

CAPITAL COMMITTEE MEETING

August 17, 2021

10:00 a.m.

In adherence to COVID 19 protocols, the meeting was held via Google Meets. The visual and phone links were provided in the required notifications postings.

Members Present – Chairman Paul Payne, Rich Bradley, Judy Armstrong, Ald. Marlene Davis, Ald. Tom Oldenberg, Nancy Cross

Others Present - Joan McCray, Chris Amos, Jarek Czernikiewicz, Chief John Hayden, Director Daniel Isom, Heather Taylor, Roger Sellars, Joan McCray, Tammy Hogan, Michelle Robinson, members of the public and press

Chairman Paul Payne called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. announcing there have been requests to record future Capital Meetings. He introduced Director Daniel Isom to present on the Capital needs of the Justice Center. Prior to the Director's presentation, Ald. Davis suggested using Zoom for future meetings to ensure access to everyone that chooses to tune in to the meetings.

Justice Center Security

Director Isom, began the presentation on the security of doors and locks. The challenge is the locks are outdated and no longer manufactured and parts are difficult to procure. It is proposed to replace them with medium and maximum security cell doors, locks, frames, and glazing. He explained that glazing is maximum security windows inside the doors. The estimated cost is \$7.6 million.

During recent uprisings, inmates were able to breach the Dayroom. It is proposed to replace current doors and screens with heavy duty high security screens and doors at a cost of \$1.3 million.

The challenges for the Control System & Officer Protection are the systems and operating software is outdated and was irreparably damaged. The solutions are new facility-wide control systems and new guard stations at a cost of approximately \$7 million.

The furniture inside the CJC isn't corrections grade furniture and not securely fastened to the floor creating the opportunity for it to be used to destroy equipment. The cost to replace the furniture is \$600,000.

The lightening inside the cells have been damaged and used as weapons. To replace with more maximum secure lighting will cost \$1.9 million.

The fire alarm system is the original system and is in need of comprehensive testing and upgrades, which will cost \$500,000 with an additional \$110,000 annually for testing and cleaning.

The total cost is projected at \$19,500,000 with a completion estimate of quarter 2 of 2023.

Ald. Davis raised the question of the housing of inmates during what is considered a “gut rehab”. Mr. Isom explained that as of date, the third floor is empty in an attempt to speed up the repairs and as each floor is repaired, inmates will be moved to a repaired floor. During this discussion, Mr. Isom stated there is currently a shortage of 30 officers and when those positions are filled, there will still be a need for officers. If there is a need, 100 additional inmates can be moved to the Annex which is currently housing 100 inmates recently moved. Doing so will create more strain on the staff.

Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP)

Jarek Czernikiewicz presented on the proposal to consolidate the dispatching systems into one location. It will be a new housing facility that will contain CEMA, FIRE, POLICE, EMS, and CSB dispatchers. It will be located in the area of Jefferson and Cass avenues behind the current SLFD headquarters, with a projected cost of \$32,000,000. The proposed schedule is as follows:

Feasibility Study – Q1 22, Design & Construction Bid – Q1 23, Construction – Q4 24, Phased Move-In – Q1 25, Completion – Q3 25.

St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department

Rich Bradley presented the requests for the police department.

Police Headquarters – Replace all three elevators due to the fact parts are no longer available. The projected cost is \$2,000,000.

Police Academy Building – Replace HVAC on the 7th floor where the radio tower equipment is housed. The projected cost is \$2,000,000. Repair the façade and tuck-pointing at a cost of \$200,000.

Questions were raised by Ald. Davis and Oldenburg regarding the long term plan and the purpose of investing funds until repairs when there is a plan to build the PSAP. Mr. Bradley informed the group that the repairs are necessary to keep the HVAC working to service the radio tower. He assured the committee that the Facilities Management Department does all it

can to preserve the equipment. He also stated that the upgrade will be done as such to transfer it to the new PSAP property when it is completed.

Chris Amos presented the critical needs of the SLMPD's vehicles, which consists of vehicles officers use for policing. There are a total of 197 vehicles that need to be replaced at a total of \$6,840,000. The problem is the manufacturers have discontinued full sized sedans. Vehicles that could be purchased are SUVs like the Tahoe and Traverse. Vehicles currently in use are approaching or have reached 130,000 miles which runs risks of engine, transmissions, and brake system problems that may need to be replaced.

Sheriff's Department

Tammy Hogan presented the needs of the department. Currently the radios used by deputies are over 14 years old and are "hand me downs" from the police department. They can't be repaired and are breaking. The need is approximately 180 radios.

Armored vests have a 5 year shelf-life. Most of the staff is wearing vests that are in their 8th year. The need is the purchase new vests for current and new staff.

Tasers serve as a "non-lethal" means and there is a need of approximately 60.

The meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.