intention for the Faunce Landing Bulkhead was to make it similar to the one behind the Municipal Complex or just recoating it.

E. Dennis: Would ideally make it similar to the one behind the Municipal Complex, if possible. Unsure whether they could prep the steel to allow it.

J. Thompson: Assured Council that the fund was growing, just slowly. So unfortunately, the City would need to put in additional money if they wanted to do a larger project.

Councilman Light: Asked if both sides of the bulkhead would be worked on.

E. Dennis: Confirmed that both sides would be worked on, but not below the mudline.

Council President LaRotonda: Commented that this matter had been brought up at the Public Works Meeting in the past. Admitted signs of aging and rusting.

E. Dennis: Informed Council that the bulkhead was installed 17 years prior.

Councilman Marrone: Asked E. Dennis how he came to the estimate listed.

E. Dennis: In 2006, the City bid this project for both cheap coating and also for good coating. The City could not afford the good coating at that time, but E. Dennis took the 2006 estimate and inflated the cost to today's prices and added in a mobilization charge.

Councilman Marrone: Admitted that he is of the opinion that the estimated cost is rather low. Listed some activities that would be required in the project, suspecting that the total cost will ultimately be significantly higher.

Council President LaRotonda: Asked whether E. Dennis knew if there could be grant funding available for this project.

E. Dennis: Does not know.

Council President LaRotonda: Stated that while the project is not urgent, it will still need to be addressed relatively soon.

Councilman DeRose: Suggests that the Absecon Waterfront Advisory Board, once established, work with E. Dennis to research and recommend the best process.

Councilman Marrone: Agreed.

Council President LaRotonda: Mentioned potential grant funding for creek dredging. Has been speaking with the Congressman's Office about the various ways to raise funding, because it's difficult to get federal funding for a municipal waterway. Indicated that if E. Dennis had any quotes on file or at least a rough estimate for how much it would cost for the City to dredge the areas in need, the Office suggested that they are confident that they could provide the City the funding for marsh restoration.

E. Dennis: Stated that he could provide a rough estimate.

13. Cleaning & Televising of Sanitary Sewer System: Item included in last year's budget. The sewer and sanitary utility were discussed, particularly with respect to the need for preventative maintenance. Item #13 budget is specifically for video inspection of sanitary sewer pipe, which was done last year. With the budget last year, they were able to video inspect over a mile of piping. The Item #13 budget would be for the City to conduct the same work on a different portion of piping. Has been working with Lloyd Jones to decide which sections of piping are trouble areas and therefore need prioritizing. The risks of not being preventative include sewer line collapse, sink hole, etc. (which occurred on Cortez and was extremely costly for the City.) Last year they videoed Meadowview, Spartan, Lisbon, and a portion of Faunce Landing Rd., and there were 1-2 dozen locations where they identified issues with the pipes and groundwater. Mentioned that the additional force could cause damage, especially because some of the lines lead to pumps.

J. Thompson: Added that it could possibly be increasing wastewater bills.

E. Dennis: The work they completed last year yielded positive results. Item #14 focuses on the City's methodology in how to budget the project.

14. Rehabilitation of Sanitary Sewer Pipe & Manholes: Last year the item was included in the budget at \$275,000 and he had suggested a 150-year cycle of doing some repairs to the entire sewer system. The item was taken out of the budget this year. Noted in the proposal that the

cost of slip lining costs about \$85/ft. The City videotaped about a mile of pipe last year, and the sections of piping with current problems adds up to about an estimated 1,000FT of pipe. Suggests for the City to videotape the lines to see what they find, and then hopefully they have enough in the budget to address any concerns before they become bigger issues. If Council is interested in doing the same work this year, as was done last year, E. Dennis can work the numbers to come up with a more accurate budget expectation that J. Thompson can look at to determine whether it's feasible.

Council President LaRotonda: Reminded Council that the recent increase in sewer rates should help with the cost.

