

MINUTES CITY COUNCIL RETREAT SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2019

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rogina at 8:00 am.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Ald. Stellato, Silkaitis, Payleitner, Lemke, Turner, Gaugel, Vitek, Bessner, Lewis

Absent: Bancroft

Others Present: David Pietryla, Colleen Lavery, and Tracey Conti

3. Welcome Remarks

City Administrator, Mark Koenen briefly discussed the meeting minute transcription process. Generally, minutes are transcribed verbatim. Mark had a conversation with Jackie Uhler in the Records Division of the Information Systems Department and found out that verbatim minutes are not required. Minutes from public and closed meetings can be summarized; however, tapes from closed session meetings need to be retained until the document is released to the public. Mark indicated that we will be transitioning to summarized meeting minutes going forward.

The Mayor said that the retreat will be focused mostly on the proposed budget. He stressed that feedback from the Council Members on the various issues being presented is essential for staff.

4. Open Forum

Finance Director, Chris Minick presented the following information:

First Things First – A Vision for St. Charles in 2019 and Beyond



1 FTF Budget Retreat
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- Where are we?
- Utilities
- As we proceed today and beyond

FY 19/20 is manageable and more of a continuation of where we were one year ago. Staff needs feedback from the Council Members regarding their vision, goals and guidance. Chris asked everyone to keep in mind that many of the projects begin preliminary work in FY 19/20, with the bulk of the construction going years beyond that. He again stressed that feedback is important and if something is a priority, or not a priority, it's important that it be shared with staff. He indicated that setting priorities is going to be crucial and at the next retreat in September there will be a facilitated process to set the goals and visions moving forward.

Ald. Bessner asked about the fixed levies over the last several years and if the difference is the \$1.5M. Chris verified that it is, and said if we maintained the frozen levy again this year it would have been as high as \$2M. Ald. Bessner asked if we will continue in this direction. Chris indicated that setting the levy is an annual decision made by the City Council. Chris went on to say that there has been some discussion regarding a 4% increase to keep in pace with inflation, and Council has the ability to influence that decision.

Background Budget Information



Background Budget
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- Measures taken to balance the FY 18-19 budget and revenues enacted
- Modifications to balance fiscal 2019-2020
- General Fund Budget Projections General Fund Reserves – Percentage of Expenditures FY 18-19 through 22-23
- General Fund Revenues and Expenditures FY 2008 through FY 2023
- Utility Funds – Combined Five Year Plan
- Electric Rate Discussion – Five Year Plan
- Water Rate Discussion – Five Year Plan
- Wastewater Rate Discussion – Five Year Plan
- Annual Comparison of Utility Charges – Typical Residential Customer
- General Fund and Enterprise Fund projected debt service ratios
- Wage increases Assumed
- FTE Comparison FY 18/19 vs 19/20 Budgets
- Comparison of Budgeted Personal Services Costs
- FY 19/20 Capital Budget
- Local Fuel Tax Expenditures

Ald. Stellato asked about the Moline TIF, when it started, when it ends, and when it will generate tax revenue. Chris said we will need to decide in the next 12-18 months if we want to continue that TIF, he thinks it goes until 2024 or 2026. Ald. Payleitner brought up the property the Park District owns and asked if there will be an issue. Chris said that it hasn't been an issue so far and he thinks we'll be made whole. The issue may be with what happens with that TIF District moving forward. Chris explained that the City will get the revenue from the TIF, and it would be about a \$40,000 increase based on the levels we're taking in now.

Ald. Gaugel asked what our obligation is on our reserve percent. Chris said that the percentage level is set by the City Council. Chris pointed out the Moody's material provided and asked that the Council Members review it before the budget is brought for approval. He noted that the auditors like to see a Reserve Policy set between 25% - 35%, but there is no legal ramification if it's not.

