

Date: June 2, 2026

To: Common Council

From: Rachelle Blich, Director of Financial and Administrative Services

Re: Review of Updated CIP List

The original proposal requested \$9.2M in borrowing with a projected debt levy tax rate of \$1.90 and Council requested alternative options to reduce the rate. Options 1 and 2, which were presented at the May 19th Council meeting, are included again for reference.

- Option 1 retained all projects totaling \$9.2M but restructured the debt to lower the tax rate from \$1.90 to \$1.85.
- Option 2 removed approximately \$460,000 in projects to achieve the same \$1.85 rate.

At the last Council meeting, staff was directed to provide an updated list of capital project costs. Attached is the revised list, along with a segregated summary of General Fund projects proposed for borrowing. Within that summary, projects are highlighted to indicate whether they are anticipated to be funded through a sinking fund or incorporated into future operating budgets.

The Finance Committee reviewed this list at its meeting on May 26th and requested that a third option be developed for Council consideration. The third option removes the following projects:

- Armory chimney repair \$40,000
- Whitewater Street/Cravath Park Brick Replacement \$135,000
- Park Pathway Repair and Resurfacing \$50,000
- PC Replacement \$35,831
- City Surveillance Camera Upgrades and Maintenance \$35,000
- Kubota RTV replacement \$27,000

This option removes approximately \$323,000 from the proposed borrowing, reducing the debt levy tax rate from \$1.85 (options 1 and 2) to \$1.84, while preserving capacity for future borrowing needs.

These materials are intended to support the Council's review, discussion, and approval of the borrowing amount for the City's 2026 debt issuance.