15. Absecon Estates Drainage Study (Engineering Project in initial stage): Project ties into some work currently being conducted on Highland Blvd., which has been a known trouble area. There was a pipe back hitched towards Chelsea Rd. The pipe is now being replaced with a larger pipe. Through that process, they surveyed the drainage line from that location to the ditch on Rich Dr. and there are several sections of pipe that are old and in poor condition, and undersized. this causes drainage back up. The project includes a drainage study which basically provides a blueprint that informs the city which pipes need to be addressed over time in order to alleviate drainage issues.
16. Municipal Infrastructure Assessment (Engineering Project in initial stage): Has been included on the list for several years. Typically regarded as an item that the City would do if the budget allows. J. Thompson includes a miscellaneous engineering budget, but the city hasn't had the opportunity to pursue the project. in 2011 they did a city-wide street assessment program for which they walked every street in Absecon and created a report detailing block scoring and cost estimates to work on that street. This project would have the City look at the state of other infrastructure (e.g. bulkheads, street lighting, sewer system, drainage system) and to create a game plan over a set amount of years (e.g. 50 years) to determine how much the city needs to budget in that time, in order to prevent the infrastructures from falling apart and needing work, all at the same time.
17. Infrastructure Mapping Updates (including partial MS4 updates) (Engineering Project in initial stage): Item has also been on previous engineering Budget proposals. Suggested that this be the year that the City takes the project on. Have infrastructure maps for the City's sanitary, sewer, and drainage systems. Water is provided by NJ American Water, so they do not have maps for that. The city's maps for sewage and drainage are very old, not entirely accurate, and absolutely not user-friendly. This Item would have the outdate paper maps updated and digitalized. This year they received a \$25,000 grant to do mapping updates required by law to comply with the MS4 Permit (municipal separate storm sewer system). The city has a permit for their drainage system, which the state regulates. over the last 4-5 years, the state has been updating their regulations, and they are now kicking in. Some regulations are quite cumbersome, which is why this grant was created. in order to comply, the City must GPS their entire drainage system. Requires in-person inspection and document the GPS location of every inlet, manhole, etc., and send the report to the state (estimated deadline is January 2026). Advised that, while the City digitalizes their maps, it would be ideal to begin the GPS process in zones (cautioned that the \$25,000 may not cover the total cost). Because the City must send their report to the State by January 2026, they essentially have 2 budget years to get it accomplished.

Councilman DeRose: Asked if the grant provided the City \$25,000 per year.

E. Dennis: Is unsure.

Council President LaRotonda: Questioned if the City would be able to use Sewer funds for this project.

E. Dennis: Reminded Council that this project blends focus on both drainage and sewer. The City must create a sanitary map, which would allow the city to use their sewer fund, but the drainage map will derive its funds primarily from the grant.

Councilwoman Parker: Commented that once the maps are digitalized, future updates will be much easier and less expensive to implement.

E. Dennis: When they go out and GPS a specific spot, that data point is set on a map, gr referenced to its literal location. Moving towards a future which would allow L. Jones, for example, to bring the map up on his phone, click the data point, and have access to information about the point (e.g. installation date, maintenance, service calls, etc.). Many larger municipalities already use this entire system. For Public Works, there is software available that uses GIS information for service tickets, enabling fast and efficient attention. the state wants this project completed.

Council President LaRotonda: Indicated that discussion with E. Dennis will continue after Council decides which items they determine to be the City's priority for this year's budget.

Councilman Marrone: Commented that the items can be discussed at the Public Works committee meeting in the meantime. This would give anyone with questions an opportunity to discuss things further.

FIRE OFFICIAL

Chief Talley: Presented the Fire Official Budget. Last year their budget was \$3,000, but this year they are requesting \$3,500. The Fire Dept. had to give the Fire Officials money from their own budget so that they could purchase fire prevention materials, which have gotten more expensive.

Council President LaRotonda: Clarified that the Fire Dept. does Fire prevention outreach, so the money for their expenses should be provided through Fire Prevention budget. Indicated that they engage in a significant amount of outreach.

Chief Talley: Stated that the Fire Official budget request includes office equipment maintenance, office supplies, computer programs mandatory for inspections.

FIRE DEPT.

Chief Talley: Requested \$78,000 for the 2024 Fire Dept. Budget. Last year the City gave them a \$70,000. Explained that, right off the bat, about \$38 of the Fire Dept.'s budget is already allotted for mandatory and recurring expenses (e.g. stipends, contracts, fire hose testing, oxygen detectors, tool maintenance, etc.)

Council President LaRotonda: Pointed out that many of these expenses emerged with the new Firehouse.

Councilman DeRose: Questioned why the Fire Dept. needs the older tools, when the City spent \$40-50k last year on new battery pack tools.

Chief Talley: In some emergency situations, similar types of tools may need to be used at the same time and so redundancy does not really apply (e.g. multi-vehicle accidents). Described the scene of a multi-vehicle accident that required the wide-spread use of a specific tool at a single incident.

