

**CITY OF INDEPENDENCE
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
OCTOBER 21, 2008 11:00 A.M.
COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM**

Present: Chairman Crooks
Councilman Dave Grendel
Vice Mayor Riley

Also Present: Mayor Gregory Kurtz
Councilman George Klepacz
Councilman Tom Narduzzi
Councilman Jim Piteo
Councilman Anthony Togliatti (arrived at 4:30 p.m.)
Finance Director Veres
Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm
Business/Economic Dev. Dir. Ron White

Chairman Crooks called the meeting to order at 11:06 a.m.

Chairman Crooks stated one item of the agenda today, continuing the discussion of the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan, but before we get into the agenda, I just want to put my thoughts into this Five Year Capital Improvement Plan into context. We spent a good deal of time discussing some of these issues in the public records in this committee, and it included the streets, departmental capital projects, and we discussed utilities. Today we are going to discuss sidewalks and Public Land and Buildings needs as it relates to the Five Year Plan and what my intention is and that we discuss this component today. John, the rest of this week and the showing of a final draft plan for the end of this week and if need be, we still have next Tuesday, a week from today as an opportunity for us to come together in a workshop type setting. If we need to take a closer look at line items, if we need to, that is my intention, any objection?

There were none noted.

Chairman Crooks continued, okay, let's get started with Agenda 1(A), discussion of streets and sidewalks. We spent a great deal of time talking about streets and I prefer to move right onto sidewalks, unless any member of the committee or member of council wants to bring up something else of the streets.

Vice Mayor Riley stated I just got this two minutes ago from Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm, so I will make sure everyone gets a copy. He and Dave got to together, went

over and prioritized streets first one, lower Hillside, which I don't think is a surprise. Lower Brookside I believe that this was done as a need and a safety issue not any concern for...like when we talk about the Selig or we talk about something down off of Rockside. The need or the opportunity, we talked about having to balance that.

Councilman Grendel stated I think you and John moved those different categories. If the economic opportunity was there, we can borrow and make a different type of decision on that because it is not safety, it is on economics.

Chairman Crooks state I certainly would like to take a look at that list. I don't want to do it today, and disrupt what we have on the agenda, but if we can take a look at this, and see how it compares to the streets on the list.

Vice Mayor Riley stated right, if you look, a lot of them are there. I think that one of the things that we haven't had on here as far as our Five Year Capital Improvement Plan is the streets and the cemetery, the Mapleshade Cemetery roads. If anyone has been down there, the roads are terrible. I think those are fairly inexpensive.

Chairman Crooks stated there are a good deal of streets that are on this memo from Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm and Dave that we already have discussed in the Committee.

Vice Mayor Riley replied yes. I think Kathy faxed a memo I sent over to all of you, if you would like the committee members on Streets and/or Council as a whole go driving around to look at the different streets we can do that together. I have done it separate too, they are bad.

Councilman Klepacz asked these are the streets by priority, right?

Vice Mayor Riley replied yes.

Councilman Klepacz stated Hillside is terrible. Brookside is horrible. We know that the cemetery is and we know that Riverview is. I don't have any argument with that, I am on the Streets Committee.

Councilman Piteo stated on the report that John Veres gave us, Hillside Road east, says Route 21 to the top of the hill? Are these streets priority? Is lower Hillside Road encompassing all the way down to the valley? There is also a slope correction that was asked for. The new list we got today just says lower Hillside road. Is that combining all of those together and doing as one project?

Vice Mayor Riley stated I think that the one in the middle of the page should be Hillside Road, West.

Finance Director Veres stated no, there is a west down below.

Vice Mayor Riley stated we got Hillside east from Route 21 to the top of the hill.

Finance Director Veres stated right, and down below there is west in 2010.

Councilman Piteo stated I am concerned about the east, I am assuming lower Hillside Road means east.

Vice Mayor Riley stated I would like to get that, I have Hillside Road three sight corrections, Hillside Road East slide control, I don't know if slide control is just that bank.

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm entered the meeting.

Vice Mayor Riley stated on John Veres' handout of the capital.

Chairman Crooks stated just for everyone's reference, we are referring to the lead schedule and the most updated five year plan that John had put in our packets from this past Friday.

Councilman Klepacz asked so the date of that is October 17th?

Councilman Crooks stated right. On 10/17 there is a memo on the top of the actual spreadsheet.

Councilman Grendel stated we have a place for traffic signal updates, but there is no dollar amount. We have been working on the Hillside, Route 21 and we have already spent a sizeable amount. I don't know what category that falls under.

Everyone speaking at once.

Chairman Crooks stated let's take one question at a time. Mr. Piteo has a question for Don Ramm.

Councilman Councilman Piteo asked, on the new priority list you have lower Hillside Road, what does that project encompass?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm stated that was just resurfacing mill and fill of Hillside from Route 21 and all the way down the hill.

Councilman Piteo asked, mill and fill considered a major street resurfacing.

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm stated it wasn't a full three-inch, it was more like a two inch, just to get it safe and to buttoned it up.

Councilman Councilman Piteo stated we have a project on the list for 2009 that says Hillside Road, East, Route 21 at the top of the hill as a major street resurfacing.

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied right, that's it.
Vice Mayor Riley stated that's \$240,000.00.

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied I don't know what "top of the hill" means.

Councilman Grendel stated that is where the county did the work on the bridge.

Vice Mayor Riley stated that was throwing me off too.

Mayor Kurtz stated they went to the top of the hill.

Everyone speaking at once.

Councilman Piteo stated would we do slide control before we did that project, or after we did that project?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm stated well slide control, that is a big soil stabilization deal.

Mayor Kurtz stated we would not have to do slide control, just to do the mill and fill. A total removal replacement, then I would recommend that we would do the slide first.

Councilman Piteo stated major street reconstruction, we would do the hill first.

Mayor Kurtz stated that would be tied into that. If we didn't get done before hand it would get tied into it. We wouldn't redo the whole project without the slide control measure.

Councilman Councilman Piteo stated just so I understand the terminology, major street resurfacing means.

Mayor Kurtz replied remove all existing pavements, adjust grades accordingly, put all new subbases as needed, new pavement, curb and gutter, and sidewalks because that is the law.

Councilman Togliatti asked what is the life expectancy?

Several people speaking at once.

Vice Mayor Riley stated resurfacing is just grind and re-topcoat.

Councilman Togliatti asked what is the life expectancy of the mill and fill?

Mayor Kurtz replied it depends on the amount of traffic. With some streets it's ten years.

Finance Director Veres added it depends on the steps that you go through.

Mayor Kurtz replied yes, but most of it is governed by the traffic. Hillside won't last as long as Lafayette. Lafayette won't last as long as maybe Poplar/Willow. It all depends on how much traffic you're going to have. The mill and fill would probably be very acceptable for certain streets. Now if the county was participating with Hillside and Seven Hills was participating, the total replacement because you have a number of change of grades that you want to eliminate some of those hills would be a total reconstruction. If you go east without some cooperation from the County for the slide, then we would just do a grind and overlay and that could last five to ten years realistically.

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied, that is still a federal project as well east. I was talking to NOACA and it was just a matter of developing the project. So this would get us to button up and make it safe for getting us to that point, which could be three to five years later.

Councilman Piteo stated I have to ask the same question about lower Brookside for just clarity. On the priority list, is that lower Brookside just from Bramley down to Riverview, or is that lower Brookside from Route 21 down to the valley?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied the section from Route 21 to Bramley is in pretty good shape. It is just from Bramley to Pleasant Valley that is horrible.

Councilman Piteo asked the cost says \$350,000. Is the cost consistent with the list that we already have?

Engineering Coordinator replied yes, \$350,000.00.

Councilman Piteo asked and that is from Riverview to Bramley?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied that's more of a recycle type project, full depth recycling. It is in such bad condition I felt that it was appropriate to do a full depth six inch recycle, and then an overlay.

Councilman Piteo stated so that is a six inch depth.

Councilman Grendel stated that is why it is more expensive than Hillside.

