



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Finance & Administration Council Committee

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

4:00 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL (ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE) CONFIRMED BY CITY CLERK APRIL LEGGETT

Present 7 - Joe Hafner; Charles Coleman; Ann Williams; John Street; David McClain; Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[MIN-24:078](#)

Minutes for the Finance Committee meeting on Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by John Street, seconded by Brian Emison, that this matter be Passed. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman; Ann Williams; John Street; David McClain; Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

4. NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-24:093](#)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS GRANTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE FY2025 GREAT STRIDES/TRAILS FOR LIFE GRANT FROM THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, HERITAGE AND TOURISM

Chairman Joe Hafner said, this should say 2.25 miles of soft surface lake loop trail at Craighead Forest Park.

A motion was made by John Street, seconded by Brian Emison, that this matter be Recommended to Council. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman; Ann Williams; John Street; David McClain; Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

[RES-24:094](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BAILEY CONTRACTORS, INC. FOR THE JONESBORO BIKE PLAZA (Bid 24:23)

Attachments: [JBR Bike Plaza 100% CD with PR1 Revisions](#)
[Bid 2024-23 Bike Plaza Tabulation](#)
[Value Engineering 7.31.2024](#)

Councilmember David McClain said, Mr. Chairman I have a question. So, can somebody just explain to me, is this part of the overall plan? I know this is connecting Creath or Downtown, finishing out this part over here, okay. Chief Administrative Officer Brian Richardson said, this is for the, I guess you would call it a bike plaza right here on the corner of Creath and Church Street. It's, I guess, kind of like a pocket park in a lot of ways. Chairman Joe Hafner said, it is also part of the Martin Luther King Bike Trail. Mr. Richardson said, it is. Councilmember McClain asked, is that what that's about to be called? Are we about to rename it. Mr. Richardson stated, that is named the Martin Luther King Bike Trail. Chairman Hafner said, that was agreed upon when we voted on it six years ago. Councilmember McClain said, I thought it was different, went down Aggie was my recollection. Chairman Hafner said, that is University Heights. Dr. Coleman can interject, but when the committee met. Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, yeah, it actually came out of the 2019 when we voted on the 2019 to get all of that taken care of. Chairman Hafner said, there will be plaques and stuff or monuments along the way. Mr. Richardson said, yeah and there will be and also this would just be kind of a really nice kind of a green space pocket park addition for downtown. So, it will be, I don't know if the renderings were on that or not, but I can certainly send those around. It's a much needed pocket park space and public space in downtown. Councilmember John Street asked, what is the timeline on that? Mr. Richardson stated, I believe that it is something that we're looking at actually go to construction in the first part of next year if not sooner. It's all weather dependent. The project has been bid. The value engineering has been done on it. And, of course, that is reflecting the price tag on this resolution. Pending Council approval, it's a construction ready project. (Grants Director Jeremy Biggs said, "construction should be by the end of the year." NOTE: It is very hard to hear as he is speaking off mic and off camera.) Mr. Richardson stated, construction is the end of this year.

A motion was made by John Street, seconded by Brian Emison, that this matter be Recommended to Council. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

[RES-24:095](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS
AUTHORIZING THE OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL
RIGHT-OF-WAY ON S CARAWAY ROAD FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING
AND MAINTAINING ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Attachments: [offer and acceptance 5100](#)

Councilmember David McClain said, I do have, this one and the next two look like they are the same piece of property. I know the conversation is we want to extend Caraway Road and make it five lanes. I know that is a conversation that we are having maybe even later this meeting. I know this gives us the ability to do that to extend Caraway Road but at the same time Mr. Chairman, does this, it seems a little premature if you ask me. I know we've worked on this for some years, but we haven't finalized if we're going to make it five lanes. Chairman Hafner said, I think Mr. Richardson has some information, but in the past, the council has already voted on some rights-of-way for the same area. And, this doesn't necessarily have to do with the expansion. But, even if we just want to put a sidewalk down South Caraway, we still have to acquire property

and this is just working on acquiring that property so when the time comes for us to decide if we are doing the full expansion like that is in these, the Mayor's proposed spending plan or if we are merely going to put a side path down South Caraway and not having people walking in the roadway, then this is part of that process and in my opinion, it needs to be done instead of us waiting and then taking a year or two plus property values aren't going down. They are probably going to go higher. I know Mr. Richardson has an illustration of the area. Chief Administration Officer Brian Richardson said, sure, I would be happy to. Of course it is rolled up. I tried to email it and sometimes those things don't want to email around too well. But, Councilman Hafner is correct. I think that we all recognize the need for pedestrian investments on South Caraway Road. There's a well trodden trail down each side of it and in order to do that along with the drainage easements that are going to be needed, you're going to have to purchase some additional right of way. I believe it is 14 of the 18 needed rights-of-way for that project that have already been purchased. This is a project that probably started back in the early teens, 2013, 2014. But, all of that aside, regardless on if the Council decides to expand it to three lanes, four lanes, five lanes, whatever that means, in order to do pedestrian accommodations, you are going to have to at least purchase some of that right-of-way. And, as the Chairman mentioned, it's not going to get any cheaper and I think we all realize at some point, an improvement project is going to be needed on Caraway Road. So, this kind of gets that out of the way. So, that's the reasoning why we have been purchasing these and I assume that is the reason why this project was kind of started back in 2014 because we know eventually this is a needed project. I mean, there's 15,000 vehicles that go down that road a day and there are a lot of people who walk down the side of it. So, at the very least, we are going to have to figure something out on pedestrian safety there.

Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, so, and the reason why I pose this question now is that you kept saying if, if. So, I just wanted to know is this the project to do the pedestrian crossing because I didn't want this to get muddied with the capital improvement plan that being presented. So, I just wanted to know, okay, are we buying the right-of-way to do the pedestrian crossing regardless of expanding or not, is that what it is for or are we trying to accommodate both at the same time? Mr. Richardson stated, this proposed right-of-way is the right-of-way needed to accomplish the plans for a five lane road with pedestrian cross sections. With that being said, that even with the existing right-of-way that we have, even if we wanted to put down a side path on one side and a sidewalk on the other, we don't have enough property to do that. So, you are going to have to purchase some property. Could you purchase two foot less, three foot less, maybe so. But, the point of this is to go ahead and get the property bought for future improvements, to do any future improvements. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, so that means yes. So, that means yes. Mr. Richardson said, yes, this is the purchase of the property for a five lane cross section. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, okay. Mr. Richardson replied, however, even if Council decides not to do that you are still going to have to purchase additional property much like this, maybe a couple of feet less though. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman stated, I understand now.

Councilmember John Street said, I can tell you this is much needed. I was behind two other cars who were behind a gentlemen in a wheelchair the other day going down and I mean there was no where for the guy to get but on the edge of South Caraway Road and its dangerous. And, as you said there's well beaten paths on both sides. There's just too much pedestrian traffic to ignore that for very much longer.

Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, for my clarity, for clarity for me, it's not necessarily a question because I have thought about this on Friday and when I

received or when we received the capital improvement plan last week, I am very much so for pedestrian safety and adding as many sidewalks as we can. It just felt to me and I will use the term that my colleague used Mr. McClain said it felt premature to ask about purchasing rights-of way when we know we have this capital improvement plan coming. So, that's why I asked what I asked first because it just seemed muddied and kind of the cart before the horse and so I just wanted to make certain that we were doing the pedestrian thing. Chief Operating Officer Tony Thomas said, correct and I regret that you felt that way. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, yes. Mr. Thomas continued, but we acquired 14 properties last year for this exact same purpose and this is just a continuation of that. Those 14 properties last year were for widening as well as pedestrian infrastructure. As you just indicated, we are focused on improving that pedestrian infrastructure. If that alone, we need to do that in this upcoming year or next year in order to provide for pedestrian safety along that roadway. The answer to that question is yes. Whether or not we do a five lane or whether or not we do pedestrian infrastructure, we need this right-of-way just as we have acquired the additional right-of-way over the past few years in order to move this forward.

A motion was made by John Street, seconded by Brian Emison, that this matter be Recommended to Council. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

[RES-24:096](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY ON S CARAWAY ROAD FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Attachments: [offer and acceptance 5101](#)

A motion was made by John Street, seconded by Brian Emison, that this matter be Recommended to Council. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

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A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY ON S CARAWAY ROAD FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Attachments: [offer and acceptance PDE](#)

Chairman Joe Hafner said, that's not written correctly. City Clerk April Leggett responded, I can fix it, but I didn't write it. Chairman Hafner asked, how is that supposed to read? It should just simply be "an offer has been made and accepted to purchase the above described property." They have spell check on some of these computers nowadays. Hey, April, the first two had the same typo.

A motion was made by John Street, seconded by Brian Emison, that this matter be Recommended to Council. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

[RES-24:098](#)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JONESBORO AND CRAIGHEAD COUNTY FOR THE LEASING AND SHARED USE OF A FIRE TRAINING FACILITY

Attachments: [Craighead Cty Judge 20240820 154314](#)

A motion was made by John Street, seconded by Brian Emison, that this matter be Recommended to Council. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman; Ann Williams; John Street; David McClain; Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

[RES-24:099](#)

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FREE UTILITY SERVICES FROM CITY WATER AND LIGHT FOR CITY-LEASED AND OWNED PROPERTY

Councilmember John Street abstained from discussion and voting on RES-24:099 due to the fact that he serves on the CWL Board of Directors. Chairman Joe Hafner said, once again thanks to CWL for being such a good partner to the city.

A motion was made by Brian Emison, seconded by Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman; Ann Williams; David McClain; Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

Abstain: 1 - John Street

[RES-24:101](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO AMEND THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE PARKER PARK COMMUNITY CENTER POOL ADDITION (2023:24)

Attachments: [Parker Park PR 3 Pricing](#)
 [Proposal Request 3 - Additional Site Parking and Walks 08.02.24](#)

Councilmember David McClain said, Mr. Chairman, this was part of the original plan, we cut it out, and now we are adding it back. Where exactly are we looking to add this additional parking? Is it on some of the land we already purchased? Chief Administrative Officer Brian Richardson said, yes, it's a redesign of the existing parking lot. If you have been out there, there are some non-connecting sections of the parking lot, especially that comes out of the south side of Parker Park. There is kind of a disconnect there. There's some sidewalk stuff that needs to be cleaned up. There are some drainage improvements that need to be done on that parking lot I guess to improve the project in general over there. Councilmember McClain asked, does that have anything to do with the property we purchased recently? Mr. Richardson replied, no. This is just upgrades and improvements on the existing parking lot.

Councilmember Ann Williams said, one thing I would like to say is I would hope in our revising of the bus routes, JETS Routes, as Lee has indicated he is going to working with the software on revising our routes. The three routes we have currently and then adding a fourth. I think and probably have indicated as this would be the case that we can provide easier access to Parker Park from locations and stops on Johnson because as it is now with the consolidation of all of the routes into three, to get to Parker Park from Johnson currently, you have to go back to the Transfer Station on East Matthews and transfer there to another bus that takes you up through downtown and then up North Main to Parker Park. I think that it obviously would be much easier to have routes or stops on Johnson that can take people, riders directly to Parker Park. You know, go west on Johnson and then turn right rather than as it is currently, it takes a left, headed up Johnson, headed west on Johnson, turns left onto west Aggie and then through that four way stop just west of the campus, then goes over Marion Berry Overpass, goes through that traffic light and then back to the Transfer Station

where you have been given a transfer pass where you can transfer there at the Transfer Station to another bus that takes you up through downtown, up Main Street to Parker Park. And, I think in preparation of next summer, I think it would be good to have some modifications of that route because obviously people taking it from even further east than I am that it makes a lot of sense to be able to have a easy or a viable bus trip to Parker Park. I mean, am I right on this? I think this, to me it seems like pretty logical. Chairman Hafner said, hopefully they can take that under consideration. Councilmember Williams said, I am only mentioning that in response to the parking situation. I think we could avoid, you know, having it too crowded as far as parking. I think that would ease some of the parking issues possibly by having before next summer, the swim season next summer, it would be nice to have a practical bus ride or route to Parker Park from Johnson. Sorry, I am always ready to make a pitch for public transportation, JETS. But, I mean, to me, it's kind of a obvious thing. Chairman Hafner said, all right, thank you very much.

