

Question & Answer Matrix  
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Log #	AB No.	Received From	Question	Staff Response
1	6733	Reynolds	Why is a check being written to TIAA for rent assistance? Is TIAA a landlord on the Island?	This check is a rent payment for a unit at 77 Central. The check was made out to TIAA / DBA: T-C 77 CENTRAL LLC.
2	6733	Reynolds	Why does the city pay its bills with checks? Would it be possible to use credit cards and get reward points or rebates?	<p>Most City invoices are paid with checks primarily for financial control, auditability, and compliance with public sector accounting standards. Check payments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Create a clear paper trail for auditing and public records.</li><li>• Allow for greater control over timing and authorization of payments.</li><li>• Reduce the risk of unauthorized or fraudulent charges that can occur with credit cards.</li></ul> <p>The City limits credit card use to small dollar purchases and for limited pre-approved recurring invoices such as subscriptions, PSE utility invoices, and Lumen phone services. They City does not use credit cards for all invoice payments as the internal control steps over check/electronic checks are the preferred best practice. Additionally, some vendors don't accept credit cards, especially for large invoices given processing fees (2–3%) can outweigh any potential rewards.</p> <p>The new ERP (finance system) has the ability to pay invoices by ACH payment (Automated Clearing House). Finance staff are finishing up the policies and procedures for that process and will be rolling out ACH payments this summer, which will greatly reduce the issuance of check payments.</p>
3	6733	Reynolds	What are the “upgrades to police chief vehicle”?	All police vehicles require some level of outfitting from a factory-ready vehicle to one that is used as a police response vehicle. In this instance, the outfitting included adding emergency lighting, a police radio, and storage/incident command boxes in the rear liftgate area.

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4	6738	Weinberg	<p>a. If we are issuing \$1.6M in bonds to cover part of the \$9.08M acquisition cost, why does the sum of the contributions from the other 3 funds – GF, CIF, TC Parking – still sum up to \$9.08M?</p> <p>b. Shouldn't the sum of the other 3 funds' contributions total up to \$1.6M less than \$9.08M?</p> <p>c. Is it our intention to put \$1.6M more than what we need into the Project Fund and then transfer the unused portion back to the General Fund?</p>	<p>a. Acquiring the building via eminent domain requires that the City, 1) has all of the cash on hand for the total purchase price, and 2) that these resources be placed either with the Courts or in an escrow account before title can be transferred. The result is the combination of \$9.08 million in resources as laid out in the agenda bill.</p> <p>b. No. The City must move resources amounting to the total purchase price to an escrow account right now to complete the title transfer, which is scheduled for August 2025. A limited tax general obligation bond issuance will take one to two months (or more) to complete.</p> <p>c. Yes. After the 9655 building is purchased and title is transferred to the City, staff will complete the \$1.6 million limited tax general obligation bond issuance later this year. Proceeds from this bond sale will will reimburse the General Fund portion of the property acquisition.</p>