Ald. Turner asked about the bonds for 1st street and if payment for that is coming out of the General Fund. Chris said that it's being subsidized by the General Fund by about \$300,000 per year. Ald. Turner asked if there is going to be a point when TIF revenue equals or exceeds debt service. Chris indicated that it would get closer once we start getting full benefit of the Sterling Bank Building and Building Two.

Chris said it's important to note what happens to the reserve percentage decrease if nothing is done and these trends are allowed to continue.

Ald. Tuner said to enhance revenues we'll keep collecting the EAV yearly and asked if that would be enough going forward. He brought up the restaurant tax (food/beverage tax) and said it was something the City had done previously; he said the last time the restaurant tax was collected it was approximately \$500,000 per year.

The Mayor brought up the fact that there will be an opportunity coming with recreational marijuana. The law is going to pass and in that bill there is provision for local sales tax revenue. Ald. Turner said that if the restaurant tax was implemented it would be immediate and we wouldn't have to wait for the State to figure things out.

Ald. Silkaitis asked if these numbers (proposed debt service) are based on our credit/bond rating and if these expenses could go up. Chris indicated that could happen if our credit rating were to be downgraded.

Ald. Turner mentioned that Moody's doesn't look at our Enterprise Fund debt ratio the same as the General Fund debt ratio. Chris agreed, and said that typically Moody's takes a hard look at the general obligation debt related to various factors of the General Fund and the general governmental function. He said that Moody's won't spend a lot of time looking at Enterprise Fund debt unless it's a drag on other resources.

Break 9:18 – 9:28

Human Resources Director, Jenn McMahon presented the following information:

Employee Power



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- Market Adjustment/Merit Increase
- Merit/Step Increases
- Positions and FTEs* 5 Year Time
- Staffing Update

Ald. Gaugel asked how there was a reduction in more than half a position for Information Systems when we see that expenditure increasing over the next 5 years?

Mark addressed the new positions being added. Mark indicated before staff is added he would like to do an IS staffing study to point out the focus of staff expertise and how many staff members are needed to fit our future needs. Larry is currently working with Jenn McMahon and the study should be complete in October/November of 2019. Mark said that the proposal for the network engineer position is a new FTE, and said that the reduction is a ½ time position in GIS that became vacant and wasn't filled.

Ald. Lewis asked about the new Safety Manager position and if that person would be responsible for all City staff and buildings, not just Public Works? Mark said Chief Schelstreet would like to make their safety/training program a responsibility of a Drill Master. He said the Police Department has an Accreditation and Training Manager. We're firming this up in police and fire, but we don't have a global person. Ald. Lewis asked if we're adding three positions. Mark indicated there is already someone at the Police Department and that Chief Schelstreet will transfer a firefighter into the position of Drill Master. Mark mentioned that there will also be a staffing study for the Fire Department. Ald. Lewis asked who is conducting the study. Mark said that it will be a joint effort between Chief Schelstreet and Jenn McMahon and we will retain a firm to assist as a third party. Mark indicated that \$35,000 has been budgeted for this initiative.

Ald. Lemke asked if there is a risk of snow plow drivers working too many hours with all the snow. Peter didn't think it was an issue and stressed that they are very safety conscious in Public Works. Peter went on to say that having a safety manager will answer questions and fine tune the safety program. Mark noted that the safety manger will not be an added FTE.

Ald. Turner asked if we will be getting two officers for the schools, and an additional 2 officers. Mark said it will be a total of 4. Two for the School and 2 for the streets.

Ald. Lewis asked what the 2 officers will do when school is not in session. Chief Keegan said that the officers would be reassigned to investigations or patrol. Ald. Lewis asked what has been added to the budget to cover the cost of the officers. Mark indicated that it was approximately \$120,000 per position.

Ald. Gaugel asked if we will be doing a series of staffing studies and if it would be possible to have it done by one organization. Jenn said that her preference would be to have experts in the different services being provided (police, fire, etc.) do the studies. Ald. Gaugel asked how many studies we will be doing. Mark said there will be 2 studies conducted, and we're doing them in departments where we feel there is a need.