A motion was made by John Street, seconded by Brian Emison, that this matter be Recommended to Council. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

5. PENDING ITEMS

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Joe Hafner stated that this will be discussion of the capital improvement project plan that the Mayor has submitted and today, no action will be taken, no votes will be taken. This is just merely a chance for the Mayor to discuss his plan and for questions and comments to be asked. Thank you.

[COM-24:043](#)

DISCUSSION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Attachments: [Capital Investment Plan 2024 final](#)

Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, thank you Mr. Chair and I do appreciate the earlier discussion as well from the committee. You know, I think that is the key and integral part is that we continue to communicate and that's what we are doing here with this plan. About six months ago, you know, we brought some ideas forward. We had your input and we reevaluated that not only from the Council, but also from the community as well. And, so, if you would, bear with me while I make a few comments and then we will go directly into the capital investment plan. And, I want you to understand that I do have individuals from the Directors, the Departments here to answer any particular questions, but more importantly, if you have a question that we can't answer today, we're going to get back with you because this is just an informative situation. We do have another public hearing, what Jeremy? At 6:00 p.m. tonight at the Y. And, so, that will be another public input session. That will be the third one that we have had on this that all have been very positive. So, again, this is what you all have requested. And, so, what I am doing here is just kind of giving you an update of where we are, what we can do, and how we can proceed forward with wants and needs really. So, most of these projects were included in the project discussions held a year ago. At your request, what we have seen is we have added significant detail. There are timelines now that have also been added and we gathered public input. We are still gathering public input and questions and that's why we wanted to have this as a communication item today versus just putting out there to where we vote on it to move it forward to

Council. To allow each of you the opportunity to ask questions or learn about these projects in case you are asked by your constituents over the next few weeks. If you have questions regarding the details of any proposed projects, we have Directors here familiar with each of the projects and I don't envision this being a discussion where every question can be thoroughly answered, but we are happy to take those questions and if we need to research and provide in-depth answers and then we can get back to you. I think that we all know that Jonesboro has a lot of needs, way more than we can afford, but we also have a lot of duties. I believe that we have a duty to continue investing in pedestrian infrastructure. That is reflected in this plan in the millions of dollars in requests that Council has approved over the last few years. And, that is such. We have seen what has occurred in the community. We have a duty to invest in public safety, that is reflected in this plan. We have a duty to invest in our roads and infrastructure which is reflected in this plan. And, we have also invested over \$4 million in road overlays this Council has supported over the past few years. We need more lighting for pedestrian and property protection, that is included in this plan. We need to fund investments outlined in our Master Parks Plan, funds to continue that are included in this plan. We need to fund research to shape how we want our city to look 5, 10, 20 years down the road, that funding is included in this plan. And, we need to have a duty to continue our heightened efforts to clean up Jonesboro. We have a duty to help those in our community who face challenges, funding that is included in this plan. All of these things are included in the packet you have in front of you and they are all things we can do now through a combination of a revenue bond and ARPA appropriations. We anticipate that next year, our ISO review will recommend that we build a fire station. In Phase 2, we will utilize reserve appropriations and that will have to be a priority. We are currently planning to commission a long-term Fire Department Study to identify the best investments, policies and staffing levels to continue providing the best service in my opinion in the State of Arkansas for our Fire Department.

In addition to these various public held meetings, we will have a formal public hearing week after next either the 9th or 10th. So, I wanted to make everybody aware of that as well. So, if we don't mind Council, we'll go ahead and begin looking at the first page of the capital investment plan. I think you have seen some upgrades and some adjustments. Obviously, the criteria there, public safety, infrastructure, quality of life, and then smart growth. The total request to Council is \$25,750,000. Of that, \$17.5 million is a revenue bond request and then \$8.25 million of the remaining ARPA funds for projects detailed in the following pages. So, if you would, we will go to the next page. The first of which is Public Safety. I think that we are all aware and Rick Elliott, is Ronnie here as well, if y'all would like to approach. You know, public safety obviously is the priority of our community and we have continued to invest and I commend this Council over the last four years for your continued investment in both not only our officers, our staffing for 911 and our police officers, but also our technology. I think it has come to reality of what we are doing in Jonesboro, we are leading by example. And, so, at the bottom paragraph of the congressional appropriations totaling \$4 million have been appropriated for us to be able to use for a safety Real-Time crime center in Jonesboro. If you notice the timeline of the projected project is below and if you have any questions please feel free to ask Chief Elliott.

Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, Mayor, I've got one question because this is probably an ongoing question. On this acquisition, the property that is around the Police Department now, has that been acquired yet? Mayor Copenhaver said, this is in this acquisition. So, the \$6.5 million includes the property purchase for the remaining necessitating rest of the area that we will need to eventually build an entire complex at. Yes, sir. It is 4.2 acres I believe. Is that about right? Somewhere around there Chief?