Discussed upgrading the LED lights on the sides of the Rescue Truck. intended on doing it last year, however needed to use the budgeted money to mount the dept tools. The lights are currently extremely dim, and the quality of light is important especially when out on a scene. Estimates \$3,000 would allow them to replace the 4 lights on the Rescue Truck. Items under Facility Maintenance include the Generator contract. Informed J. Thompson that the Generator company reached out advising the Fire Dept. that the batteries need to be changed (estimated \$1,500).

Another Facility Maintenance item is the Enforsys Fire Inspection Software needed to send required reports to the State. General supplies are listed because the Firefighters are responsible for cleaning maintenance of the Firehouse. The total Facility Maintenance Budget for 2024 is about the same as its budget last year. **J. Thompson:** indicated that they could use money from the Capital budget, unused by the Fire Dept. in 2019. Discussed using that money to put 6 doors on the

firehouse and install the curtain photo-electric eyes. The Fire Dept.'s purchase order to replace the front 3 doors expired on December 31, 2023. The delay was a result of the company's refusal to come back to the Firehouse, as they were still owed money from the General Contractor. Expressed urgency to getting the doors replaced, as there is a risk that the firetruck could potentially rip the current doors out during its exit. Currently, 4 of the 6 Firehouse doors do not properly work.

Councilman Marrone: Understands the importance of this item, but asked why this issue is just being addressed now, when the Firehouse has been in operation for years.

Chief Tally: Explained that when the new Firehouse was being constructed, he was adamant that the doors should not have pressure edges, but the General Contractor ignored their advisement. Pressure edges must come down and contact something before they move back up, so there is the risk that when a firetruck leaves the firehouse on a call, it will end up taking the door to the scene with it. Listed the problems caused by the General Contractor's decision. Explained that wires get tangled in the wheels (risk of breaking and exposing open circuit), so when they bring the door down, they need to push and hold a button to override the safety.

E. Dennis: Clarified the issue described by Chief Tally. The City had issues with this contractor from the beginning, and there remain items, such as the ones mentioned by Chief Tally, which still need to be addressed as part of the Firehouse Project. The only reason why this matter hasn't been rectified yet, is because the person who did the door was never paid by the general contractor for his original work. They have been working with the attorneys to pay a bunch of these subcontractors directly, which is not typical protocol. The city usually pays the general contractor and then general contractor pays all the subcontractors, however the general contractor for this project wouldn't pay. So, the City made individual agreements with the subcontractors and taking the money out of the City's payment to the General Contractor.

Chief Talley: Emphasized the importance of fixing the doors, as a safety issue. The quote for one of the doors is now \$27,000. The 3 doors included in the budget are for the pole barn, which will significantly increase Firehouse safety.

Councilman Marrone: Asked for clarification about whether the garage sensors are needed for the pole barn or the firehouse.

Chief Talley: The pole barn needs sensors also, but, according to J. Thompson, they could use the remaining Capital money to purchase the sensors for the Firehouse, so the only cost included in the budget is for the pole barn sensors. Stated that it was \$3,200 to get 3 doors completed.

Councilman Marrone: Asked what items were stored in the pole barn.

Chief Talley: Explained that the pole barn stores vehicles, and other items, but also that there is a decent amount of foot traffic in and out, so personal safety is still a concern. Their 2024 Membership stipend request has increased \$1,000 from last year. Mentioned his efforts to keep their volunteer firefighters happy with the Absecon Dept. Commented that some companies offer firefighters about \$25 per call. Shared that they had received 300 calls so far that year, so the City is fortunate to have their current system. Listed items in the 2024 Electric & Communications budget. Most items are recurring, although the budget also some non-recurring items. The Fire Dept. is pursuing a grant for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus' (SCBAs), which would enable the Dept. to get voice emitters (about \$400 each) for their masks (not included in current masks). Mentioned how the voice emitters allow firefighters to efficiently communicate with each other, which helps ensure safety, especially during a fire. The actual SCBAs are not included in the budget, however the batteries required for the SCBAs, among other things, are included. The Fire Dept. has been recycling through and changing batteries for the portables. The Dept. strives to change 4-5 batteries every year. Used to have the ability to use the radio to open Knox Boxes around the City to access keys. The City's old Knox Boxes are currently no longer supported by the company, and are unable to be opened. The Fire Dept., therefore, had to buy new Knox Boxes which require an annual subscription cost of \$750, which records all activity.

Council President LaRotonda: Asked how many Knox Boxes the FD are expecting.

Chief Talley: 3-4 Knox Boxes. Discussed the need to upgrade pagers. Volunteers are alerted to a call through (1) the Firehouse siren, (2) Rover App, and (3) pagers.

Councilman Marrone: Asked how many pagers were budgeted.