Councilman Piteo stated that is not under a major street resurfacing that would be under another category?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied it is more of rehabilitation, than a resurfacing, not that you couldn't resurface it. You are only going to get out of the surface course what the road is underneath.

Councilman Grendel stated in addition, Hillside and Route 21 intersections have 6,000 feet east for \$100,000.00.

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm stated that is a federal project, NOACA. That's more of a full blown reconstruction, it is similar to what we were going to do on the west side.

Vice Mayor Riley asked why? Is that going to happen with the federal government?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied we have to keep moving it. The problem is that they are saying we own the project, and we have to develop it. There are certain earmarks along the way of design, right-of-way acquisition and there are things that we should be doing to develop and to move the project along. Right now, it is out on their fourth year of the four year planning cycle.

Vice Mayor Riley asked so, do we sink \$240,000.00 into next year and, then four years from now?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied three or four years from now it is going to be a three or four million dollar project when it's a reconstruction.

Councilman Klepacz asked are we talking about the three sight corrections for Hillside Road?

Councilman Grendel replied that's west.

Councilman Klepacz stated so the one that we are talking about now, the \$60,000.00, you are saying, how many feet?

Councilman Piteo replied six thousand feet.

Councilman Grendel asked, isn't that the engineering?

Several people speaking at once.

Vice Mayor Riley asked, so we have to do that next year to meet the deadline?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied if you don't do it, everything just keeps getting pushed and NOACA starts asking about it. This is the one that has already been on the books for five to seven years, similar to the west side.

Councilman Grendel asked, are the traffic signals part of this too?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied yes, we are going to try to get those incorporated into this segment – it would be the intersection east.

Vice Mayor Riley asked, as far as next year at Mapleshade Cemetery that is on your list but that doesn't appear on ours.

Finance Director Veres replied it is in the Public Lands & Buildings section. Mapleshade Cemetery is under land.

Vice Mayor Riley replied, I just want a cost on that.

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm stated I think we got a quote from Allega for \$60,000. With the GPD it is more like \$70,000 to \$74,000, so it is in that range.

Vice Mayor Riley responded, let's put down \$75,000, so we all have the same number.

Councilman Narduzzi asked for 2009?

Finance Director Veres stated that is where you can put it now, but you have to get to the point where you are cutting or doing something.

Vice Mayor Riley stated as far as Riverview Road, you have \$250,000.

Mayor Kurtz asked, the County doesn't help with that anymore?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied if it's on their program.

Mayor Kurtz responded, Brecksville got theirs done.

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm stated yesterday that (inaudible) submitted it for some funding from the Cuyahoga Valley National Park for Brookside and Riverview.

Vice Mayor Riley added, this is not on this memo from Don Ramm. Back to John's sheet, we definitely are doing the Chestnut Road Bridge and sidewalk, so we have a \$150,000 there.

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm asked is that regardless of whether we receive the grant?

Vice Mayor Riley replied yes. We have to do something there. It is dangerous and it looks terrible. I still think that project should be done by ODOT. It is their bridge.

Councilman Grendel asked, can we talk about then incorporating Chestnut Bridge and Chestnut Road at the same time? We are going to be working on the bridge we might as well...

Mayor Kurtz: If we are going to do that bridge, do Chestnut ahead of some of the others for a grind and overlay, just because of the subsurface. That road was put in the early 1980's and it was phenomenal. The only problem that I noticed is the surface, so it

would be appropriate. I agree with Dave that we make that a high priority, because before we lose that subbase or it deteriorates I think that we should grind and overlay that because it goes a long way to saving that entire street. We have no major infrastructure problems with it, it is all surface. I think regarding Riverview and lower Brookside, we should apply for a grant from the National Park or the County. I will talk to a few people and see if we can put us on that list for that, just to resurface it.

Councilman Grendel commented, Chestnut has a tremendous amount of traffic.

Mayor Kurtz responded if we let it go two or three more years, we may lose some of that subbase, and it just costs a lot more money.

Vice Mayor Riley stated that was on 2010 so we would just move it forward a year.

Chairman Crooks stated the bridge work is for 2009.

Vice Mayor Riley responded what I am saying is bring it over and do it all.

Finance Director Veres stated move Brookside and Riverview to 2010 and apply for a grant.

Mayor Kurtz replied yes.

Councilman Klepacz asked so we can grind and overlay for a quarter million?

Mayor Kurtz replied that is the estimate. I don't know what the economy and the cost of all the oil based products are going to be in terms of pricing. Right now it's spiked. Who knows what is going to happen by spring of next year.

Councilman Klepacz replied oil was only \$70 a barrel today.

Several people speaking at once.

Councilman Klepacz stated I would assume it would be less.

Mayor Kurtz responded the cost of asphalt is \$75 to \$90 per ton. It's ridiculous.

Councilman Klepacz responded it should do down.

Mayor Kurtz stated if we were to bid right now, I'm afraid the bid prices would still be astronomical. We should wait until just after the first of the year? I think it will be tight enough to where it should reflect in the bids and our maintenance contract.

Our goal is to have our maintenance contract out the first of the year, right? I suggest that we hold off on that for the first quarter and then bid them out, because they are still volatile right now. If there is no objection by the Streets Committee, we are going to

hold off those maintenance contracts. I think we might do a little better job if we do it in February, have our bids received in February rather than in November.

Councilman Klepacz replied I agree with that, because the price of oil is falling right now.

Mayor Kurtz stated contractors could be hungry by then. We won't bid our maintenance contracts out until first quarter of next year. So put our bid specs together to be reviewed by the committee by the first of the year and then it will be a timing issue of when we want to bid. I think we want to have bids accepted by the end of January. That is when they are the hungriest.

Chairman Crooks responded here is my concern. We received this memo today suggesting that we don't talk about it as it relates to the streets that are on John's list, but we already engaged in a conversation so let's finish it. My concern is that we have streets in front of us that we were just told to prioritize by way of safety and concern. I am looking at the first four and they appear on our Five Year Capital Improvement Plan for 2009, but if you look through five through sixteen, yes they appear in our Five Year Capital Improvement Plan, not for 2009, but sometime in the future. To me there is a disconnect. If these streets are prioritized by way safety or in order of safety, shouldn't these be the ones that are a priority in 2009?

Vice Mayor Riley replied yes, but we won't have enough money to do all of them.

Chairman Crooks responded so then the question becomes do you want to address the needs first? Do you want to give ourselves the flexibility and kind of string the needs out over the next five years and scoop up an opportunity, or do we want to take care of the needs?

Vice Mayor Riley replied, I think that is what our job is to balance both, Chestnut may not, the sidewalk is a priority, the road may not be that bad, but it needs to be done. It was going to be done on the list for 2010. So let's combine it and do it in 2009, so we address the sidewalk issue, everyone agrees that it is a problem and a safety concern. We can get the road done, so we take care of that whole road and we are done.

Chairman Crooks asked that's for Chestnut?

Vice Mayor Riley replied yes.

Chairman Crooks stated now I am referencing Don Ramm's memo. I am under the understanding that the list in John's memorandum somehow got onto this list, because there was some sort of need or desire for them to be on this list, since we agreed that Don Ramm's memo is one of need. I am looking at that one now and seeing lower Hillside Road and it is on our plan for 2009. Lower Brookside Road is on our plan for 2009. Mapleshade Cemetery is not in the streets projects, but it is somewhere else.

Finance Director Veres replied it's in public lands.

Chairman Crooks stated Riverview Road is going to be bumped to 2010.

Vice Mayor Riley responded we are going to try to apply to get money for Riverview.

Chairman Crooks asked about City Hall parking lot and police exit drive?

Councilman Grendel replied that is in Public Lands & Buildings.

Finance Director Veres stated that was actually in this year's budget.

Mayor Kurtz asked this year's budget? Is the money still there?

Finance Director Veres replied it's still there, \$150,000.

Councilman Piteo asked so we can cross that out?

Mayor Kurtz replied we can't cross it out because if we don't do it, we can encumber it under our new contracts. Let me find out if they are still planning on blocking their number that they gave us and possibly even doing it right now. If not, we will rebid that contract and do it in 2009. That money is available. I think it was a \$170,000 with the quote.