Police Chief Rick Elliott said, yes sir. That is approximate numbers looking at it. But, yes, Dr. Coleman, in response to your question, we are planning for the future and obviously our first need is since we have this money quickly allocated for a dispatch/real-time crime center. That would be the first piece of the puzzle on this piece of property. Second piece of the puzzle would be a multi-story new police complex that we will add to it at a later phase. Will realize existing facility down there, kind of reconfigure a way the department's laid out. So, the importance is getting everything off of Washington, minus the courts. The courts belong to the county, not the city. But, bringing all police services back in one central location so we can be more efficient in what we do day in and day out. I think by the time we get done with this project, this will be a premiere facility for the department and for the city. So, we're excited that at what we're looking at down the road compared to what we are in now. Of course, the Caraway facility is way too small. But, I think we will have a first-class looking facility when this is said. Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, I don't want to push the button ahead of the Mayor and I am very serious about this, but, you know, everybody knows I have been talking about this for a long time and it needs to be done. So, prior to the investment of the property have we kind of looked at different organizations that can immediately get in and start building that project? Does that make sense to you Mayor? Mayor Copenhaver said, so, we are doing the in-house study on all of our buildings and facilities. And, so, they have actually gone ahead and drawn a diagram of the facility and if you will look on Appendix A. We do have Appendix A on record and that will show the additional purchase of the land. Now, it is basically an L shape around the property. This is of the appraised value. It is not higher than the appraised value of the land. So, Chief, we have already gone through that if you want to go into more detail. Chief Elliott said, we kind of have, kind of further elaborate on your questioning. We spent the last several months with an architect evaluating current spatial needs and then projected spatial needs for the next 15-20 years. So, everything that we are looking at, we are talking about building design, we are setting the building up 15 or 20 years from now that it can be expanded upon on this existing property. So, I'm trying to set up the facility for growth for the next 40-50+ years. Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, I guess that's about my third question. You know, you are buying a lot of property, but at the same time, personally I am for this. I mean, I'll just be honest with you because I have been talking about it for years. But, at the same time, I'm also, I have reservations that when we buy property and you can't expand, you can't do anything to it. So, is this going to be property that can be expanded out on down the line? Chief Elliott said, absolutely. Property, when we start out on the main complex, we're looking at a minimum of a two-story complex. It's cheaper to build up than to build out. But, going with that, we still have enough property to attach to the back of that building and go back and go up again in 15-20 years from now if the case need be. So, the whole concept is we are building for today, but we have room for the future. Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman asked, is this going to include training facilities, I mean like basement training facilities? Chief Elliott said, this will be, we're actually going to incorporate Code Enforcement back into this. Then, we will have a training room. On the front part of the big building, we'll have a big, big classroom that will also serve as a community meeting room. So, our current training room will hold about 30 people. We are wanting a bigger classroom in this facility so we can accommodate. We have classes larger than that. We have to go and outsource where we hold those classes. So, it's kind of having a larger classroom and then having that same space open to the public for various meetings and things like that. So, it's getting a multiuse out of what we are trying to build here. Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, thank you.

Councilmember David McClain said, Mayor, you pointed out, you said the appraised value is in here. I don't see that, but what are we anticipating on paying for this L

shape. How much and how much land is it? Mayor Copenhagen responded, I believe the equivalent is right at 4 acres or a little over 4 acres and it is \$1.995 million. Councilmember McClain asked, so right at \$2 million? Mayor Copenhagen said, right at \$500,000 an acre. Councilmember McClain asked, do we have an official appraisal? Do you mind sending it out? Mayor Copenhagen said, sure, yes, I'll add that and I would also like Ronnie to kind of give you a brief overview too. And, I know, I think it is really imperative that if you haven't as Council go ahead and really visit Ronnie's site so you can see. We have made tremendous upgrades. Again, thanks to Council and your investment to our employees at 911, but even so, it's still a much needed necessity to make that improvement. And, I would challenge each and every one of you to go visit that so you can see and what this can be a reality of what we need for personnel. So, Ronnie, if you want to give an update. E911 Director Ronnie Sturch said, absolutely. Thank you Mayor. Council, I would just like to stress kind of to follow up on what Chief said and what the Mayor said, we have made with your support tremendous strides in the technologies that we have put into our 911 center. We have moved forward tremendously. The problem that we have is that we are virtually bursting at the seams. And, we definitely need a new facility. We have no room to grow right now. But, again, this would be a project that would carry us 20-30 years down the road that if we had room to expand or the city would have the opportunity to be able to expand and already have the infrastructure in place. A couple of things I will say. One, I want to follow up Mayor with what you said. Please, I would love the opportunity for every Councilmember to come over and visit our 911 Center. I would love to have you. We would be glad to schedule a time to bring you over. We will allow you to sit down in the chair if you want to with a dispatcher. I think it would certainly behoove you and we would love the opportunity to show you what we do and how we operate over there. But, I can't stress the importance of how we need to expand. One other thing that I would like to add with this is with the new facility, the drawings I have seen is the combination of the Real-Time Crime Center and the 911 Center being not in the actual same room, but together. We are located according to that and I know that is subject to change, but those being together. I can't tell you how much the 911 Center and the Real-Time Crime Center works together. We work hand in hand. We all have our own responsibilities and roles that we play, but it would just enhance our ability of situational awareness for officer safety. The Real-Time Crime Center can enhance what we are doing to protect officers and the citizens. And, we can enhance their ability to get information out to the officers and the citizens. So, that is an important thing to me and I just wanted to let you know that I can't stress the importance of having those centers in close proximity to each other and working together. Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, this is not so much a question, but each year software goes up. Each year the application of what you are trying to do goes up. So, I guess at the same time with the facility would be incorporating on a day by day basis because of everything that is going on for us getting the transportation for us, internet, that type of situation going on and even to using drones and that type of information so I guess my point being that all of this would be included in all of the facilities of what you're doing. Mr. Sturch said, absolutely, yes sir. It would blow your mind to see some of the technologies that are out there that are not even, we don't even have yet. But, those are coming and this would provide us an opportunity to have the location and so forth to enhance that center and do the same. Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, I asked the question not so much to be smart but I deal with software every day and I know that it seems like here lately it's like every hour it's changing and it's getting expensive. So, if we don't get on it, jump on it real quick, by the time we get the building up, we would probably need to buy another one. Mr. Sturch said, yes sir. Mayor Copenhagen stated, but I think the relevance and the importance too of \$4 million that has taken us three years to acquire. And, with that, we are going to be able to provide the technology that you are talking about at a much higher level

than even what we are doing now, but we can adjust and readjust what we currently have and that's what's great about what Council did early on was to purchase equipment and necessary tools that we can move to the new facility. So, we are not purchasing all brand new equipment, right. Mr. Sturch said, right, and we have, of course, the turnback money that comes from the state that helps provide for that equipment and that technology. So, we get that annually. Mayor Copenhaver said, thank you. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, I have a question. Mr. Mayor, I have a question on this. The \$6.5 million, so I am assuming for, I think you said was almost \$2 million for acquisition of the land. Mayor Copenhaver said, that is correct and \$4 million for the building. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, gotcha. Chairman Joe Hafner said, Congress is giving us \$4 million for the technology. It's already been awarded too. That is not something that we are waiting on. We haven't received it yet, but it has been awarded. Mayor Copenhaver said, thank y'all very much. Chairman Hafner said, thank you.