Ald. Payleitner asked about senior housing and if it's necessary to send a firetruck and an ambulance for every call? Chief Schelstreet answered that the Tri-City Ambulance model is set up (through the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA)) that we supplement the ambulance. Tri-City Ambulance is going to add an ambulance this year. With a lot of the senior facilities if someone falls they won't touch them. They don't want the liability. They call 911. These folks are on Medicare; our average collection on a \$1500 bill is \$500.

Ald. Payleitner asked if there are enough calls to justify a new fire company. Chief Schelstreet said that this is where the staffing study comes in. Because of how we respond and the more calls that come up; the longer it takes to get to each one. Ald. Payleitner asked if there is a chance that we would get a Fire District again. Chief Schelstreet said that we are in negotiations for the Kautz Rd. area (only).

Ald. Turner said that we know the part-time ambulance is going to go full time. He said that Joe was right regarding senior living. He said that when it comes to the ambulances all three fire departments aren't limited by your City boundaries, and sometimes it may need to be covered by a firetruck. It's driven by the type of population we're having and you can't look at St. Charles you have to look at all three Cities.

City Administrator, Mark Koenen presented the following information:

Fiscal Year 2019-2020 - Budget Proposal



Budget Proposal
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- **Active River - FY 19/20 Budget - \$400,000**
- **2019 Comprehensive Plan Update**
- **2019 Comprehensive Plan Update – Process**
- **7th Avenue Creek – Phase 1**
- **East Side Interceptor Sewer**
- **West Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion**
- **Riverside Lift Station Replacement (Wastewater)**
- **Rte. 31 & Roosevelt Truck Main (Wastewater)**
- **Water Well #7 to Well #13 (Combined Treatment)**
- **AMI (Advanced Meter Infrastructure)**
- **PW Street Program – FY 19/20 Budget**
- **2019 Local Fuel Tax Expenditures Map**
- **Kautz Road Reconstruction & Widening Project**
- **City Hall Security**
- **City Hall Roof Repairs**
- **Municipal Tower Lighting**
- **Capital Budget for Enterprise Software**

- **Capital Budget for IT Infrastructure**
- **Outside Funding**

The Mayor asked the Council Members what their priority is regarding the Active River Project with respect to dollars spent by the City vs. a partner.

Ald. Lewis said she didn't think this was a project we should move forward on given the budget being presented and the expenses involved. She said she doesn't know where the money is coming from for the City, and the other partner that never seem to show up. Mayor Rogina asked Ald. Lewis if what she is saying is she doesn't want this \$400,000 in the budget at all in FY 19/20. Ald. Lewis said she's not in favor of removing the dam and putting in an island.

The Mayor said its \$1M over 3 years of preliminary engineering to do a variety of the rendering we've seen. Mark indicated that this would be a bonded project.

Ald. Turner said that with our debt service ratio for bonding this is a problem. We get these studies done, and at best with everyone contributing money we are going to have bond \$10M-\$15M, and asked where the money is coming from.

Ald. Silkaitis said that he has concerns and would rather fix what we have instead of going with something new. He said it's a lot of money and our reserves are going to dwindle causing the bonding costs to increase.

Ald. Payleitner said she strongly believes that this is an economic development investment not a cost. Properties around this will increase in value.

Ald. Lemke said that he drove down to a place with one of the bypasses. The assertion was that there are businesses built around it but there was only a summer time ice cream parlor. He said there were reminders and warnings that it's not for play. There is a dam replacement but if you look at it it's nearly the same height. This is not white water as proposed, and in order to get the numbers in terms of visits he had to include zip lining. Zip lining will require more staff and more cost. He said it would fill up parking lots and asked how the parking would be replaced.

Ald. Stellato said that he agrees with Ald. Payleitner. This is the Active River Development. The biggest plus is the City benefits from property values and increase in EAV. Our dollars will be made on the development around the project.