Vice Mayor Riley asked Don Ramm, as far as our list, do we have Old Rockside Road Bridge, Issue 1, \$400,000 down for 2009? We have that ball rolling. Do we have to budget that money?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied a lot of that is going to be based on the successful grant. If they don't fund the job, we will probably not do it. That \$400,000 might be little heavy but that's for engineering and getting the environmental work going.

Councilman Grendel stated when the money is available we have to grab it.

Economic Development Director White stated the bridge continues to degrade, so that raises it up on the scale, and then we have been at it for some time. Hopefully it gets better and better each year.

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm responded I think we've increased our funding aspect. We're asking for less.

Vice Mayor Riley asked take the \$400,000 out of there or push it back for 2009 and bump it for 2010?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied cut it in half? We'll know in early December if we get a favorable grant application?

Finance Director Veres asked cut the \$400,000.00 in half?

Councilman Piteo asked does the reconstruction include the storm sewer?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm asked this is for the bridge?

Councilman Piteo replied the Old Rockside Road Bridge construction and Old Rockside Road evacuation, does that include the sewer, the storm sewer revamping?

Councilman Narduzzi replied no, that is just the ramp that is coming up and out of there to Rockside.

Finance Director Veres asked if you do one, do you need to do the other? If you do the bridge do you still need an evacuation route?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied when it floods in that area the bridge is inaccessible.

Finance Director Veres asked weren't we working on solving the flooding issue?

Mayor Kurtz replied yes, that is why federal government approved the money for the study and we are also looking at the evacuation route and what are their roles.

Finance Director Veres stated if they wanted to do an evacuation route, then the study comes along and says, here is how you can solve your flooding issues and then we wasted the money for the evacuation route.

Mayor Kurtz replied that is not going to solve our flooding. What they may do is permit us to do things. I think that we already have a plan, that barrier off of Frank & Eric tying into a chamber, a drainage chamber so the water can't come back in and block off that route underneath by the railroad tracks. You have an evacuation ramp. I don't know if you have any major flooding back in there anymore.

The point is that the federal government has to authorize some of those repairs. If we did that along the river and we didn't have federal approval, the Section 205 study, which we are participating in, I am hoping will give us authorization, and having us able to do that. I don't see it as a major cost in the way I would do it. When the federal government gets involved it takes it out of our ability to do something. That doesn't mean that they won't participate either, but I still think the emergency ramp, even if you got our area taken care of, the way I envisioned it long term, you put the barrier wall in, you take care of the chamber block off railroad tracks. You isolate that area from flooding. If they raise Canal Road from Rockside all the way to Granger, you can eliminate that west from flooding. Now you've got the island in the middle. I don't know if you'll ever eliminate that from flooding unless they do a dam south of Rockside and the chances of them doing that are remote. If the study gives us the flexibility to do what we need to do, I think that benefits us. Short of that, it is a failed experiment in my opinion.

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm stated it's also a timing thing. It will take three years for the study to be completed and projects would start. Even from design we're two or three years out.

Mayor Kurtz responded we are going to pursue it because I believe they are still going to offer us \$50,000 toward the study.

Economic Development Director White responded yes, that is in process and that is a grant from the county.

Mayor Kurtz stated and they are going to make that part of the West Creek grant.

Economic Development Director White replied it is under that.

Mayor Kurtz stated we won't have to go through the red tape of funding that. Ron is in the process of identifying the property owners in that area. Once we get that if we can secure the property, then we design our plans to be able to build the ramp. I would look at the contractor that is working on I-77. If he has excess materials, we can work a deal with him to come up and bring some material, which is a major cost, and then designing something that would help our people immediately. However, it is contingent on a number of variables coming together at the same time.

Vice Mayor Riley continued, moving down on John Veres' list, if you look at the first one, \$150,000, then you skip the Old Rockside Road Bridge. If you cut that in half, there is \$200,000 which totals \$350,000.

Finance Director Veres replied, if I am cutting it in half, am I carrying the \$200,000.00 to the next year or just cutting it in half?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied no, I think you should carry it. We got a certain component that we are obligated for on our side of the funding.

Finance Director Veres asked so make the \$600,000 \$800,000?

Engineering Coordinator replied yes.

Vice Mayor Riley stated then we go further down the page to Hillside/Route 21 intersection, 6,000 feet east for \$100,000. That would bring us to a total of \$450,000 for Hillside Road East from Route 21 to the top of the hill.

Mayor Kurtz replied that would be a grind and overlay.

Vice Mayor Riley stated that's \$240,000, so we are at about \$900,000.

Finance Director Veres asked what did you do with the sight correction?

Vice Mayor Riley replied I didn't. We have talked about it because we are at about \$900,000. As Chairman Crooks mentioned, we haven't touched all the priorities of Don Ramm.

Mayor Kurtz added you haven't touched any of the elements of the buildings as it relates to public properties with that money.

Vice Mayor Riley stated and with Mapleshade Cemetery roads for \$75,000 that would be about a little over a million dollars.

Councilman Togliatti asked, did you include the \$250,000 for the Chestnut Road resurfacing, if you are going to do the bridge?

Vice Mayor Riley replied no, I think I had that earlier.

Councilman Klepacz stated take the \$200,000.00 out and put the \$250,000.00 in.

Councilman Piteo stated you took Riverview Road and moved it to 2010.

Vice Mayor Riley responded yes, it would be \$950,000 with Chestnut then you add that \$75,000 for Mapleshade, we are over a million dollars. John, you said about two million?

Finance Director Veres replied yes, between \$2 and \$2.5 million.

Mayor Kurtz commented that's if our revenues. . .

Chairman Crooks asked \$2.5 million for what? Streets?

Councilman Grendel replied yes.

Councilman Crooks stated I don't want to fall into the trap of saying how much money do we have to spend on streets this year? This is the thing that we are trying to work away from.

Finance Director Veres replied you still have to look at that. You still have to define your needs and then you have to compare it to your available funds for those needs.

Chairman Crooks asked, in that order?

Finance Director Veres replied, just because you have a need, it doesn't mean that you have to do it that year.

Mayor Kurtz stated that is why they were having this discussion. Take out lower Brookside and Riverview and see if we can apply for some type of funding through the county.

Vice Mayor Riley stated we have to look at Hillside Road with three sight corrections, Old Rockside Road evacuation, Rockside Road adding another lane and Selig Drive. Right there, those are projects that we haven't said that we are going to do and that is \$3.6 million.

Mayor Kurtz stated as far as Selig, I think Don Ramm made it clear in his memo that it is a number, it is not firm, and you cut it \$500,000.

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm asked what is it now?

Finance Director Veres replied \$2 million.

Mayor Kurtz stated that isn't a firm number and really I think that we all agree that it is done in concert with the need across the street, if our customer puts capital improvements into their building they add 100,000 square feet or something.

Economic Development Director White replied it would probably be close to that, maybe three to five hundred employees.

Mayor Kurtz stated if they add that, that is the justification that presents the opportunity to trigger this project.

Councilman Piteo asked do you borrow that?

Councilman Grendel replied we have the TIF.

Vice Mayor Kurtz Riley stated but we have to include it.

Finance Director Veres stated we can move it out of the total.

Councilman Piteo asked like you did the other projects.

Finance Director Veres stated yes, down below. Like Acorn Drive, it becomes an opportunity under that section.

Mayor Kurtz stated I think we should put in the engineering. We need to get the concept approved by Council.

Finance Director Veres responded we have seven plans.

Mayor Kurtz responded with all due respect, those seven plans were giving us all of our options going all the way back. Don Ramm is prepared to define at the next Streets Committee meeting or Workshop, options relative to the Phase I of Selig. Once we get that agreed to, we prepare the engineering plan. Then we are in position to budget. We are in a position to prepare and plan. We said that we would modify that letter, if Council

approves. We will add, if you come and get a building permit, we will have that opened by the time you open your building.

Finance Director Veres stated I will move it down below.

Vice Mayor Riley asked how much for engineering?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied 8% of \$2 million

Vice Mayor Riley replied about \$180,000.

Councilman Narduzzi asked, what have we spent already year to date?

Mayor Kurtz replied we really haven't done anything.

Vice Mayor Riley stated we are going to change that to \$175,000.

Finance Director Veres commented, I would search through the seven plans that we already have and see if any of them match.

Mayor Kurtz replied all we have is seven sketches.

Director White added they're just concepts.

Councilman Piteo asked is engineering part of capital?

Chairman Crooks replied no it is not.

Several people speaking at once.

Vice Mayor Riley asked where is that money going to come from then?

Chairman Crooks replied it should come from the operating budget. Is that a capital expense paying for the engineering?

Several people speaking at once.

Finance Director Veres replied it would come out of the Selig Road Tax Increment Financing (TIF).

Vice Mayor Riley stated keep in mind with that project across the street and with Selig; the goal there is going to be a road across the street which we will eventually take over.

Mayor Kurtz replied that's true, but not the first phase.

Vice Mayor Riley replied right, but just so we are aware.

Mayor Kurtz stated it is tied into the senior housing, it will be ours anyway.

Councilman Klepacz stated as you saw in my email, I had several concerns for this project. And yes, the new letter does address some of my concerns. But I would like to say at this point I am not really sold on this whole project, on the whole concept of the project. I really don't see what we are getting out it to tell you the truth. I see a demand from the Cleveland Clinic that we have to do this or they are not going to build.

Mayor Kurtz replied no, if that is your understanding.

Councilman Klepacz responded, I was hoping that wasn't my understanding.

Mayor Kurtz stated remember our communication has been with the owner. We need to have a meeting with the Clinic. They talked about the opportunities. This is purely interaction with the owner and his desire. He sees it as users as much as the Clinic, which is a major tenant. He is the one that is saying from a safety standpoint I need some type of traffic monitoring device, so then we talked about doing something together. He said that he would take care of paying the east portion, his improvements if it is to our standards. We would design it, build it, they would reimburse us that portion. So this is all based on the property owner's desire to keep his tenants happy, which happens to be the Cleveland Clinic.

Councilman Klepacz stated in the letter you will prominently copy us.

Mayor Kurtz responded, remember we are trying to lure that division here. The competition will be every other community in the county and the only thing that we have is that they have a great relationship with that owner. They really respect and they are very satisfied with Dick Pace. Also, because of that relationship he probably gets some advantage and if we can pick up another 100,000 square feet or 350 employees of one of their divisions, come on down.

Councilman Klepacz responded no argument there, but I am not so sure that is going to happen whether we do something or not. I am looking at a \$2 million figure and as we discussed, and as all of us has discussed, the economy is going down. We are flat lining on our income tax. I think our priorities from my point of view are in a different area. If we had \$2 million, the \$2 million that I see here, I am seeing this as a utilities project. We have sewers that have collapsed. We need a million dollars just on Dalebrook. As a matter of priority I would rather put that there. If we had the \$2 million I would rather put in a turn lane at Rockside Road. I think that would be a higher priority.

Mayor Kurtz replied we are attempting to balance every economic development opportunity with infrastructure improvements with money being spent. In other words, we are not going to necessarily make improvements, capital improvements, and infrastructure unless there is some economic tie to it and that is the justification of the logic behind it across the street. The logic behind Rockside and whether it be the extension or a few other issues on Rockside, it will be tied into Seven Hills. So there are

a lot of dynamics that are taking place, not to mention, as you rightfully said, we have a number of situations dealing with infrastructure as it relates to sanitary sewer, storm sewer, flooding that still need to be attended to. It is a balancing act. Ron and I are in terms of economic development, we will bring to Council that opportunity and tie into funding mechanism as it presents itself.

Councilman Klepacz stated that is reasonable. I do have one more concern too. We are building for the Cleveland Clinic and obviously we can't tell the owner what to do or not do. My concern is we put in all his infrastructures, they have a wonderful building and the Cleveland Clinic indicates that they are going to buy this and we'll take it off the tax rolls.

Mayor Kurtz replied realistically they can't. Two things can happen and that is when we can get very creative City would intercede. It is a balancing act. One, it is not a true medical facility. So in order to be tax exempt they have to have medical exemption or have medical procedures performed. So, this is a support use or ancillary use of the Clinic it is not one of their medical uses. I think that they would be hard pressed to get an exemption on this building in the first place. Their option is for the first ten year.

Economic Development Director White added they have a ten year lease and they're six to seven years into it.

Councilman Klepacz asked they said they did have an option to buy that.

Economic Development Director White replied that's my understanding but I've never read the lease.

Mayor Kurtz stated our goal is to get another division in there, a non medical division, an accounting function and bring in another 300 people. And to keep it on, make it part of the duplicate and monitor that so that we are not caught between a rock and a hard place. We are working to make sure that we get the growth, but stay on the duplicates.

Councilman Klepacz replied but again, I don't want to spend \$2 million to do it.

Economic Development Director White stated this letter that we have in draft form for some time, trying to work out what should be in the letter was a request of Mr. Pace in order to negotiate with the Cleveland Clinic, to attract this. So, if we don't make some overture that we are willing to make a commitment in whatever fashion he wants to shape it, then he doesn't have the ability to negotiate to get that. We are going to have to sign some letter and that is why we shared this.

Councilman Klepacz responded if I can make a suggestion, whenever you do send a draft letter, I think it would be good if we took Jim Riley's name as Vice Mayor off, no offense to Jim, because you as the administration have been working there and you are saying we as the administration are committed. Then you had in the letter once we get the plans then we will bring council onboard. I would be more comfortable with that.

Mayor Kurtz responded it can be done that way.

Economic Development Director Ron White added and we'll just have the administration sign it.

Councilman Togliatti asked if we are justifying this project as kind of an economic stimulus project, can we put a stipulation in there that if the owner of the property has to become current with his property taxes?

Mayor Kurtz replied they made the deal already.

Councilman Togliatti responded I checked with the county auditor, they are still over \$420,000.00 behind.

Mayor Kurtz replied the school has made a deal with the owner and they are paying systemically. They have already made a settlement on that already, so he has is going to show in arrears for awhile, at least my understanding of the agreement. I had a meeting with the school and some of the other major tenants in here in the beginning of November. I will confirm that, but I believe at least the last communication with the school is that they did reach a settlement. They are going to pay, I am not sure over the next how many years plus their existing tax, get caught up like many companies I guess do.

Councilman Togliatti stated I just checked with the county auditor and he's still over some \$400,000.

Mayor Kurtz replied that would make sense that they haven't paid, but it was a lot higher at one time.

Economic Development Director White stated it was over \$650,000.00.

Mayor Kurtz stated they have so many years that they pay so much to get current again. That is the agreement that was agreed to by the schools.

Economic Development Director White added and with the county. He made his plan.

Councilman Togliatti stated right, the money to the county and the schools. But the schools don't have all the money that they should have.

Mayor Kurtz replied they're the ones that agreed to the deal.

Economic Development Director White if they can get any money they will.

Mayor Kurtz stated so they do have it in place, an agreement and a settlement turns into a back liability in place, it is not paid in full, but it is being paid as agreed by the school board.

Vice Mayor Riley stated in follow up, besides this across the street, I had a meeting with someone at the Clinic and I know that Brecksville and Broadview Heights are trying to lure the Clinic out of Independence. That is our biggest taxpayer. They are definitely someone we want to keep in the City.

Councilman Piteo stated by way of conversation with University Hospital, Cleveland Clinic, anywhere do they put a satellite station you can look on Baumhardt Road or you can look at Avon building a ramp for them. It is an economic stimulus for sure.

Councilman Togliatti responded but it is \$2 million. Does it make any sense to hire a traffic consultant to do a study to see if there is an alternative, that may not cost our City \$2 million?

Mayor Kurtz replied we already hired one who is looking at that. I am not sure which one the police department has, but there are two of them that they had looked at. They're looking at the plan together.

Councilman Klepacz asked why don't we offer them the middle school and put them over there?

Mayor Kurtz replied actually we offered that building to Dick Pace because there were a couple smaller tenants in that building that needed some square footage. We said go ahead and take that building and put them in that one.

Councilman Klepacz stated if we had accountants you could really do something if you have accounting. Then you can follow up with Jim and build all kind of stuff.

Mayor Kurtz replied actually we presented it to Dick Pace, we never did present it to the Clinic.

Councilman Klepacz responded maybe you should present it to the Clinic. I thought that was a good idea by Jim.

Economic Development Director White replied we have not, however, the Clinic has announced that they are looking for a referral laboratory to build 100,000 square feet. I have approached them already through their real estate department that possibly the school would be a place were we would have some flexibility. It would be creative and it might be a place for them to site that. I haven't heard anything.

Mayor Kurtz responded I believe they are pretty much tied into a Midtown for that.

Councilman Klepacz responded we have 14 acres. We have a football field and a baseball field.

Mayor Kurtz stated I want to do a rendering of the Eaton Tower on the Dalad property from the (inaudible).

Several people speaking at once.

Councilman Piteo stated they haven't chosen anywhere yet.

Economic Development Director Ron White replied I know they haven't. They haven't signed any deal yet.

Chairman Crooks stated so we can stay abreast on this topic as it relates to Selig and the Clinic. To move this conversation forward we are going to knock that \$2 million figure down to \$175,000 for the time being. That is my understanding.

Mayor Kurtz replied for 2009.

Chairman Crooks continued and we are going to continue to discuss this, so we are all on the same page.

I want to go back to Don Ramm's list. We had made it to City Hall's parking lot, police exit drive and we left it there. We are going to check on the number to see if it is still good. I have written down \$170,000. I just want to run through these just to wrap up this discussion on streets. Oaktree Boulevard South we have scheduled for 2010; Ashwood Drive we have slated for 2010; Valleybelt Road for 2011; Quarry Lane for 2011. I'm not seeing Rockside Woods Boulevard South on John's list, unless I am missing it. We'll come back to that. Beverly Drive is slated for 2010.

Vice Mayor Riley asked what do you mean Service Department to perform maintenance?

Finance Director Veres replied remember that machine that Dave Snyderburn is requesting to purchase.

Chairman Crooks stated Josephine Drive cul-de-sac that is not on the list.

Councilman Grendel added none of the others are on the list.

Chairman Crooks stated Oakwood Drive is not.

Finance Director Veres stated Schaaf Road is.

Chairman Crooks stated Schaaf Road is slated for 2011. As John indicated, Longano Drive and Serio Drive are not on the list. The question is from two Finance Committee meetings ago, Dave Snyderburn indicated that he had some sort of resurfacing machine. My question is, is that machine going to be capable of taking care of the streets that are

not on the list including Josephine, Oakview, Longano, Serio, Ashwood and Beverly? Anybody know? Don Ramm?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied the bigger question is whether or not that application or that repair is appropriate for those streets. It's more of a joint repair type of machine. A lot of these streets just run out of their useful life on the surface. They're ready to be milled and filled. I think Ashwood is appropriate because there are all kinds of joints everywhere.

Jim Chairman Crooks asked what other ones?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied Beverly is more like a reconstruction. That figure there is a full blown, there is a deficient water main and pavement is deficient. It would be a nice full blown project to talk about.

Vice Mayor Riley asked, Josephine, that machine would work too, correct?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied yes, it's a joint issue there.

Councilman Piteo stated it is concrete, anything with concrete.

Finance Director Veres asked Rockside Woods? Rockside Woods is concrete.

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied not the south sections. It's concrete to a certain point then it's cul-de-sac.

Chairman Crooks asked, Oakview Drive? Reconstruction?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied that's mill and fill there.

Chairman Crooks asked Longano?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied same thing.

Vice Mayor Riley asked do we have prices on those, Don?

Chairman Crooks asked Serio?

Councilman Piteo replied Serio asphalt.

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied yes, asphalt.

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm stated I got some numbers here scratched in on which specific street.

Councilman Piteo stated Beverly is a total project.

Vice Mayor Riley asked what about Josephine?

Finance Director Veres replied we're going to try the machine.

Chairman Crooks stated we're going to try the machine on Josephine and Ashwood. So we have Oakwood, Longano, Serio, and Rockside Woods South?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied Oakwood around \$80,000? What were the other ones? Serio is about \$25,000, Longano is \$80,000.

Chairman Crooks asked these are off the top of your head?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied no I had a sheet here that GPD's quote cost for 2007 and then I added some inflation for 2009.

Mayor Kurtz left the meeting to meet with Lifeline representatives.

Chairman Crooks asked Oakwood, Longano and Serio, are we going to stick these in 2009, Don, or is there an immediate need to take care of these?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied well not so much of a safety standpoint as much as Hillside or Brookside would be, but they are ready.

Vice Mayor Riley stated I would like to put those in there.

Councilman Piteo commented Serio is buckling, isn't it?

Vice Mayor Riley stated Oakwood, Longano and Serio that's \$185,000 for three different streets. Are you sure on these prices?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm stated I can look at them again.

Councilman Piteo replied I am looking at Oakwood again and it is a long street and it's \$80,000. In my mind I am looking at other things maybe it is not such a...

Councilman Klepacz stated also you may recall that on Oakwood, the residential area, I don't know if we want to go in there unless we are doing sidewalks. They actually had a petition that they wanted sidewalks.

Several people speaking at once.

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm commented (inaudible) streets there to be privatized.

Councilman Klepacz responded of course you could put it down on one side. But, I also recall that the ordinance said that it is the estimation of the engineer to only do them on one side.

Councilman Narduzzi commented down at the bottom they can only be on one side. There is a ravine close to the street in that area.

Councilman Klepacz responded that's why the ordinance leaves it to the decision of the engineer.

Several people speaking at once.

Vice Mayor Riley responded we can get away with just resurfacing it because we are not doing a major reconstruction. I know what you are saying.

Several people speaking at once.

Councilman Togliatti stated \$65,000 for Rockside Woods South.

Chairman Crooks stated Don Ramm gives us a figure for Rockside Woods South, \$65,000. So if you add it to the \$185,000 we are looking at \$250,000.

Councilman Grendel stated Rockside Woods South and Quarry Lane could be done in conjunction or be done together

Chairman Crooks replied and we have Quarry Lane slated for 2011, so maybe we put Rockside Woods Blvd. in 2011 and do them at the same time.

Councilman Grendel replied yes, that would make sense. Yes, it is south, back in the office building there.

Councilman Klepacz asked is there any thought to extending that? Is that on there at all?

Finance Director Veres replied down below it is an economic opportunity. If it comes forth that we would borrow that money for that extension and specially assess it.

Chairman Crooks asked John Veres, can you take our notes and re-summarize our streets priorities? Do you have any closing thoughts on the streets priorities because we really need to move on to sidewalks and public buildings?

Finance Director Veres replied our dollar amount is still too high, that is my closing thought.

Vice Mayor Riley stated because you got the Rockside Road evacuation, Rockside Road southern lane and Hillside Road east.

Finance Director Veres replied right, we have those three items.

Chairman Crooks asked what is the decision that needs to be made again? On which ones?

Finance Director Veres replied the sight correction, the evacuation and the southern lane.

Chairman Crooks replied let's take those three prioritize.

Councilman Narduzzi asked when are they going to do Hillside Road?

Councilman Piteo replied 2010 or 2011.

Councilman Grendel so that we might have to do that before then?

Councilman Narduzzi responded so we have to do that before that.

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm responded we'd like to do it before that. But the comment was made that it was like that since the beginning of time.

Councilman Grendel commented that lane on Rockside is Seven Hills.

Councilman Piteo asked isn't that contingent with Seven Hills? That's part of the Seven Hills project.

Chairman Crooks asked now which one are we talking about?

Councilman Piteo replied Rockside Road add a southern lane with West Creek to I-77. There was a letter put out by Ron White saying that it could be part of Seven Hills Sora Hills Project.

Vice Mayor Riley stated whether it is or isn't, we still have to budget for it. I think that Mayor Kurtz brought that up because he wanted to see if they needed to participate, if they are considering that in their study. But we have that need because of the people coming out of that development and getting caught in that traffic. We are going to do that anyhow.

Councilman Grendel stated we have to decide how far we are going with that lane too, because I think it will be more expensive to go all the way to Summit Drive because of the utilities and the obstacles there.

Finance Director Veres stated it's under TIF and we can borrow short term for that; the interest would be eligible for the repayment through the additional revenue.

Councilman Narduzzi asked so should it be on here then?

Finance Director Veres replied move it down below, and we could borrow \$500,000 when we rollover our debt next year for this specific project. I would track that separately in the Southwest Quadrant TIF.

Councilman Grendel responded I would do that.

Councilman Klepacz added I think that's a good idea.

Vice Mayor Kurtz Riley stated the sight correction is on Hillside, west of 21, probably between Vineyard and all the way to Seven Hills, because you've got some sight issues on the other side of I-77.

Councilman Klepacz commented but really bad ones are right between Vineyard and Filip. And there is nothing that we can do about that gas main that is there? There is a gas main that goes under Filip.

Chairman Crooks added and across Hillside and underneath.

Councilman Narduzzi added that high pressure gas line comes in by Bob's.

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied we looked at that and I don't think we're going to affect that. We're pulling down the humps.

Councilman Klepacz asked is that what that is, pulling down the humps?

Councilman Grendel asked if you pull that hump down, does that mean that you are going to do work on Filip?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied no, right at the intersection, we were going to try to meet it right there and work east and west of Filip.

Vice Mayor Riley asked when we redid Filip did we not go all the way to Hillside on Filip?

Councilman Klepacz replied because of the gas main.

Vice Mayor Riley replied right, and knowing that some day we would have to do some adjustments on it?

Councilman Klepacz replied yes.

Chairman Crooks asked how big of an issue is this, the three humps on Hillside Road?

Councilman Klepacz replied it really is a safety issue for the residents.

Chairman Crooks replied you have said that before, haven't you?

Councilman Piteo commented my wife was hit twice over there backing out of Dar Velotta's driveway.

Councilman Klepacz replied and Mrugacz and Smith and Jones. But again, the last time the issue came up it was mentioned that the residents didn't want the water going down in their yards. I don't know how you deal with that. It is really very, very dangerous for all of those houses between Vineyard and Filip, very dangerous.

Vice Mayor Riley stated as far as drainage you got Jones, Trickett, Scotton, and Smith. You can't raise the road.

Chairman Crooks stated my follow up question is, is that the only way to solve this thing, spending \$500,000 on eliminating the humps? Is that the only way to solve it? Is there another way to solve it?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied you can fill too. That is another method. It would probably be cheaper. When you cut you have to start looking at the covers on water mains and drainage issues. The road is so much higher already than the...

Vice Mayor Riley stated if on Hillside Road, we are not going to get the county and Seven Hills all to coordinate this at one time and do it then Director Snyderburn has always recommended just grinding it, widening it a little bit and resurfacing it.

Chairman Crooks asked when will we know the county participation?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied we have already bought into that program in terms of the recycle. They're doing a recycle

Councilman Grendel added we are already committed to that.

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied yes.

Vice Mayor Riley asked when you say recycle you mean just the grind and overlay?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied no. They're going to do a six inch major rehabilitation, but they are not doing much with the vertical corrections and profiles outside two or three inches for the overlay they put on there.

Chairman Crooks asked, Don, are there any other viable alternatives? I don't undermine the safety issue that Councilman Klepacz has mentioned before. I am just trying to see if there are any other alternatives for that \$500,000. Don, could you try to brainstorm to see if there are other alternatives that could mitigate the safety concerns over there other, than reconstructing three humps, or do you see that as the only alternative?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied that's it. You have to either fill the low spots or bring down the high spots to further sight distances. The more you design it the better you know about all the impacts and the costs. The \$500,000 is just a very rough figure for three different locations.

Councilman Narduzzi asked is this something that can be done when the county comes in as part of subcontract to them while they are there and doing the road. If it was \$500,000 it might only cost \$400,000 if they do it while they are there instead of us going in and doing it and then they would come in and go over on top of it.

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied we brought that up when we were trying to make the decision to bind into that or not. They are doing the project under their maintenance program, so in maintenance every line and grade it has pretty much stays the same. It is just a routine maintenance. When we start doing major reconstruction or portions of reconstruction we might get into right-of-way impacts and they just don't want to have to deal with it.

Chairman Crooks asked how about we just leave that one there?

Vice Mayor Riley replied I think that we talked about that when we did Filip and Archwood. We should have those corrected whether the county does anything with that road or not.

Chairman Crooks asked so we talked about taking the southern lane of Rockside Road and taking that off because John Veres has indicated that it falls under TIF. It looks like we should keep Hillside Road there for now. The third one we talked about was the \$600,000 for Old Rockside evacuation.

The way I see the budget right now for spending in 2009, we started with \$400,000 for line item above the bridge and we cut that down to \$200,000. Now we've got \$600,000 for the evacuation and that combined total adds up to \$800,000 that we are spending for those businesses down there. I know that they are very important and add to it the amount of money. How much did we spend for the three year survey?

Vice Mayor Riley replied approximately \$100,000.

Chairman Crooks stated if you add that to this, we have made a commitment to more than a million dollars to those businesses in less than 12 months. I am wondering; let's go back to John's point if the \$600,000 for the evacuation is necessary in 2009 without the result of the study, and with the fact that we are going to commit \$200,000 to the bridge.

Councilman Piteo responded, by way if information they're also asking \$400,000 for the storm outlet down there as well.

Chairman Crooks responded so \$1.5 million down there. I think we're demonstrating the commitment down there. Obviously it's a safety issue. We don't want to just

demonstrate something. We want to act and I think that we are. My question to the Committee is, and to the rest of the Council Members, is \$600,000 necessary for that evacuation?

Vice Mayor Riley asked could we budget \$100,000, then the next year another \$100,000.00 so we have that money there when we need it?

Finance Director Veres replied yes, or cut it in half, the \$600,000 and the \$400,000, cut that in half for 2009.

Vice Mayor Riley stated we did the \$400,000. That way when it happens.

Everyone speaking at once.

Councilman Narduzzi stated I would prefer to see \$200,000, \$200,000 and \$200,000.

Chairman Crooks responded that way it equals the length of the study.

Finance Director Veres and Councilman Grendel expressed agreement.

Mayor Kurtz reentered the meeting.

Finance Director Veres replied you forgot the \$400,000 then.

Chairman Crooks asked from the sanitary?

Finance Director Veres replied I think it's storm, isn't it?

Councilman Piteo replied storm I believe. I can look it up real quick.

Councilman Klepacz stated I am not a member of the Committee, but I agree with the Chairman as to that recommendation.

Finance Director Veres stated just encumber those funds each year.

Councilman Piteo stated that was set up for next year.

Councilman Klepacz stated to Chairman Crooks I think that's a good way to handle that.

Chairman Crooks asked John Veres, can you take our notes and summarize it, and refine the number for street projects, unless there is anymore input on this?

Vice Mayor Riley stated I think that if we do that, we will be at about a million.

Chairman Crooks asked for 2009?

Finance Director Veres stated we would be safe for 2009. We can have another discussion next week if you want. This is a Five Year Capital Improvement Plan that we are going to revisit, that I would like to revisit quarterly, if not by committee, at least the Mayor Kurtz, the Committee Chairman and me.

Councilman Klepacz commented that makes sense.

Vice Mayor Riley stated here is the thing too, we can set this budget right now and in the spring if that bridge washes away, you know that we will spend a million dollars fixing that bridge and we won't do anything else. That would be a need.

Councilman Grendel commented don't forget the \$75,000 for the cemetery.

Finance Director Veres stated I put in \$75,000 for public buildings and lands.

Chairman Crooks asked you put it into the streets list?

Finance Director Veres no, under lands, \$75,000 for cemetery.

Chairman Crooks asked could you summarize these figures, just do what you normally do in preparation for Friday's packet?

Finance Director Veres replied sure, absolutely.

Vice Mayor Riley stated to John Veres, with the City Hall parking lot, if we have most of it appropriated this year, I would like to get that done so we are done with this whole area. When City Hall parking lot is done, this whole area is taken care of.

Finance Director Veres replied the Mayor Kurtz was going to check into that.

Vice Mayor Riley stated we may need the money from somewhere.

Finance Director Veres replied not for this year, no.

Vice Mayor Riley asked we wouldn't do that until the spring, right?

Finance Director Veres replied it is appropriated this year.

Councilman Narduzzi responded for \$120,000.

Finance Director Veres replied no, \$150,000.

Chairman Crooks stated so we need \$20,000.00 more.

Finance Director Veres replied yes, but it is in the 420 section, and we are still okay there for what you have appropriated for street resurfacing.

Councilman Narduzzi asked if something happens to Selig does that affect the police drive going off of Selig?

Finance Director Veres replied no. It would stop short.

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm stated we got it up to and stop at the drive.

Vice Mayor Riley stated that exit is in the best shape.

Everyone speaking at once.

Chairman Crooks asked so we are going to try and see if we can do the police exit drive this year possibly? The Mayor Kurtz said, he had to check and make sure that the figure is right.

Councilman Narduzzi replied yes, but I thought that we talked about not doing it this year because of the cost of black top and we would wait until the spring. We were going to encumber that money and roll it over to next year.

Councilman Grendel stated we don't have to include it in our plans because it has already been accounted for.

Chairman Crooks stated let's move onto the next item on the agenda which is sidewalks. According to John's lead schedule we have a very short conversation on sidewalk projects for 2009 and 2010. I am referring to his memo now, third page from the back - Major Street and Sidewalks Projects and then is italicized list of major sidewalk improvements. It looks like for 2009 and 2010 we don't have any expenses accounted for or to plan for. Most of these projects begin in 2011 and run through 2013. By way of reference to Don Ramm's memo, my sense is that the same rule applies; it will apply the streets that you have listed above. Don, were these listed out of safety concern? Can we assume that the same goes for sidewalks, that you prioritized by way of safety concerns?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied for the most part, the first two to five. After the fourth or fifth one, they all start to look the same in terms of the streets and residential feel without sidewalks. There are a lot of streets out there without sidewalks.

Councilman Klepacz stated I don't see a plan to redo Grandview. I mean redo the street. If we are going to redo the sidewalks we might as well redo the street. That is my point. I understand the residential sidewalks and I agree with them.

Vice Mayor Riley stated if you look at safety, right now top priority for sidewalks I would have to say Brookside, Sprague and Stone.

Councilman Piteo stated I would move Sprague up to number one.

Chairman Crooks stated if you are looking at a matter of safety then I agree. Sprague Road is a main road, it is a county road and there are families walking on it all the time. There are cars flying up and down Sprague Road. It is only a matter of time before someone gets clipped. I see it; the police department runs radar out of our driveway because the people are driving 50 miles per hour down there. It is an issue and it is only a matter of time before someone gets hurt. Some of other streets include, Grandview, Oakwood and Stone, where we talking about sidewalks for Stone Road?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied primarily we stopped at Tulip – further on down.

Vice Mayor Riley added on that side only.

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm added on one side of the other. It makes sense to stay on that side.

Councilman Klepacz at least some of the people on Stone don't want sidewalks going down the rest of the way. They want the road redone, but they don't care about sidewalks.

Chairman Crooks stated I didn't realize that sidewalks on Stone from Tulip Trail were necessary. I didn't realize that was necessary, I thought we were going to deal with the Tulip Trail and then we were going to stop.

Councilman Klepacz replied that's what I thought too.

Vice Mayor Riley replied I'm just saying it's a safety issue because that street has a ton of truck traffic and there is nowhere to go if you are walking. When Tulip Trail went in it was part of the negotiation and the developer contributed to those sidewalks. The only reason it was done in two phases is we had that money appropriated and then Elewski shifted it somewhere else.

Chairman Crooks asked has anybody received inquiries about residents from lower Stone Road about sidewalks? When we were putting sidewalks in from the ball diamond down to Tulip Trail, I received phone calls and that is where I grew up, I knew the people who were walking from Tulip Trail to Route 21, but people have called and said that they didn't want the sidewalks in that were going in.

Councilman Klepacz stated right. That is my point because I know some of the calls that I received didn't want any sidewalks. Jim is to follow up and I have discussed it with the Mayor Kurtz because we are trying to get an alternative truck route. It needs the cooperation of another public entity.

Councilman Grendel stated I think it would be better suited for Brookside or Sprague.

Vice Mayor Riley stated or actually doing both of them.

Councilman Klepacz stated if we're going to prioritize, I would move somebody else above Stone.

Councilman Grendel agreed.

Vice Mayor Riley stated so on Brookside you got \$265,000, on Sprague you have \$370,000 because on Brookside you have portions done.

Councilman Piteo stated you have to go underneath the bridge where there is not sidewalk. There is none at all going toward Sprague.

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm stated Sprague to Eastview is \$200,000. I also had St. Maron's on the lower section of Brookside where it stops to Pleasant Valley at \$265,000.

Vice Mayor Riley replied with that one I think I'd wait to see what St. Maron's puts in there. I would say lets do from Brookside at Eastview to Sprague. I guess with that I would float it out to Brecksville and Broadview Heights and say, we will put them in our side would you guys participate?

Chairman Crooks stated think that was the idea from the get go.

Vice Mayor Riley asked do you want to send a letter to them and inquire?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied sure.

Vice Mayor Riley stated for 2009 let's get Brookside on the list.

Councilman Piteo stated there is a little section under the bridge that I have been specifically asked by people that they have to go on the road to go underneath the bridge to get to the other side of the bridge.

Chairman Crooks replied the sidewalk ends at the bridge and then it starts up again on the other side of the bridge.

Vice Mayor Riley stated the only thing I can say with that, we may have to wait for that little section until that third layer is done, that shouldn't be much after the fact.

Chairman Crooks asked so we are going to do Brookside Road to Sprague?

Vice Mayor Riley replied you are running along the freeway on Brookside and then you are heading back west and heading south to Sprague.

Mayor Kurtz re-entered the meeting.

Councilman Piteo asked you said that was \$200,000?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied \$200,000 from Sprague to Eastview.

Vice Mayor Riley stated, Mayor Kurtz, we have asked Don Ramm if he could send a letter to Brecksville and Broadview Heights about the possibility of the sidewalk on Sprague, indicating that we will put them in our side if they would be willing to participate in the cost.

Chairman Crooks stated I think a fourth could be added to that. Why not the county? I think it is worth an inquiry, it is a county road, if we can demonstrate that it is a four pronged approach.

Mayor Kurtz stated I think that you have to do that with the county indicating to them we are exploring the possibility of sidewalks and we want to know if they would participate if we were going to do something. If you said it any other way other than exploring then they are going to think, well you are going to do it, so why should I participate. That would be appropriate.

Chairman Crooks stated, and Mayor Kurtz, you had talked about in the past that the Sprague Road sidewalk project would be one of phases that we would go to Route 21 to a certain point?

Mayor Kurtz replied for funding reasons. I have traveled that area there are no major impediments. Normally there are some issues if you have a bridge that you have to go over, but in this case most of it is cosmetic or infrastructure. The infrastructure is related to storm water or a water hydrant or something like that. The only thing I don't know is how it affects any right-of-way. In other words, the only way we are going to know is if we stake the right-of-way, so we know how far in we have to be. We normally would do that if we are putting in a sidewalk anyway so we would be right inside the right-of-way. However, the only reason we said phasing was for monetary reasons.

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm stated the estimate was \$370,000 for all of Sprague, 7400 feet long.

Mayor Kurtz stated there are three major streets and sidewalks if you are on that. It was on Grandview and the deal that I made with those people over there is if they give me a petition that is signed by 70% of the residents on the north side of the street where the new section had sidewalks, I would put it in.

Councilman Klepacz asked where is this for?

Mayor Kurtz replied the original section of Grandview has no sidewalks. It has changed now. There has been a request to put in sidewalks and that should be relatively simple because drainage is not a major issue. However, I asked for a petition. You give me

70% of resident signatures and I will approach Council and talk about installing them. That wouldn't be major.

Councilman Grendel stated it is \$30,000.

Mayor Kurtz responded \$30,000 isn't a big deal.

But Sprague, I think a letter to the county is appropriate, telling them we are exploring the possibility, what role will the county pay and if they would participate. We get a response back from them. Then, I would send a letter to the adjoining communities asking them what role they will play, if any. Then, we would be in a position to see if we are able to shake any money from the trees and get some cooperation.

Vice Mayor Riley stated so the one we have agreement on for next year is Brookside from Eastview to Sprague along I-77 up to west.

Mayor Kurtz stated if you design Sprague into phases, assuming that we don't get any funding. If we get funding we can change that. I think we have Grandview which could be a one shot project. We could do Hillside west of I-77 and we've got Brookside west of Eastview. Some of these are a little more challenging. We may have to do a retaining walls, but after watching how we did Stone Road, we actually saved money from the original budget number. I think we are well equipped to be able to do some creative things.

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm stated I used the cost that we used with F. P. Allega about \$50,000 including the aprons and the guard railing. It had a lot of those flavors with any utility relocation, and drainage accommodations, so I used about 1,000 feet about \$50,000. Fifty dollars per foot is what I was using on all these projects.

Vice Mayor Riley stated I am saying that we can budget Brookside for next year.

Mayor Kurtz responded I don't know where we were at, is that what you are saying?

Finance Director Veres replied we are at \$4.5 million right now. We moved some stuff around while you were gone.

Chairman Crooks stated let's finish the discussion on the sidewalks and try to get to the public buildings. I have to be out of here by quarter to one and then we will have an updated line item draft from John Veres. We can debate this on a Tuesday at a Workshop if we have to meet the deadline, so by way of 2009 sidewalks project, am I correct, we move \$200,000 over for Brookside and we do Grandview.

Councilman Piteo replied yes.

Chairman Crooks stated my question is relative to Sprague Road. If we are to take the conservative approach and phase out Sprague Road, Mayor Kurtz, could we have Don

Ramm put together a figure? He has \$370,000. Can we put together some sort of phased in dollar amount, where we phase in from Route 21 to the bridge?

Mayor Kurtz replied I think we should come up with a critical path that is economically realistic. We should take it to a certain logical stop for the first phase, logical stop for the second phase. I am not sure we can go all the way to I-77 for the first phase.

Councilman Piteo stated don't I remember over there is it a catch basin or storm sewer right in front of the big cement...

Councilman Narduzzi stated on the north side that is close to the street? Yes.

Mayor Kurtz stated let the engineer determine a critical path for the phases. If we have to do it ourselves, how many phases, how much per phase, and what challenges we have at each phase.

Chairman Crooks stated even Route 21 to where that Ward house is, there is a gully and a bridge. I am just trying to figure out how to break it up.

Vice Mayor Riley asked do you want to put \$100,000 so we can start budgeting it?

Chairman Crooks replied I would like to.

Mayor Kurtz replied I agree. If we start that is the toughest thing, starting; it only took us ten years to do the Stone Road sidewalk.

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm stated someone came up to me about bikes and maybe putting an asphalt path instead of concrete with all the joints.

Councilman Grendel and Councilman Piteo expressed agreement.

Vice Mayor Riley replied I have no problem with that either. I think that is a good idea. It is less expensive.

Mayor Kurtz commented I think that is something we should look at, at areas were it makes sense.

Councilman Klepacz commented, concrete is cheaper right now than asphalt.

Chairman Crooks asked what about recycled rubber? In reading one of the memos from another service director, they are using recycled rubber for sidewalks.

Mayor Kurtz replied that is just a small percentage of rubber compound and some of them use it in their asphalt too. But here is my point, Don, when he goes through these various areas we should see which road potentially could be wider or could be used for a bike path.

Finance Director Veres stated Glenwillow just put in a bike path from Richmond to their eastern border.

Mayor Kurtz asked along the road?

Finance Director Veres replied yes, it little off the road

Councilman Narduzzi added they are doing it on Pettibone too.

Mayor Kurtz stated we should check with their engineer and ask them how convenient that it is.

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied it's like a normal sidewalk. There is a separation there. Is it wider than five feet?

Finance Director Veres replied yes, I go out that way to work.

Chairman Crooks stated we've got \$200,000 for Brookside, \$30,000 for Grandview, \$100,000 for Sprague for 2009.

Mayor Kurtz asked are you going to consider doing those paths? Are you going to consider paths or just focusing on sidewalk only. But the question is, do you want to explore the possibility of a path so you have your options? Don, you can look at it both ways. Some may be more conducive to the bike path than sidewalk and it may make more sense to do that. So, let's not limit ourselves to the sidewalk, when we say sidewalk we define sidewalk as a traditional five foot sidewalk. How wide is a bike path sidewalk?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied it can be eight to ten foot.

Mayor Kurtz responded if we can do that, it makes sense to me to do it that way anything that can potentially tie into one of our trails.

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm asked, would there be any backlash from residents who all of a sudden have a ten foot wide or eight foot wide bike path?

Mayor Kurtz replied that's why we're going to look at the options for both of them.

Councilman Narduzzi commented you don't see them in residential areas much because people park on them.

Mayor Kurtz responded I am thinking of a larger street, more of a traveled street where it might tie into the park.

Councilman Klepacz stated I think Sprague would be good candidate.

Mayor Kurtz stated Sprague would be a candidate, especially if we get the county and you get the municipality. That would be a good reason for them to tie it into that because the residents can use it. So, that may be the approach for Sprague Road, for lower Hillside.

Chairman Crooks asked, Don, can you put together those numbers and take them over to John Veres for the phasing for Sprague?

Finance Director Veres replied yes.

Vice Mayor Riley stated on Brookside there would be three easy breaks and if you wanted to phase that, Eastview to the first turn, up Brookside west, break there and south of Sprague.

Councilman Narduzzi stated put on another snowplow for overtime to clear the sidewalks.

Chairman Crooks stated let's move to the last item on the agenda. We've got the discussion of public lands and buildings needs. We can do one of two things, we can have the discussion rushed or we can meet again on the 28th and discuss it. Since some of us have to go, we will meet again on October 28, 2008. We will schedule a meeting for next Tuesday, the 28th.

Councilman Klepacz commented, as a non-member I don't see anything about a dog park on here for 2009. We don't need much. It could be located right behind the t-ball field. We already have parking there.

Several people speaking at once.

Vice Mayor Riley responded don't set a time for the Workshop.

Chairman Crooks stated we will set a meeting up for 3:00 p.m. next Tuesday the 28th.

Mayor Kurtz stated we're having a Workshop today at 4 p.m. But since you are all here I want to make sure that the project on Hemlock for the cemetery is moving forward. We'll need a motion – Council's approval of the project and concept. Any item over \$7,500 we bid out, it allows us then, it follows the protocol outlined by the auditor's office that Council is aware of the overall project cost and that some of it is going to be done in house. But, the components that are over \$7,500 will be bid out and brought to Council formally.

Councilman Klepacz asked, this is for the cemetery fence?

Mayor Kurtz replied yes. We talked about it but we didn't make a motion. Is it two weeks for the material?

Economic Development Director White replied I believe that is the case.

Chairman Crooks stated I didn't anticipate having a Workshop tonight. I am not going to stay much past the Special Council Meeting, I was wondering if anyone is objecting to push the discussion of the Code changes to be introduced next week? Anyone have a problem with that?

Everyone speaking at once.

Vice Mayor Riley stated I thought we were only going to talk about one thing this evening.

Mayor Kurtz stated I know people had to leave so we were just going to do what we had time to do and that was going to be it.

Moved by Crooks, seconded by Grendel, to adjourn the Finance Committee Meeting. Voice Vote: 3 yes/0 no; motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, the Finance Committee Meeting was adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

Gayle Rudary, Pro Tem Clerk of Council