



Agenda Item Report

Meeting Type: Committee of the Whole

Meeting Date: June 2, 2026

Item Title: Discussion regarding the capital improvement program and priorities with available projected funds

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Detailed Description of Subject Matter:

The City has fully borrowed the funds needed to complete the West School Street project. The City was recently awarded a Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) grant, and we anticipate receiving reimbursement of approximately \$1,000,000.

I have received a number of inquiries from Department Heads and Council members regarding how these funds could be used, including the following potential projects:

- Public Safety Building
- Fireman's Park – further implementation of the Park Master Plan
- Road projects
- Stormwater improvements
- Debt reduction
- Cold storage building
- Development incentives
- Aquatic center investments/infrastructure
- Multi-use path development

Any selected project(s) would likely occur in 2027 or later due to the time required for design and bidding. As such, it would be most appropriate to plan for these funds no earlier than 2027.

A staff team consisting of Randy Myrum, Kendra Riddle, Jason Lietha, and myself met to discuss recommendations. While we believe all of the listed projects have merit, two stood out because they are less likely to be included in future capital planning based on past practices:

➤ **Implementation of the Fireman's Park Master Plan**

- Funds could address parking deficiencies, repave the roadway, establish two-way traffic patterns, replace the bridge, and add a multi-use path.
- Funds could also be used to replace the concession stand/beer garden and create revenue-generating opportunities for nonprofits, events, and City services.

➤ **Incentivizing Development**

- A non-TIF funding source could support needed infrastructure and potentially provide a quicker return on investment compared to TIF-supported projects.
- This effort could also be paired with infrastructure improvements needed to support the Public Safety Building.

List all Supporting Documentation Attached:

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Action Requested of Council:

Provide direction to staff regarding priorities for this anticipated available funding