

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, FOR THE WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 22

*Q1. If there were more funds committed to DPs 87 and 94 (I believe these are from REET?) would staff be able to use and deploy those funds into projects? I would like to invest more into these areas if possible.*

A. Yes, we would.

*Q2. Have we now changed the Council Contingency Fund to read "Miscellaneous?"*

A. This changed in 2020. Council Contingency and Miscellaneous are the same thing.

*Q3. On DP 21 The Carryforward numbers don't agree, where is the \$415,000 carryforward?"*

A. Not much has been spent out of the \$500,000 budgeted to the Human Services program in 2021, so when asking for \$600K in 2022, most of it can be considered money left over from 2021. Another way to do this would be to ask to bring forward the unspent money from 2021 as part of a carryforward amendment in early 2022, but that is more commonly (not exclusively) done with capital budgets, not operating budgets, but Parks opted to ask for it as part of the 2022 request rather than wait 4 more months. It can be done either way, but doing it this way allows for better planning by letting them know how much they can plan for going in to next year.

*Q4. On DP 48 can you provide the study the financial consultants did and what did we pay them? \$120,000 seems high, is it the same group?"*

A. Yes, we are using the same company. They already have the financial model built for our utility system so that would tend to make this effort cheaper. We didn't do GFC last time, which are General Facilities Charges. This is the one-time fee developers and redeveloped pay to connect to our utilities. Last time, with a smaller scope of work, we paid them about \$62,000, which did not include GFC or staff time, just the consultants.

*Q5. On DP 66 didn't we already approve this restructuring last year?"*

A. No, not this part. We talked about what made sense and the concept was entertained but this DP needs to be approved in order to implement the plan.

*Q6. On DP 70 what are the ages of these vehicles being mothballed, I know the Crown Vic is old?*

A. The ages of each of the vehicles being replaced (the model year) are included in the DP narrative.

*Q7. On DP 26, is there a possibility that the Parks replacement vehicle can also be Hybrid or Electric?"*

A. The vehicle asked for would be a 2022 Ford F-350 LPG Flatbed Truck with Hoist, LPG being Liquid Petroleum Gas. Only the Ford F-150 model is available as an electric or hybrid option, so the truck requested does not have that option. The larger truck is needed to perform what is required to support the Field Arborist position.

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Q8. *On DP 35, is there a possibility that these vehicles can also be Hybrid or Electric?"*

A. The new vehicles being asked for in DP 35 are a 2022 Ford Transit 3500 Electric Van for Building Maintenance and a 2022 Ford F-150 Electric with canopy for Custodians. Of the total 10 vehicles to be purchased in 2022 we are targeting 7 to be all-electric and 3 to be hybrids if both DPs are approved.

Q9. *I have some questions on DP 38. Can you provide more information on what a see-through barrier is? Is this a chain-link fence? Plexiglass-type screening? Do you have an approximate map of the suggested perimeter where it would be installed? It sounds like this is just for parking lot issues, and would not reduce an potential "conflicts" with pedestrians or bikers, etc. on sidewalks or on neighborhood streets? Would there be a plan to make operational changes, such as only using one entry/exit to provide more predictability for where emergency vehicles might leave from? From your slide, it looked like the vast majority of incidents were in a cluster around 2014-2015 (screws or nails in tires). How many vandalism incidents have there been in the last 12-24 months?"*

A. It is basically an aesthetically pleasing decorative rod iron see through barrier much like this:



It would basically enclose the police employee and patrol car parking lot. Yes, it is for parking lot issues but also safety of people traversing through the lot, safety to officers, protection of cars, and protection for potential suspects brought to the station. We have had in the past (in other agencies) pipe bombs left in the muffler, ambush in front of the station, material stuffed into the tailpipe, etc. I was pretty surprised when I got here that there was no fence, not even in the sally port area where search warrant cars and prisoners are brought in. The fence image above is the same style we had for police parking, which adjoined a beautiful city park, in Sammamish. There were 4 incidents of screws found in personal passenger side car tires, all having been discovered within 24 hours of having been parked in the employee parking lot. All occurred between July and November 2020. No case reports were generated.

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Q10. Item 9.1, is this 2022 adjustment found in one of the decision packages? Also what does VEBA stand for?

A. It is decision package #2. VEBA stands for Voluntary Employee Beneficiary Association. Here is a link that provides a very good definition of the VEBA.

<https://www.investopedia.com/terms/v/voluntaryemployeesassoc.asp>

I also think it is important to share that we negotiated a new fee arrangement with our third party administrator of our VEBA for next year that will save the City approximately \$10,000, which would offset about half of what the cost is estimated to be for providing a VEBA contribution to the non-reps in 2022.