Ald. Bessner said that based on the final outcome of the product whether it is zip lining, water rafting, or revitalization of the river, he is for the project. He said that based on the budget numbers he thinks they should be lower and there should be some other partners involved.

Ald. Gaugel agreed with Ald. Payleitner and Ald. Stellato that it's an investment.

Ald. Vitek said she would rather not keep having this conversation without the partners, for example the Park District being involved. We're calling it the Active River Development, what is the Park District calling it, what is their viewpoint. She said that right now we are having these discussions based on what they might do. She also said that she believes that there are opportunities with the St. Charles Initiative.

Mayor Rogina gave a recap of the Council Member interest in the project. Four are not interested, 3 are interested, and 2 have caveats.

Mark indicated that the Park District is working with us on the Economic Development Study and when the study is finished it will be a good time for a conversation. He then noted that the \$400,000 is one phase of a preliminary study and if it doesn't work we stop.

Ald. Payleitner said that there are grant opportunities with the dam coming down. She addressed what Ald. Lemke said about the other location and said they didn't have a plan. She said we have the advantage because we do.

Ald. Lewis said she would like to see 1st Street developed and finished and see where we go with that income. She said that from what she understands it's not yet generating income for the City. She said you can call the Active River Project an investment but it's the tax payers' money and it's signing them up for 23 more years of taxes.

Ald. Turner said that he looks at an investment as putting money into something and eventually getting money back. He said he doesn't know that there will ever be a return on this project and asked who will pay the bill while the waiting is going on. If we can do an economic study for 1st Street, then we can do an economic study for all this supposed development.

Rita T. said that there will be a more complete report by the March 5 Plan Commission meeting.

Mark discussed the current police station site and said we will be preparing that property to be marketed. Ald. Stellato asked if this was in the TIF? Mark said and Chris agreed that municipal properties were not included in the TIF. Ald. Stellato asked if it could be included in the TIF to make it more marketable. Mark said he thought that could be done with a process.

Ald. Lewis asked how this will figure into the UP railroad. Mark answered that the UP railroad is part of the Downtown Redevelopment Plan.

Ald. Turner stated instead of us demolishing the police station, why not sell it to someone for \$1 and have them take care of that. The group answered that the property is worth too much. Mark indicated that could be looked at as an alternative.

Peter went over the work that has been done at the George's building. He said that there was about \$900,000 budgeted for the building. Currently approximately \$300,000 has been spent on exterior work. The work on the exterior and interior was put out for bid and the total is \$1.6M. External: \$240,000 Utility: \$444,000 – \$600,000 Interior: Approximately \$950,000.

Ald. Payleitner said she would like to continue the work on the outside of the building. Ald. Silkaitis agreed with Ald. Payleitner but mentioned the utilities should be done as well. Ald. Turner asked everyone to keep an open mind regarding the Arcada and the restrooms. Ald. Lewis asked where we are with the bathrooms. Mark indicated that conversations are continuing with Mr. Price.

East Side Interceptor Sewer – Mark said that the sanitary system was built for what is there today. When the mall area changes to mixed use residential, the sewer system won't be big enough. The sewer system will need to be rebuilt starting in fiscal year 19/20 and the cost of the project is in the Millions.

Ald. Payleitner asked if the rebuild of the sanitary sewer system can be put on the developer. Mark said we could, it's partially TIF eligible, and there may be an opportunity for shared funding. Rita mentioned that there is no annexation agreement so there are limitations on what can be done. Ald. Silkaitis wanted to know if this this was developed as commercial retail if anything would have to be done. Mark said it would not. Ald. Silkaitis asked since it's going to residential if an SSA could be formed. Mark indicated that would be an alternative.

Mark brought up the Westside Wastewater Treatment Plant and indicated that we are in need of Phase 3. It will start in FY 2019/2020.

Ald. Turner said that in the past for developments west of us that needed a connection they would have paid for this. For some reason we said no. He asked in the future if the request is made that we say yes. Ald. Silkaitis asked what the reason is for expansion of the wastewater treatment plant. Mark said that to continue development on the west side this needs to be done. Peter mentioned it's a capacity issue.