Chief Talley: Stated that the budget included 6 Monitor VI pagers at about \$400 each.

Council President LaRotonda: Can the City could act against the Firehouse General Contractor.

E. Dennis: Possesses a long list of issues with the Firehouse, caused by the General Contractor. Questioned why this matter was not currently included on the list.

Chief Talley: Never received any paperwork from the Contractor or subcontractor.

E. Dennis: The contract is not closed out yet. This kind of matter should be on the punch list until officially resolved and verified by the Chief. Will speak with Ryan McGowan, who is managing the project.

Councilman DeRose: Questioned whether the FD actually needed \$2,000 for printer maintenance and printer-related materials.

Deputy Chief Ciccone: There is a monthly maintenance fee for the copiers and other costs.

Councilman DeRose: Asked if they budgeted for those items in 2023.

Deputy Chief Ciccone: Confirmed, but explained that the money was itemized the way it is for this year's budget.

Councilman Marrone: Asked whether the FD truly needed that kind of commercial printer.

Council President LaRotonda: Pointed out that the printers are leased.

Councilwoman Parker: If the printers are leased, then maintenance and toner should be included in the lease price.

Chief Talley: Stated that the FD has another machine that is copier-only. Suggested that they use the different machines depending on the specific task. Asserted that all such machines are used at the Firehouse regularly.

J. Thompson: Questioned whether it was actually necessary for the FD to have all these machines or if less would suffice.

Deputy Chief Ciccone: Confirmed that all the machines were necessary.

Chief Talley: There were supposed to be 2 more cameras installed at the Firehouse, however, those items fall under Technology, which the City is responsible for.

Councilman DeRose: Asked whether that item should be included on the punch list.

Chief Talley: Explained that, because the City took responsibility for technology, the cameras were not included in the general contracting.

E. Dennis: Believes the City had a separate contract for technology.

J. Thompson: If they had a contract that was budgeted, it should still be required to fulfill.

Chief Talley: The wiring is already complete. The only work remaining is the drilling and camera installation. Does not believe there should be any additional expense, as the cameras are owed to them.

Council President LaRotonda: Stated that the City needs to pull the purchase order and ensure the project's completion. Suspects the electrician never came back to finish the task because he was never paid by the General Contractor either.

Chief Talley: Explained that Education and Training includes recurring costs for training seminars, courses, certifications, etc. Fire and Other Safety equipment includes firefighter gear and other tools. Have received grant funding to purchase older equipment, but that results in all equipment needing replacement at the same time. NFPA standards determine gear acceptable as long as it's considered "serviceable."

Councilman Clark: Pointed out that new members increase the need for gear.

Chief Talley: Confirmed, but explained that the FD usually waits to purchase new members gear until after their probationary period concludes in order to avoid buying specifically tailored geared that ultimately ends up unused. Many hoses failed this year's inspection and had to be disposed of, so replacements are needed.

Chief Talley: Stated that there is only one scanner in the Firehouse.

Councilman DeRose: Expressed his bafflement at the FD's printer/scanner/copier needs.

Chief Talley: Explained that their scanner is not connected to the Firehouse's network and so scanning is an unnecessarily tedious process.

J. Thompson: Advised Chief Tally that the issue seems more so IT-related and that Jenn Harvey could go to the Firehouse to connect the equipment to the network, which would simplify the scanning process.

Chief Talley: Continued on to discuss FD Capital items. Absecon's Engine 85, after 35 years, is due for replacement. Understands the reluctance to raise taxes, but informed Council that Fire Engines currently cost about \$1m (about 5-6 years ago, used to cost \$560k).

Councilman DeRose: Asked whether the Fire Engine would be worth any money to sell.

Council President LaRotonda: Expressed doubt. Estimated maybe \$5k.

Chief Talley: There are entities which trade their Fire Engines in at about 20 years while they hold value. According to Firefighter standards, a Fire Engine can be refurbished after 20 years, but then they are only good for another 5 years after that. The FD's current Rescue Truck is from 2005 and their pumper is from 2001. Pointed out that it takes about 2.5 years to acquire a new pumper.

Acknowledged the significance of the expenses discussed.

Council President LaRotonda: Agreed that the Fire Dept. has the legitimate need to replace their vehicles. Suspects that the City could sell the FD's Rescue Truck for a descent price.

Recommended the FD consider getting rid of Engine 85 and Rescue 8, and purchasing one new vehicle so that the fleet consists of 3 apparatuses. This would help downsize the fleet and take advantage of Rescue 8's equity.

