



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Mike Peacock,

DATE: May 9, 2023

SUBJECT: **Bond Election/Options**

At the direction of the City Council in May 2023, the City Manager established the Bond Steering Committee, to evaluate the needs of the city in preparation of a bond election in November 2023. Members of the committee are

1. Merle Breitenstein
2. Johnny Rogers
3. Dustin Dees
4. Lindsay Elliot
5. Brent Gibson
6. Linda Childers

The committee was asked to consider the following...

1. Consider the creation of a bond steering committee, to evaluate the needs assessment, walk-through tours of city facilities, evaluation of street and drainage concerns and establish a list of recommended projects to the City Council.
2. Consider adding additions to the current city including additional office space, meeting rooms, storage and remodeling of rest rooms, break rooms, council chambers and municipal court.
3. Demolition of small building next to city hall and extend offices as well as additional parking.
4. Consider presenting the Police Department as a stand-alone facility.
5. Establish information to distribute to residents including townhall meetings, social media posts and web site information.

The committee met on May 31, 2023 and again on June 22, 2023. During the June 22 meeting, after much discussion of ideas the committee unanimously voted to present the following to the City Council for consideration.

Recommendation to present the following selected projects to voters to allow for the issuance of bonds for the following projects in order of approval.

Proposition 1 Issuance of bonds in the amount of \$15M for the construction of a new Police Department and City Hall in a shared facility or complex, to be constructed on land already owned by the city. The municipal Complex will be approximately 28,000 square feet and would provide for all of Police operations, and City Hall including council chambers, city administration, Human Resources, Finance, Development, Economic Development, City Secretary and Municipal Court.

Proposition 2 Issuance of bonds in the amount of \$10M for street and drainage improvements to the following streets plus 3 alternate street projects provided funding is available.

Downtown Main Street
McMillan Street
Bentley Street
Cobb Street
Baldwin Drive
County Road 904 (Indian Hills)
Stadium Drive
Drainage Improvements on North Main Street

Additionally, it was decided that the Animal Control Facility should not be included at this time due to the changing scheduling of the TXDOT FM 917 re-alignment project, which does not have a start date established by TxDOT.

Finally, the committee agreed that to place an additional proposition, that listed remodeling as an option would create confusion with the voters, and could create conflict if both measures passed, it is not recommended as a ballot option.