Mayor Copenhaver said, we will go on to page 2. We will just move right on through. And, again, we are just kind of going through it and just want to have a great discussion. I know that there was some discussion earlier on Caraway Road. This is a project that obviously has been unfunded since 2014 when I believe the city initiated it. Some City Councilmembers were here at that time and about \$500,000 into the project to offer the expansion there for pedestrian infrastructure. I know y'all did forward those onto Council, the request for the purchase of that. As we move forward, what we are seeing is as it transpires and Craig if you want to come up, where is Craig? Where is he? Okay, he's not here. Let me see, Derrel, I don't know if you've got the numbers. But, what we are seeing is a traffic volume. New Highway 1 is about 18,000 of traffic volume a day. That's a state highway and of course, they are going to widen that all the way to the county line, four lane it. It might even be five lanes all the way to the county line. And, then what we are talking about at Caraway Road drops off about 3,000 cars, so we are only at 15,000 which is a lot of traffic down South Caraway Road. And, then the Old Highway One or Southwest Drive is about 12,000 cars. So, you can see the progression of that. But, my point being is keep in mind Council, with this and the reason for the ask for the widening of the expansion of this also is the continuation of partnerships with ARDOT. We are looking at future partnerships for Interstate 555 of all of the intersectional changes. That is a cost of over \$220 million at current day figures. And, so, what we are doing is trying to prioritize certain intersections on I-555. We are also looking at the expansion obviously of we are going to have an uptick, a major uptick with traffic when it comes to the Sports Complex and several of these trail connections and other pedestrian structure upgrades are going to help and make that accessible more for people that are coming to our community and for people within. As easy as today I was having lunch on South Caraway and a gentleman came up to me and he said, "Mayor, keep doing what you're doing. The pedestrian walkways and sidewalks are so important to me. I don't have a vehicle and its important." So, anyway, I want to discuss the infrastructure upgrades. These are recommendations that we are bringing forth. This would also be a part in the revenue bond of which we haven't gotten into. I will basically say at this point, the revenue bond, I got off the phone with Paul, before the meeting, it's actually leveraging a little bit better than where it was 6-9 months ago. So, we are in a really good position there where we are able to utilize resources at today's dollar instead of down the road and go ahead and start these projects and that's the reason for the revenue bond request. The other portion of this after Derrel gets done, I have asked Andy Shatley to come in and kind of give us an update with the trail connection piece that his committee has been working on and how they prioritized. We have an appendix in here as well that states the value of that. So, Derrel, if you would, kind of give an overview of the Caraway Road expansion since Craig is not here.

Planning Director Derrel Smith said, sure, Councilman Street said earlier about seeing a person in a wheelchair crossing Caraway Road. All you have got to do is go out at 5:30 p.m. on Friday afternoon and he is on the bridge going across Caraway Road. He is not on a trail. He is actually out in the roadway because he can't get off the roadway with his wheelchair. So, you can go through at any time of day and you've got people from the apartments, from the neighborhoods, that are just walking up and down the streets and we have got to provide them access because it is not safe out there. Somebody is going to get hit and what we don't want is for somebody to get hurt out there. Councilmember Ann Williams said, a pedestrian was killed recently at Needham. I drove over to see where that was and how it crosses and what that appears to be. Mr. Smith said, but we have already as far as the roadway widening, the bridges are already widened so that is a huge cost that has already been done. The utilities are already out of the way. When CWL went in there, they moved all of the utilities to build for a future roadway. So, that is going to be a savings there that we won't normally see. Now, we will still have to do some major drainage infrastructure, road widening and sidewalks and side paths. Some of the work has already been done and it will pay for itself because its things that normally, utilities on a street project usually take the longest of anything is getting utilities moved. And, so, with CWL already leading the way on that, that is just a plus for us. The trail connections especially on Race Street where the new aquatics center and new sports complex is going to be, we have had a traffic study that has been provided by a traffic engineer here in the area and one of his biggest concerns is pedestrian infrastructure in the area because there are a lot of houses that are going to connect to this. You know, not only are we thinking of weekend basketball or swim meets, or volleyball meets, or whatever else, but in the evenings, you are going to have kids from neighborhoods wanting to come and play on the basketball courts and play volleyball and swim and you have got to have places because the signal lights right now are not designed for pedestrians to cross those traffic intersections. So, that is all included in this. Mayor Copenhaver said, and that is the \$2 million on the infrastructure on the next page. That is the top there, okay, alright. Thank you Derrel. Andy, do you want to say a few things on the trail connections? I appreciate you coming Mr. Shatley, thank you.

