

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

May 13, 2024
Conference Room #119
6:30 P.M.

Present: Commissioners: Mayor Pro-Tem Robert Coughlin, Betsy Artz, Maurice Groce, David Moore II, Clarkston Morgan, Jessica Ann Tyson and Mayor Stephen Kepley.

Staff present: Deputy Finance Director Bhama Cairns, Deputy City Administrator Shay Gallagher, Finance Director Keyla Garcia, Deputy Fire Chief Mike Hipp, City Clerk Dan Kasunic, Police Chief Bryan Litwin, Fire Chief Brent Looman, Parks & Recreation Director Val Romeo, Community Development Director Terry Schweitzer, Fire Department Administrative Assistant Nancy Shane, City Attorney Jeff Sluggett, and Sabo Representative.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT:

A. REVIEW OF THE SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS.

Deputy Finance Director Cairns began by asking if the committee members had any questions pertaining to the Schedule of Capital Improvements, noting this document is a planning document for any item over \$10,000. Some of the commissioners had concerns with some of the items and shared their perspective.

Staff specifically spoke of the Water Fund and of three projects that are being postponed because of the lack of funds in the Water Fund. They explained the state-implemented regulatory measures and material costs has affected the fund. They spoke of “ready to serve” rates and fixed, and variable rates. They stated the City of Wyoming will be raising their wholesale rates by as much as 30-40% because the State is mandating, they install a third water line from Lake Michigan. They spoke of the unfunded mandate to inspect lead lines into homes in the Wyoming Water District involving 367 homes.

Motion by Artz, seconded by Tyson, to recommend to the City Commission to approve a resolution in order to adopt the Mayor-Recommended Schedule of Capital Improvements: 2024-2030 as a planning guide for the City’s anticipated capital purchases for the next six-years.

Motion Carried.

Fire Chief Looman spoke of the continuing increases in Fire Engines and of upcoming emission standards. He noted attempting to find ways to reduce the future purchase of a Fire Engine that is scheduled. Fire Chief Looman spoke of

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buying a “stock” engine that is available that would save up to \$40,000 if prepaid.
He stated this is to provide information prior to any formal request.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 P.M.

Dan Kasunic
City Clerk

Robert Coughlin
Mayor Pro-Tem