

Open Work Session
Capital Improvement Program Fiscal Years 2022-2026
Department of Recreation & Parks
January 19, 2021

Mr. Steve Miller, Director of Recreation, Parks, and Tourism; and Ms. Katie Rouse, Deputy Director of Recreation, Parks, and Tourism, came before Council.

Mr. Miller said they are here to answer any questions, or provide any information Council may need about proposed projects they have included in their FY22 CIP, and he will make just two very brief comments about the projects they have submitted.

Mr. Miller said they are very pleased with the list of projects, and feel good about the projects. He said they feel each and every one of the projects meets their mission, which is to improve the quality of life of their citizens. He added, there are a number of projects he may touch on which address safety of citizens and people attending their events, which always is a top priority, and that is why they just feel good about the projects.

Mr. Miller said, in terms of the funding, just so Council understands what they are looking at, in FY22 they have proposed approximately \$2 million dollars of projects, and 90 percent of that will be funded outside of the general fund in terms of their request, which will be looking at grants and other funding sources they have. He said approximately 10-11 percent of it they would be asking for from the general fund, whether that would be to match a grant, or to help fund projects. He clarified, the bulk of what they are talking about is grant funded, or funded in some other way, and he just wants to point that out.

Mr. Miller concluded, they are happy to talk about any project in particular, and answer any questions Council may have.

Mr. McCain said he thinks there are some very, very worthy projects on here that are definitely going to improve the quality of life of their citizens. He said he is glad to see the Pirates Wharf Master Plan getting developed, and the first stages of development out there, as he thinks that is going to be a major asset to their County. He said it looks great out there, and he has seen where they have done tree plantings and some of the initial work. He said he just thinks this is a very robust, very well thought out, and very good plan.

Mr. Hastings said he wants to follow up with the same comments. He said it was really good to see the Connelly Mill piece on there, as well as the Tourist Center Dog Park. He said he has reached out a couple of times because the folks in his District have had a lot of concerns with the Salisbury Dog Park, even with the incoming smaller one, that it is just not enough, so it was great to see that on there.

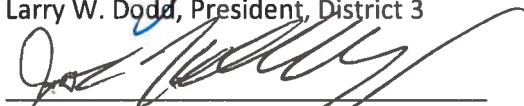
Mr. Hastings said he is a big disc golf fan, so he is always hearing from folks in the disc golf community who would love to see another course, or an expanded course. He said he knows the City is going to take up a 9-hole piece, but, in case folks do not know, the County has one of the best disc golf courses in

the entire region here at Shoemaker Pond, and they really appreciate that, too. He then thanked Mr. Miller and Ms. Rouse for their great work.

Mrs. Pam Oland, Director of Finance, then came to the podium and said she realized she made a typo in the spreadsheet that is attached, but it does not change the numbers, as it is just a matter of moving a dollar amount up a line. She said she wants Council to be aware as they move forward that, when this is finalized, there will be one change on page 8 of the CIP. She explained, line 24 has Tourism Welcome Center Marquee at \$75,000, and then there is \$500,000 in 2023, which actually belongs to the Harbor Dredging, which is the line above it, so it is just a typo. She clarified, dollar amounts do not change, funding sources do not change, it is just that, when she was typing this, she got it in the wrong line. She said she wants Council to be aware that, when this come back for final approval, she will be asking for that to be moved up. There was no further discussion.




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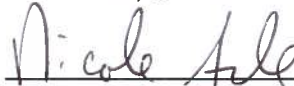
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