Ald. Turner asked if Well #7 (Randall Rd.) is going to eventually be removed. Peter said the well will stay but will be transferred to Well #13 (Oak St.) for treatment, it will blend the two.

Ald. Silkaitis said that more money should be spent on our roads. Mark said it could be done; decisions have to be made as to where to get the money.

Ald. Payleitner asked what businesses in the City of St. Charles benefits from the Kautz Road Project. Peter said that it's not a business attraction if it's not a truck route.

Ald. Payleitner asked what will be included in the City Hall Security Project. Peter said that the main concept is to contain people to the main entry of the building and not allow further building entry until checked in. There will be doors installed and some enhanced security for the receptionist.

Mayor Rogina noted that the window for a proposal to increase aldermanic pay ends in April at the time of the election. He noted he wasn't asking for comment at the meeting, however if the Council Members would like that in the budget to let him know. If five council members say yes, the Mayor supports this and would break a tie. If this is done it wouldn't go into effect until 2021. Ald. Lewis, Ald. Bessner and Ald. Lemke indicated that they would be in favor.

The Mayor then asked if 2 City Council meetings are needed during July and December. He asked staff if this would be efficient and if it's a good City business practice. Ald. Stellato thought that during the month of December things could be done early in the month. Ald. Lewis asked what the urgency is to meet every Monday. Mark said we do that to be business friendly.

Ald. Silkaitis said he's not in favor of changing.

Ald. Turner said he would also like to keep it the same.

The Mayor mentioned that July and December meetings could be looked at as vacation time for council and that it could be kept flexible depending on what is going on.

Ald. Stellato said he thinks the omnibus vote has worked well at the committee meetings and asked if there are any more items that would be considered routine. Right now its \$25,000 minimum that has to be approved by council, should it be raised based on inflation? Mark said staff will look into this.

The Mayor mentioned that he and Mark had conversations with Jim DiCiaula, Sharon Spero, Chris Woelffer, Tom Donahue, and Jenna Sawicki and believe that the three organizations will come together and become two. He went on to say that we're looking ahead towards accomplishing increased economic activity in St. Charles and minimizing duplicity.

Ald. Stellato brought up the fact that this venture started 15 years ago and when trying to combine these groups we keep running into the same problem, spending SSA outside the downtown. They said we can't take the money outside the district. He asked how to find out if this is legal before we move forward.

Mark stated that the DSCP and the CVB retained an attorney, and an independent third party create the legal opinion. Mark said that Jenna Sawicki, Executive Director of the DSCP, mentioned she would target the SSA money for activities only in the downtown.

Ald. Stellato said that makes more sense and being able to delineate that and show that a portion of those dollars were used in the downtown makes him much more comfortable.

The Mayor said it's a policy decision to eliminate the SSA. If Council would like to do that the staff would need to know how to replace the money. Ald. Lewis said that most of the SSA goes to salaries and insurance. The Mayor said that he was the one who said that they should have benefits. Ald. Lewis expressed concerns with the increase in wages and benefits when they were asked to reduce their budget. She said she's not opposed to paying the wage, but give it a couple years instead of increasing it right away. The Mayor said that Mark challenged them to lessen their budget by \$100,000; if not there will be some discontent.

Ald. Gaugel addressed the issue of removing the SSA and said that the money could be retrieved from the businesses by implementing a business license.

Mark said that if anyone has heard that One St. Charles, the temporary name for the combined CVB and DSCP, is going to be the economic development group for the City; that is not correct. The Community & Economic Department is still in the City of St. Charles, Rita Tungare is the Director and we will continue to be the technicians and economic facilitators in terms of community needs.

The Mayor said when Mark brought this concept forward they worked with the Chamber. The Chamber had a staff change and said they didn't want to merge, but would work toward a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the new organization. He said that before a MOU could be created the new organization had to be put together.

