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Meeting Minutes

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

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10:00 AM

City Hall, Room 301-B

- [240891](#) Communication relating to the Capital Improvements Committee's recommendations for the Mayor's proposed 2025 executive budget.

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Meeting convened: 10:06 AM

Mason Lavey - Budget Office went through his PowerPoint presentation, contained in file 240891.

DPW has applied for every single possible grant out there in an attempt to maximize available funds.

For raze and revive, the cost is approximately \$25,000 per unit for demolition. Ald. Bauman asked how many new houses are built during this time period, even city-wide if known. He would like to compare how many buildings are razed versus revived (as in new construction, not rehabbed). Mr. Kovac will get a list of new buildings the city either built or assisted in building by working with other entities. Mr. Kovac noted that DPW and DNS are prioritizing razing the structures in the worst shape. Ald. Bauman questioned if we want to raze so many structures with no plans to replace them one-for-one. Mr. Kovac noted there is a plan to add new housing, but not at a one-to-one rate.

The Committee went through the spreadsheet created by Ms. Brengosz.

The City Attorney's goal is to consolidate his offices on one floor, although not necessarily the 8th floor of City Hall.

The Housing Preservation Fund has done about 55 projects and Ald. Bauman thinks this program deserves some funds, but the dept. didn't request any. The Down Payment Assistance Program has been very successful, but has been funded from 2021 with closed-out TID funds or ARPA funds. The dept. requested \$250,000 for 2025.

Aaron Lipski - Fire Chief and Deputy Chief Darin Peterburs. They use NFPA standards for service length for vehicles (overhaul and removal recommendations). They are discussing co-locating fleet services and the MFD repair shop. The fire boat also needs to go to Canada for repairs. They also have other vehicles in need of repair, but they are aware of other capital costs faced by the city.

Jennifer Meyer Sterns present for the library, which has proposed repairs to some neighborhood libraries.

Ald. Bauman would like to have the Police Administration Building (PAB) moved to 27th and Wisconsin, which is owned by the state and whatever else the state wants at that site. The PAB is on valuable land. The public-safety radios will cost \$38-\$42 million. Laura Engan said the RNC resulted in several pieces of equipment being added to the force, which the city would have had to purchase. MPD has a fleet of 900 vehicles.

The Port generates revenue by charging various fees to the boats docking there as well as the new sales tax has generated more revenue. Ald. Bauman would like docking done at locations that are more pedestrian and transit-friendly, but that location has already been chosen, which might be based upon physical factors. \$17 million is being spent on the new docking location; the cost went up quite a bit in the past two years.

Chuck Schumacher said the city received an insurance payout for the MURF facility and the dept. is looking at all possibilities for new facility. The equipment is usable, just the building itself was not.

There is a request to plant 3,800 trees on public property and is funded by the sewer maintenance fund.

A number of bridges are undergoing work at this time, including the Holton, Cherry and 16th Street bridges. The budget growth is due to Complete Streets and Vision Zero overlays over street projects, with paving projects being the lion's share. It is anticipated that LED conversions of the street lights will be completed in 2026.

The City Hall exterior membrane will last 5-10 years and City Hall is currently stable. The foundation and exterior are stable; work will need to be done on the interior.

Patrick Pauly, Water Works, said the dept. has worked with the EPA to determine climate resilience, with the primary vulnerability being the Linnwood pumping station right on Lake Michigan. The public use much less water, even if the city population reached one million, less water would still be used than used in the 1950s. Milwaukee's water is very inexpensive compared to other cities. The ozone systems are holding up incredibly well for their age and only need minor maintenance.

They do update the flood plain maps in conjunction with MMSD.

Meeting adjourned: 11:30 AM

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Present 4 - Bauman, Christianson, Kruschke and Kovac

Excused 2 - Dimitrijevic and Perez