Councilman Marrone: Pointed out that selling Rescue 8 would save \$3,000 in the budget.

Chief Tally: Cautioned that if too many things are cramped into a single piece of equipment, there is the risk that the equipment will be too large to access accident scenes or there may not be enough room for all tools and gear to fit.

Council President LaRotonda: Getting a new apparatus would bring the fleet up to a younger age. Reminded Chief Tally that this option would still allow them to keep 84 and Tower 8.

Deputy Chief Ciccone: Maintained that Rescue 8 still has a lot of life left. Detailed its importance when dealing with situations such as accidents and extraditions. Questioned whether the \$30-40k that the City could maybe receive for Rescue 8, would be worth losing a vehicle capable of specialized use. Mentioned that Rescue 8 also has useful water storage.

Council President LaRotonda: Noted that Engine 84 is a 2001, so another replacement will be needed for that vehicle as well.

Chief Talley: Suggested another possible option is to replace 84 and 85.

Council President LaRotonda: Explained his thinking that downsizing the fleet so that they could purchase something new and also save money on maintenance. Acknowledged that further discussion will be required in the future to decide the best course of action. Although NJ is not an NFPA state, the proper standard urges the disposal of trucks older than 20 years. Called attention to the various means by which the FD could acquire new vehicles (e.g. grants, co-ops, leasing, etc). The last item in the 2024 budget request is a new Chevy Tahoe (est. \$59k). The FD's Chevy Suburban was recently totaled and so the FD needs a replacement vehicle.

Chief Talley: Options considered include replacing the current Chief's vehicle with a new vehicle and using the original vehicle for transport.

JESSICA THOMPSON – ADMINISTRATOR/CFO

Councilman DeRose: Asked about a matter regarding the replacement of damaged playground equipment in Heritage Park.

J. Thompson: Lloyd Jones shared similar concerns about the equipment and had gotten a price for its replacement (\$45,670). L. Jones requested that the item be brought to the attention of Council for 2024 budget considerations. Called the first Budget Meeting of the year, "the Night of the Wish List."

Moving forward Council will have to decide which items they want to prioritize.

Council President LaRotonda: Asked whether L. Jones has made any repairs so that the playground equipment will not be any kind of safety hazard.

J. Thompson: Confirmed that he has made temporary repairs, but reminded Council that the playground was constructed in 1999. Emphasized that L. Jones prefers not to spend money unless it's absolutely necessary. L. Jones also requested funding to replace Public Work's 2004 Dump Truck, which is used on a daily basis. Noted that equipment has not been purchased in 5 years (Dump Truck purchased in 2019). The cost of a state contracted dump truck is \$98,00. Assured Council that Public Work's takes great care of their fleet.

Council President LaRotonda: Asked for more details about Public Work's fleet. Observed that Public Work's vehicles looked newer.

J. Thompson: Emphasized that they look new due to the care that Public Work's puts into fleet maintenance. Asked Council whether there were any items of particular interest that deviate from normal operations. Has not yet had the opportunity to finalize budget numbers do to end of the year matters. Indicated that if she gets information prepared early, she could share with Council then. Clarified that for Capital items, the City must include 5% of the cost into the budget and authorizing debt for the remaining balance. Capital items must meet certain criteria to qualify. In the past two years, some Capital item costs were included in the budget and paid for with American Rescue Funds, but that situation was atypical. Encouraged Council to give the topic thought and to determine their priorities, so that they can reconvene and decide how to allocate City funds for 2024.

Council President LaRotonda: Referenced the 2023 "Give a Hug Fund," in a request for replacement banners and flags on New Jersey Ave. The Redevelopment Project allows for the possibility of outlets, which could enable decorative lighting. Emphasized the importance of the little details. Indicated that he could research quotes.

J. Thompson: Reiterated the idea of having a fund for general Recreation for items such as that.

Council President LaRotonda: Asked how many light poles will be installed.

E. Dennis: Will get that information to him.

Councilman Light: Stated that additional lighting on the Access Road for Field of Dreams and Blue Devils is a priority for the purpose of safety. Although the Electric Company was contacted about a price estimate but has yet to provide one. Plan to have a meeting to discuss the project.

E. Dennis: Believes there is already lighting in the area.

Councilman Light: Suggested adding additional light poles in-between the existing ones. Will need to figure out estimated costs.

ADJOURNMENT

Motioned to adjourn: Councilman DeRose; Seconded: Councilman Marrone
All in Favor, None Opposed.

Respectfully submitted,


Carie A. Crone, City Clerk

Approved: 3/7/24