Andy Shatley said, thank you Mayor and Finance Committee. I've appeared in front of y'all, I don't know, a few months ago and went down this extensive list. I certainly won't go through that again, but I will tell you that it is exciting to be here because of somebody who has tried to be proactive and make a pedestrian infrastructure and active transportation happen, to see it potentially really happen as fast as what it's happened on our list is pretty exciting. There's about ten top priority things that we put on our list that we presented and I go down and see pending items. There are a couple of pending TAP grants that we have out there. With this spending plan, I've gone through the different ones and you'll see the projected cost there and then there are a couple of things that are already in progress. It knocks off nine of our ten of our top priority list and with the projected timeline of somewhere in between 2026 and the end of 2026, I don't know, who knows exactly when that will happen. I can't imagine that the top ten of our list are already knocked off in the next two years. That is phenomenal. So, it's exciting just to have this conversation and to see this presented. We were asked to give detail. We were asked to prioritize where we thought could move the most people and where our money would be best spent. So, this is what our committee presented and you will see four of those things there, one of them the Marion Berry Overpass has a little different funding mechanism, but it behooves us to list that because it was top on our priority list and things are already in motion as Council has passed funds for that to happen in the case of a TAP Grant award. So, any questions as far as you have for me. This certainly knocks off, like I said, nine of our ten of our

top priorities and we are very excited about it. So, any questions that you have for me and our committee, I will entertain those. Chairman Hafner said, I just want to reiterate that as far as the trails are concerned, they are not listed in Appendix B, but I mean obviously the South Caraway Project will have a side path and as Derrel mentioned, the Race Street. And, I can tell you as someone who gets out and rides, especially when we do our little Friday morning urban ride, it has been really nice to be able to get on these paths and as much as we have enjoyed them, it's nice to see other people riding on them. Mr. Shatley stated, yeah, one of the things that I will reiterate, you know, you see five projects there, really four of them are coming funded out of this initiative, but Race Street and Caraway Road, I would say the majority of the cost of that are going to be side paths and pedestrian infrastructure, really, to get that part of the project done. So, you kind of got a lump that into the mileage that we're going to connect up in our in Jonesboro with this package. So, any other questions? Thank y'all and I'll appear as many times as we need to appear to make this happen. Mayor Copenhaver said, thank you very much. Again, your public input and taking your personal time along with your committee as well has been very helpful in this process. Next, we will go ahead and move into the green section and this is the Quality of Life initiatives and its several areas here. Total investment is around \$5 million. The aquatic pool construction, Danny, if you would like to come up and visit with that and then the Master Parks Implementation Plan, Derrel as well, if y'all want to come up and we can kind of move forward with that and I will let Danny go ahead and talk to the aquatics and pool.

Parks Director Danny Kapales said, so, yes, looking at the aquatics side of it, that's basically, for us, that's basically a holding point for expansion of pools in Jonesboro. You know, if you look at what we did at Parker Park in a much needed pool expansion we had there, just the use of it and the short period that we have had it was great and it shows that we need to continue to add to Jonesboro our water play. And, so, this just gives us an opportunity to find that right location where that needs to be and where that expansion needs to go and that's going to be a decision that y'all will make as we move along with this process, but it will probably be something similar to what we did over there. But, I look forward to that that advice from y'all and where it needs to go and what it needs to look like as we move forward with this. Mayor Copenhaver said, and, Council, what I am going to do as well is go ahead and fill in a hole there. We are awaiting the final funding numbers for the new sports complex. The number one priority from the community was to have a swimming facility for everybody, outdoor recreational park at the sports complex. And, so, if the funding is not available, we need to provide that number one priority for that sports complex. So, this funding can be used for that and if its not, I'm hoping, I think we have got the numbers worked to where we are going to be able to acquire that. This would allow us then to put in another pool somewhere else in the community. Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, can I ask you a question? And, I might have brought this up before. I think what was done at Parker Park was great, but have we looked at any locations on the east side of Jonesboro? Mayor Copenhaver replied, yes sir. Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman asked, is that possibly something similar to that can go? Mayor Copenhaver replied, well, we are within just a short timeframe of making an announcement in the east side of Jonesboro, yes sir. And, then, the Master Parks Implementation, I'm sorry that's not Derrel, that's Danny. If you would like to go through that. Mr. Kapales said, I'm sure Derrel could do it with no problem. So, looking into the plan itself, dug into the Master Park Plan that y'all had a chance to look at and go through and know that there is a lot of needs. And, what we did basically, we pulled a lot of the priority needs throughout Jonesboro and knowing that this this is going to be, you know, the next ten years of phasing that plan out. This is that first step. These are the first projects that we needed to really touch on. Chairman Hafner said, sorry to interrupt you, but I just, this is not really the first step because there's already \$1 million in this year's budget.

This would add additional money to further implement the Master Parks Plan. Mr. Kapales responded, absolutely, yes, thank you for clarifying that. Thank you for the clarification. We are already in the process of working through some of this, really the first step, but as far as putting a plan, coming from a plan and putting it in front of you, this is where we are going to be using the Master Park Plan pulling those from the assessment and putting them out so that we can actually follow the Master Park Plan. As we try to do when we get a plan established, we want to follow that plan and make sure that we are doing what's been asked of us.