Mark said that when the CVB and DSCP decided to go forward with this, it was a result of Lula Cassidy's resignation. This wasn't communicated to the Chamber and that's where the miscommunication happened.

City Administrator, Mark Koenen presented the following information:

Vision 2019-2020 - Budget Proposal



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- Fox River Retaining Wall Replacement
- Checkerboard Parking Lot Improvements
- Indiana Pedestrian Bridge – FY 20/21 Budget
- Fuel Island Rehabilitation
- Total Fire Department Responses
- Snow Removal
- D-303 Bussing Policy
- School Crossing Guard Information
- Video Gaming Fees
- Water and Wastewater Utility Project Vision

Mark discussed the Municipal Center retaining wall and explained that it's been on hold for a couple years. He said that it will be in the budget for fiscal year 20/21 to start some preliminary work, and that in 22/23 there will be over \$3M of general fund money to rebuild the wall.

Mark brought up the checkerboard parking lot and said that there was a \$50,000 grant received, and although we have the grant the State appropriation was never approved. He said this moved the construction to fiscal year 20/21 because we can't re-coop the money after the work is done.

Mark talked about Indiana Pedestrian Bridge and noted it was brought up a year ago, at that time the direction was that it's not a priority and to move it to a future year. The same has been done this year. It's been delayed until fiscal year 21/22. The stability of the structure continues to be evaluated every year through Public Works.

Ald. Payleitner said that it looks like the purpose of the bridge is to join the two trails and asked if we've approached our partners regarding this. Mark said that conversation has not taken place.

Mark discussed the Public Works fuel island rehabilitation. He said that there was never a canopy constructed and there is some work that needs to be done on the fuel containment. He indicated that this is a vision for fiscal year 20/21.

Mark brought up snow removal and said Ald. Payleitner received communication from a resident concerned that their children aren't able to walk to the St. Charles East and Wredling Middle schools because the sidewalk is not cleared. A discussion came about as to what the cost would be to clear the sidewalk vs. adding a crossing guard. Another conversation was with Ald. Vitek and a resident on S. 7th Street who had a grievance with the City not having a citywide sidewalk shoveling ordinance in place, that the downtown sidewalk ordinance is not being enforced, and some in the downtown and residential areas piled snow on the sidewalk.

Mayor Rogina asked the group if there should be a policy change. Mark indicated that there is no ordinance that requires residents to shovel the sidewalks outside of the immediate downtown area. Ald. Lewis asked how this would be enforced. Mayor Rogina said there would be people to enforce it and citations would be given to people for not shoveling their walk.

Ald. Vitek suggested that the City Communicate with residents to be a good neighbor, shovel your walk.

Ald. Lewis agreed that communication would be ideal, but said that the City does provide so many services that she thinks the residents expect the City to shovel the sidewalks.

Ald. Payleitner said she thinks a good neighbor initiative is a good idea. She said that it's very important to her that kids can walk to school. Because there was a specific request for the area west of Dunham Rd. she thinks we should have conversations with John Baird, prioritize for this and decide what walkways can be used.

Ald. Gaugel said he agrees with the sidewalks being cleared for the kids walking to school, but we would have to be very careful what ordinance is put in place for liability reasons.

Mayor Rogina said the consensus is that a good neighbor campaign is a good idea, and those specific areas near schools being shoveled. He asked staff what impact that would have on the budget.

Peter said that corners, especially around school zones, are something that's taken care of. When the snow is done falling they do a clean-up of the downtown area and go to all the schools and clean the corners.

Ald. Payleitner brought up the sidewalk on the west side of Dunham Rd. This area isn't plowed due to icing over, etc. and this causes trouble for kids walking to school. She said that if the kids could get across to the east side where it's shoveled it would be helpful. She mentioned that there is a crossing guard at Thompson (164), and wonders why Wredling doesn't have one. John Baird told her that the previous Chief pulled all the crossing guards.

Mr. Baird was open to having a crossing guard there, but said they would need a police trained crossing guard due to the traffic and lack of signal.

