

**DATE: November 10, 2025**

**AGENDA OF: November 19 2025**

**DEPARTMENT: City Council**

**SUBJECT: Video Projection or Large Screen TV for Council Presentations**

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**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

**Authorize staff to bring recommendations to Council for video projection or large screen TV for easy viewing of council presentation material.**

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**BACKGROUND**

The current equipment to view screen presentations for Council is unsatisfactory for most informational text material and pictures. The two screens in the council chamber are too small for much of the text presented and lack enough picture size to recognize/grasp the details in photographs or charts. It is imperative that all material presented be easily readable and understandable as it is the basis for council questions and decisions.

In the past, there was a video projector that would allow display of at least a six-to-eight-foot picture on the north council chamber wall next to the District 1 position on the Dias. While not ideal for the audience, it was large enough to read anything presented and allowed the presenter to use a laser or hand pointer to bring attention to displayed material. That was replaced by two small monitor screens with one facing council and one facing the audience.

Besides being unsightly in the center of the room they are of insufficient size to be useable for much of the material presented. Additionally, with video monitors, lasers pointers will not work to highlight points and the monitors are far enough off the floor to make it practical to use a hand pointer to draw attention to screen details. Trying to highlight material with a computer mouse is frustrating and ineffective. At the distance the council monitor is from the Dias, the paper handout in the agenda package is often more readable.

There was a proposal to put individual monitors at each councilmember's position but that would be impractical for space reasons and you would still have very small print with much of the material presented.

We need a large display method that presenters or council can easily read from the Dias and highlight specifics or areas where there are questions. A video project or very large TV of 100 inches, give or take would solve these problems. In addition, a portable white board that could be used for illustrations would be most useful.

At the last Council meeting we all were going back and forth on the Garcia Creek issue. We spent 30 minutes trying to all come to agreement on exactly what we each were trying to

describe and the options to address the issue. We never got there. We could have with a large screen that made the details more recognizable and would allow the presenter or council to stand to the side of the picture and clarify what was being discussed/suggested. The budget was a good example of text too small to read in many cases. That would have been solved with a large screen making even small text readable.

The two-screen mounted to the ceiling need to be moved to the sides of the room and oriented toward the audience.

The cost to solve this problem is less than \$2000.

**FISCAL IMPACT/SOURCE OF FUNDING:** General Fund

Budgeted ☐ Requires Budget Amendment

**Urgency (0-5 = Low Urgency to High Urgency):** 5

**Impact (0-5 = Low Impact to High Impact):** 4

**ATTACHMENTS:**

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