Mayor Copenhaver said, thank you. We will move onto another Quality of Life Initiative and this is Humanitarian Outreach. And, Council, I think this is pretty self explanatory, but it's new. It's something that we've looked at ways to do. You know, we are very limited with our CDBG funding and what we can do as far as opportunity within the community. And, with this, the Humanitarian Outreach, Jeremy, if you would like to give just a brief description of what we can possibly use this for non-profits within the community. It would be one-time money available, but honestly, we haven't done this before. Grants and CDBG Director Jeremy Biggs said, thank you Mayor and Committee. As you will see in the presentation there, this could cover anything for any non-profit organization, community benefit organization that is addressing the needs of our citizens that need food, shelter, employment, transportation, human trafficking, victims of child abuse, whatever that might be. Any type of victim services program could apply. We will model this through our CDBG Program works. So, we already have a public advisory board set up and a public facilities board set up. So, it'll be application process. An organization can apply for these funds. The independent board will review that and make recommendations based on our scoring rubric and then we will award grant funding throughout the community to hopefully make big positive impacts. Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, I guess the only question I have and I guess I better preference with this statement. I don't really believe that the City of Jonesboro should get into the homeless type of apparatus of what we're seeing. But, it's any of that money can be used for that or to get that started? I know there has been a problem trying to get agencies to agree to I guess put their personal stuff to the side so we can go ahead and get this done. But, is there any headway for that? Mr. Biggs said, yes, those are all great points Dr. Coleman. Being in that industry for eight years in my past, I am very well aware of that and of course some of this money would definitely be available for anybody that is wanting to tackle the problem of homelessness and construct or rehab an existing facility and offer those services of shelter, employment connections, transportation, work readiness, life skills, anything like that, they could apply for funding through this pot of money. Mayor Copenhaver said, thank you Jeremy, I appreciate that. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman asked, where did this number come from? I mean, was there a study? I mean, half a million. Mayor Copenhaver said, from zero. After we looked at the other resources and what did we do? We did what, \$400,000 last year of CDBG funding to CRDC to be proactive when it came to it, but we are very limited as a city. Mr. Biggs stated, annually, we get about \$630,000-\$670,000 for CDBG money on an annual basis. It is all formula funding so it changes every year based on HUD's formula and population changes, but we get just over \$600,000. Mayor Copenhaver said, this would be one-time money. Next, we can go onto the Forum upgrades and Council, this year, this former year in the budget, we did not ask for any Forum upgrades and normally its been about \$250,000 a year on the expenditures. This is what we receive from Ronnie in Maintenance to keep that facility and that is our building. And, so, the investment in that building at this point it would go to better seating, better audio, a much improved balcony as well to provide a better local experience for the Forum and those who participate not only in the activity of that, but also those that are watching the performances. So, that is pretty self explanatory.

We can move on to the smart growth. This is the city-wide Master Growth Plan, and now Derrel, unless you want someone else to speak on it. Planning and Zoning Department Director Derrel Smith approached the podium and said, I mean, Chief is over there, he could probably help too. Mayor Copenhaver said, if you would like to go ahead and speak on the growth plan. Mr. Smith said, certainly. The last comprehensive growth plan that the city undertook was in the late 90's. So, we've been doing everything in-house since then, and we've been using a land use plan. As you can see on this, since 1990, we've grown 74% in population. That's a good problem to have but it still is a problem, and we need to come up with a Master Growth Plan, basically to show us how we need to grow, what we're missing, what we can do different. If you remember a few months ago, we had a consultant do a presentation on a Master Growth Plan. We had gone out for a request on proposals, they did a presentation for Council that gave you some information, and it's time to do that. It's time for us to look forward. These need to be anywhere from 20 to 30 years in the future, and right now the MAPC is working on just what we've done in-house, and we haven't really looked for a lot of future growth. You can kind of tell that. We've got a lot of strip centers, we've got a lot of, you know, just commercial corridors, and we need to start looking to see if that's going to be sustainable. Because, as one of their presentations showed, you know, the downtown area is usually your highest grossing properties because of the density. We right now are spreading out. Do we need to continue to spread out or is it time to look at having it areas of greater density to help Jonesboro grow? Chairman Joe Hafner said, how long does something like doing a city-wide Master Growth Plan usually take? Is it a couple of year process? Mr. Smith said, no, it's six to eight months, is what it normally takes. Once we want to get under contract, we will provide them all the information that we have. We'll probably use the chambers for some growth numbers and some population numbers, that kind of thing. But we'll provide them with all the information, and they'll probably have an ordinance ready in six, eight months tops. Chairman Hafner said, so what's the reason for the high cost? I mean, the Master Parks Plan took longer than that and it was quite a bit less. Mr. Smith said, well, I mean, I don't want to say that it's going to be \$750,000, but I don't want to under shoot it either. But there is a lot of work they're going to do. They're going to do some financial impacts, and look at returns on investments, so there is a lot of work they'll do on this. Chairman Hafner said, do they send quite a sizable team? I know like with the Master Parks Plan sent like two to three people. Mr. Smith said, yeah, I think they have like five different organizations pulled together for this. Councilmember John Street said, when would it be revisited again? How long is this usually good for because a plan is a plan? Mr. Smith said, normally you look between 20 and 30 years in the future, and then every five to ten years you revisit. Councilmember Street said, and that wouldn't be at full cost to go back in five years? Mr. Smith said, no sir. This wouldn't be something we would see every time. But it's been so long since we've done one, I think that's the reason they gave us the cost they gave us. Because it's been quite a while since we've actually done a complete comprehensive growth plan. If you want to go to the Land Bank purchases also. We've been operating on a kind of a budget of \$50,000 a year since the Land Bank's inception, and with the idea that, if we needed more than that we could come to Council for project's and have more money appropriated. We're looking at some areas that we would like to see redevelopment in, and we're trying to purchase property in those areas, and we think this \$250,000 could get us a couple of blocks to be able to go out and market and to try to get redevelopment in the areas. Councilmember Street said, as far as an overall city's drainage plan, I mean, we've been looking at that for years and years. Is there anything in this that would provide for a purchase of land for regional detention? Mr. Smith said, that's actually in the infrastructure part of it. Drainage is included in the infrastructure part. Councilmember Street said, well, that's