Mark said that City policy is to provide crossing guards for grammar schools, not middle or high school.

The Mayor mentioned that there is a request for a joint City Council and School Board meeting. Once the meeting is scheduled this should be an agenda item for that meeting. The Mayor said that he isn't going to push for that meeting until after the elections take place.

Mark brought up video gaming and said that Elgin is considering a new structure for how the charge for video gaming. Chief Keegan did a survey of video gaming in communities in the Chicagoland area. There are fees for startup and renewal. St. Charles renewal is approximately \$1300 per year, we fall in the middle. There has been a conversation on changing the structure and possibly who to charge.

Ald. Payleitner said of the three local people who benefit from video gaming, the distributor, proprietor, and the City. The distributor make money and pay nothing, they need to be paying their fair share by paying a license fee.

Mark said if we pay the distributor will they absorb that and pass it along to their customers. Mayor Rogina asked if we can go back to the distributors providing machines and license them an annual fee. Mark said we would have a startup fee and an annual renewal fee. Mark asked the group if they would like this to be put in place for fiscal year 2019 or 2020. Everyone agreed that it should be implemented for 2019 and the same fees passed along to the proprietor will be passed along to the distributor.

Chris brought up system wide water softening or Lake Michigan water connection from the DuPage Water District. He said the project is estimated to be approximately \$66M. That included with the trunk main projects, west side plant capacity expansion, and the grand total is \$120M over the next 5 – 10 years. He went on to say based on rough estimates of the bond market today the debt service would be about \$9M. He said that based on feedback received during conversations had today we're considering exploring the option of passing some of the cost to developers, put special service areas in place, or TIF. We may not have the entire \$9M on the rate payers. He said that this is a worst case scenario and intended to show a range of magnitude over the next 10 years and gives you a vision and cost.

Mayor Rogina asked if we should educate the community and what the implications are regarding wastewater.

Ald. Turner said that he was expecting that after the water study, with softening, the rate would go up \$20 a month. He said that based on what he thinks is reasonable; he doesn't want to move forward with this until the State tells us what the chloride limits are. He said that if we're asking to pick something now, he would say no because we don't know what the State is going to say.

Mark Koenen said there will be a workshop in May to talk about water softening and the impacts and cost related to that, along with some PR and a public meeting.

The Mayor started a discussion regarding Pheasant Run. Mark said that Pheasant Run came in with such a sense of urgency and now it's at a standstill.

Rita T. said that all the conversations she's had with Pheasant Run have been the same. They are requesting \$13.3M from the City and haven't substantiated the gap. Rita told them she can't get them before the City Council unless they provide more information and they haven't provided anything as of yet. There is nothing further at this point.

5. Summary of Activities

A. Active River project

There will be more discussion after the Economic Analysis is done and before moving ahead with discussions about funding as a bonded project.

B. One West Main

Use reserves to build a bridge for our piece, our match of the project.

C. George's

Continue to consider working on building improvements (exterior facade & utilities).

D. Street Program

Confirm Chris' comments regarding the pickup in the budget last year is higher than what it is this year, and see if we can find more money for streets in fiscal year 19/20.

E. Council/Committee Meetings

Look at the \$25,000 limit and if it applies today.

F. Outside Funding

Get the legal opinion regarding the SSA. Bring information back to the group regarding a reduced budget. Begin the conversation with the Chamber.

G. Video Gaming

Put the ordinance in place effective May 1, 2019. Raise the fee for the video gaming. License the Distributors.

Mark indicated that the budget will be brought to the March 18, Government Operations Committee meeting. It would then be voted at the April 1 City Council meeting.

7. Adjourn

Motion by Ald. Stellato, second by Ald. Bessner to adjourn the meeting at 12:49 pm.

Voice Vote: Ayes: Unanimous; Nays: None; Mayor Rogina did not vote as Mayor.

Motion Carried

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Charles Amenta, City Clerk

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