a big purchase because you're talking about several major pieces of acreage to do regional detention, but if we don't, you're going to continue to have more flooding in areas through the city and that's not good for growth either. If you're having to deal with that. Mr. Smith said, that's correct. But the drainage is included in our infrastructural part of it. As you know we had a Corp study for a regional detention up north and it was a very large number to retain that. Councilmember Street said, well, like we did on Caraway Road, those lands cost a lot now but the more it's going to cost the longer you put it off. Some of that's seven hundred acres if you're serious about doing the master detention program, but I think it's something we seriously need to look at. Grants Department Director Jemery Biggs approached the podium and said, we do have a brick grant that is headed our way for Lost Creek in North Jonesboro for detention. And then that scope study will take about 18 months, and then that will provide you with the information needed on what the cost is going to be and a timeline for that. But we do have that project under works. Councilmember Street said, a lot of the reason that some of North Jonesboro hasn't been developed is because of the drainage issue we have there, and that's been ongoing for years. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, so really the reason I pose this question is because when he asked about the drainage you said much of this is in this infrastructure. But when I look at the infrastructure proposal, those are specific and in specific areas, and I know when we're talking North Jonesboro, we're talking East Jonesboro, down Race Street, other areas, drainage is a huge issue. And I don't see that in this particular proposal. Mr. Smith said, a lot of that is covered in roadway expansion, because of the underground drainage that's required. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, this? Mr. Smith said, yes. Caraway is one of the main ones, that's going to be a big cost, is drainage out through there. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, ok but we're not talking about East Jonesboro, we're not talking Race Street, we're not talking North Jonesboro. So that's what I was saying, because you said that it included. So, I was just trying to make certain that we understood. Mayor Copenhaver said, Derrel, I think I know where he's going with it. Explain to them in a little more detail about the growth plan. That's going to have some of the infrastructure drainage improvements, as well, in there for future. Mr. Smith said, well, any road project that we do is going to have to include drainage. Right now, all of our drainage comes through our Streets Department. It's in our streets funds every year. I know the Stormwater Committee has talked about trying to get a separate line item for drainage each year, but right now it's still going into our streets funds, and that is where our drainage work is being taken care of. Right now, as far as I know, that's the way it's going to continue, but any of these road projects that we do, whether it be North Jonesboro, East Jonesboro, wherever we do, it will include drainage. And of course, we do the creek expansions or cleaning up the creeks and that kind of stuff now. But Mr. Street was talking about regional detention, that's not in this, because I think the Corp estimate was \$40 million, \$80 million, something like that. It was a huge number. Councilmember Street said, are we still partnering with the Corp? Mr. Smith said, yes. But that's not part of this because that's just more than I think we're ready to bite off right now. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, so B part to that question. Mayor, maybe you can help me with this, because that kind of takes me back to this infrastructure and even the Caraway and all of that. Because I heard earlier that this was started back in 2014, I believe. So was the study, because I heard the word study being shared, so are we talking about the study from 2014, which was 10 years ago, versus now? Have we done a recent one on the, I guess, the purpose for these? Mayor Copenhaver said, I tell you what. Craig is going to be the expert at that, because he was the one here to do that. So let me get the answer to that, because I don't want to say something that's incorrect. Chairman Joe Hafner said, and this should, this will probably be on the next Finance agenda, and we can have more discussion. I'm not saying that we have to wrap up but there is a MAPC meeting scheduled after this.

Mayor Copenhaver said, the only thing I would really like to go ahead and add. Obviously, Steve is not here, but he will be back at the next meeting, and I know Chairman Hafner and Steve have gone over this other appendix here, the revenue expense projection, and I think it's important. They can probably explain it better being the accountants that they are. This gave a projection off of where we are. We're being very conservative, which I think is a huge priority here. And so, our projections, obviously, through 2029 are very favorable, if they're just on the average projections. I think Chairman Hafner can address that at a later meeting. Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, I know we're trying to get out of her because of that, but I've looked over this at home and I've looked at it now. One thing I need to ask, because I think all that we're trying to do, and I appreciate the mayor's cabinet trying to show us all of this information, but the one thing we should not forget is the people that work. You know the salaries for different departments, I think need to be looked at. But not only the salaries, but I think the employment. I still, and I guess I sound like I'm griping every year, but that's fine, I'll do it because I'm old. We just don't have enough people to do what we need to do in all these departments and that bothers me, because that overloads the other people. And we need to pay the people the price to keep them from going out in the civilian sector, but we need to keep our people that's employed. Mayor Copenhaver said, I agree, and we're assessing that right now, obviously, with the next years budget and the requirements from all of our directors. So, we're in that process now, thank you for your comments.

Chairman Joe Hafner said, I would just like to say a couple of things. Number one, I appreciate all the work that has gone into this presentation. I know what was presented at the end of last year and didn't get forwarded to Council. Some of the same items are in here. Some things have changed. But, I think what we are seeing today is a huge improvement over what we got shown back in December, November, whenever that was. One of the things when the Mayor and I were talking about this, I said, I think it's important to have the what, the why, the how, and the when instead of just seeing a project on paper. If you looked through this presentation, it has that. There are timelines of when things will get done. And, you know, with the revenue bond, things have to be done within three years. I think these are investments that definitely have been on the list for a while and we are finally ticking off items. This isn't just numbers on a piece of paper. This is based upon the Master Streets Plan. It's based upon the Connectivity Plan. It's based on underlying information instead of just numbers on a sheet of paper. I think another important part of this is like on the trails. It may show \$5 million, but that \$5 million is probably closer to \$9 million. When you look at the side trails, the side paths and stuff that are grouped into street projects. I think it's important that we leverage that money and turn that \$5-\$7 million into \$10-\$12 million or so. And, I think that's very possible to do. You know, and we're seeing the investments in side trails pay off. I mean, Craighead Forest, those trails are first-class now. You know, you go out there and see cars from Tennessee and everything out there. So, they are definitely bringing people to Jonesboro. And, like I said earlier in the meeting, riding the side paths that are down Monroe, Flint, Culberhouse, definitely make me feel safer as I am riding around town rather than out in the middle of the road. So, I appreciate all of the work that is been done over the last 2-3 years in getting this stuff done. I mean revenue bonds are one thing that we talked about almost ever since I have been on Council and I glad to see that we are finally, hopefully getting pretty close to being able to utilize them. And, hopefully with those interest rates going down, it will help us a little bit. Right? Mr. Banker. Councilmember Brian Emison said, we will see what the FED does this month. We will see if he pulls through. Chairman Hafner stated, it is 5:22 p.m., anything anybody else have to add to today's discussion? Like I said, this will be discussed again in a couple of weeks or

so. And, plus, the other public meetings that will be held discussing including one tonight. What time does tonight start? Mayor Copenhaver said, 6:00 p.m. Chairman Hafner repeated, 6:00 p.m. at the YMCA, 1421 W. Nettleton.

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7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by John Street, seconded by Brian Emison, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman