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City of Cambridge

410 Academy Street
Cambridge, Maryland 21613

AGENDA

City of Cambridge
City Commission Meeting
Monday, January 24, 2022
Commission Chambers - 305 Gay Street
Cambridge, MD 21613
6:00 pm

Notice to Citizens: The City Commissioners are conducting the city business in person. The commission meeting is open to the public. Citizens may also observe the meeting by going on-line to TownHallStreams.com. Citizens may call in their public comments by calling the mayor during the meeting at 410-228-5808 or citizens may participate in the meeting by logging into the meeting by calling 650 479 3208 and entering the meeting number and password: Meeting Number 2555 161 9336; Password 5808.

6:00 pm Commission President to Convene Commission in Regular Session

Agenda

1. Commission to approve or amend agenda as presented.

Presentations from the Public

Proposed Site Improvements for the Harriet Tubman statue – Herve Hamon, Adrian Holmes

GFNY Proposed Cycling Event Presentation

Consent Calendar

2. January 10, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Ordinances for First Reading

3. **Ordinance 1191 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND AMENDING § 4.2.3(B) AND TABLE 1: PERMITTED USES BY ZONING DISTRICT OF THE CITY'S UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE TO PROVIDE THAT RESTAURANTS ARE A PERMITTED USE WITH CONDITIONS IN THE INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING THAT THE TITLE OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE DEEMED A FAIR SUMMARY AND GENERALLY RELATING TO RESTAURANTS IN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE.**

4. **ORDINANCE NO. 1193 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND AMENDING CHAPTER 12 (OFFENSES – MISCELLANEOUS) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF REGULATING PANHANDLING IN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE; PROVIDING THAT THE TITLE OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE DEEMED A FAIR SUMMARY AND GENERALLY RELATING TO PANHANDLING IN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE.**

Ordinances for First Reading

Old Business

5. Update on Flood Mitigation Planning Project & Grant Opportunities

New Business

6. Budget Amendments
7. Request for Proposal – Mace's Lane
8. ARPA Funds
9. Traffic Control
10. Form of Government
11. Election Discussion

Meetings

The City of Cambridge Planning & Zoning Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 1, 2022, at 6:00 pm at Council Chambers, 305 Gay St., Cambridge, Maryland.

Public Comment

Department/Division Head Reports

Commissioners' Comments

Mayor's Comments

Adjourn

City Commission meetings are conducted in open session unless otherwise indicated. Pursuant to the Maryland Open Meetings Act, all or a portion of the Commission meeting may be held in closed session by vote of the Commission. Please note that the order of agenda items is subject to change and that meetings are subject to audio and video recording.

Item No. 2

January 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes

(Not attached)

ORDINANCE NO. 1191

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND AMENDING § 4.2.3(B) AND TABLE 1: PERMITTED USES BY ZONING DISTRICT OF THE CITY'S UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE TO PROVIDE THAT RESTAURANTS ARE A PERMITTED USE WITH CONDITIONS IN THE INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING THAT THE TITLE OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE DEEMED A FAIR SUMMARY AND GENERALLY RELATING TO RESTAURANTS IN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Land Use § 4-204 and § 2.2.3 of the Unified Development Code (the "UDC"), the Commissioners of Cambridge are authorized and empowered to amend, supplement, change, modify, and repeal the City of Cambridge's (the "City") zoning regulations and boundaries and change the City's zoning classifications; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Local Gov't § 5-202 and § 3-27(1) of the Charter of the City of Cambridge, the Commissioners of Cambridge are authorized and empowered to pass all such ordinances not contrary to the Constitution and laws of the State of Maryland or the Charter as they may deem necessary for the good government of the City; for the protection and preservation of the City's property, rights, and privileges; for the preservation of peace and good order; to secure persons and property from danger and destruction; and for the protection and promotion of the health, safety, comfort, convenience, welfare, and happiness of the residents of the City and visitors thereto and sojourners therein; and

WHEREAS, following a public hearing held on December 7, 2021, the City of Cambridge Planning Commission (the "Planning Commission") recommended that the Commissioners of Cambridge approve a text amendment amending § 4.2.3(B) and Table 1: Permitted Uses by Zoning District of the UDC to provide that restaurants are a Permitted Use with Conditions in the Industrial Zoning District; and

WHEREAS, on _____, 2022, the Commissioners of Cambridge held a public hearing regarding the foregoing text amendment recommended by the Planning Commission, notice of which was published on _____, 2021 and _____, 2022 in the Star Democrat, a newspaper of general circulation in the City, in accordance with Md. Code Ann., Land Use § 4-203(b) and § 2.2.3.C of the UDC; and

WHEREAS, having considered the recommendations of the Planning Commission and the Department of Planning and Zoning Staff, as well as the comments made during the _____, 2022 public hearing, the Commissioners of Cambridge find that it is in the best interest of the City to amend § 4.2.3(B) and Table 1: Permitted Uses by Zoning District of the UDC to provide that restaurants are a Permitted Use with Conditions in the Industrial Zoning District; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Cambridge find that the text amendment set forth herein is necessary to promote and protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of Cambridge, that the City's Unified Development Code is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 4.2.3 (Standards for Conditional and Special Exception Uses) is amended as follows:

§ 4.2.3 Standards for Conditional and Special Exception Uses

B. Commercial Uses

13. Restaurants (Industrial Zoning District)

Subject to the following conditions, restaurants shall be a Permitted Use with Conditions (C) in the Industrial Zoning District.

- a. The proposed restaurant use shall be ancillary to the primary use on site.**
- b. The proposed restaurant use shall be located in an area of the Industrial Zoning District suitable for or characterized by less intense industrial uses.**
- c. The proposed restaurant use shall be reviewed by the Planning Commission to ensure compatibility with surrounding uses.**
- d. The Planning Commission may impose additional conditions on the restaurant use as it deems appropriate and necessary to ensure public safety, air quality, and harmony of uses.**

SECTION 2. Table 1: Permitted Uses by Zoning District is hereby amended for the purpose of allowing restaurants as a Permitted Use with Conditions in the Industrial Zoning District as shown on Exhibit 1 hereto, which is incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 3. The recitals to this Ordinance are incorporated herein and deemed a substantive part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. In this Ordinance, unless a section of the UDC is expressly repealed in its entirety and reenacted, new or added language is underlined and in boldface type, and deleted text is crossed out with a single strikethrough. With respect to the substantive provisions of this Ordinance set forth in Sections 1 and 2, language added after the date of introduction is in bold, italicized font and language deleted after the date of introduction is crossed out with a double strikethrough.

SECTION 5. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court or competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance, it being the intent of the Commissioners

of Cambridge that this Ordinance shall stand, notwithstanding the invalidity of any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion hereof.

SECTION 6. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 7. The title of this Ordinance, or a condensed version thereof, shall be deemed to be, and is, a fair summary of this Ordinance for publication and all other purposes.

AND BE IT FURTHER enacted and ordained that this Ordinance shall become effective on the tenth (10th) day following the date of passage.

ATTEST:

THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE

David J. Deutsch, Acting City Manager

By: _____
Lajan Cephas, President of the Commissioners

Introduced the ___ day of _____, 2022
Passed the ___ day of _____, 2022
Effective the ___ day of _____, 2022

ORDINANCE NO. 1193

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND AMENDING CHAPTER 12 (OFFENSES – MISCELLANEOUS) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF REGULATING PANHANDLING IN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE; PROVIDING THAT THE TITLE OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE DEEMED A FAIR SUMMARY AND GENERALLY RELATING TO PANHANDLING IN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Local Gov't ("Local Gov't") § 5-202 and § 3-27(1) of the Charter of the City of Cambridge (the "Charter"), the Commissioners of Cambridge are generally authorized and empowered to pass ordinances not contrary to the Constitution and laws of the State of Maryland or the Charter as they may deem necessary for the good government of the City of Cambridge (the "City"); for the protection and preservation of the City's property, rights, and privileges; for the preservation of peace and good order; for securing persons and property from violence, danger, or destruction; and for the protection and promotion of the health, safety, comfort, convenience, welfare, and happiness of the residents of the City and visitors thereto and sojourners therein; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 3-27(48) of the Charter, the Commissioners of Cambridge are specifically authorized and empowered to pass ordinances to prohibit, suppress, and punish within the City all disorder, disturbances, and annoyances; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Local Gov't § 6-101 and § 3-83 of the Charter, the Commissioners of Cambridge are authorized and empowered to provide that a violation of any ordinance shall be punishable as a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of up to \$1,000.00 and/or up to six months' imprisonment; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Cambridge are desirous of regulating panhandling within the City to promote the safety and well-being of the City's residents, visitors, and business patrons and foster a safe and harassment-free climate in the City's public places; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Cambridge find that the amendments set forth herein are necessary to promote and protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of Cambridge, that:

SECTION 1. Chapter 12 (Offenses - Miscellaneous) of the Code of the City of Cambridge, Maryland is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 12-23. Panhandling.

(1) *Panhandling.*

- (a) 1. Panhandling defined. As used in this section, "panhandling" means any solicitation made in person in any public place in the city in which a person requests an

immediate donation of money or other gratuity from another person, including, but not limited to, seeking donations by vocal appeal or offering an item of little or no monetary value in exchange for a donation under circumstances where a reasonable person would understand that the transaction is in substance a donation.

2. Passive panhandling. Panhandling shall not include the act of passively standing, sitting, or performing music, singing, or other performance with a sign or other indication that a donation is being sought without any vocal request other than in response to an inquiry by another person.
- (b) Panhandling during darkness prohibited. It shall be unlawful to engage in an act of panhandling on any day between sunset and sunrise.
- (c) Prohibited locations. It shall be unlawful to engage in an act of panhandling when either the panhandler or the person being solicited is located at any of the following locations:
1. at a bus stop;
 2. at a taxi stand;
 3. in a sidewalk café; or
 4. within twenty feet of an automatic teller machine or entrance to a bank.
- (d) Panhandling directed at persons in motor vehicles prohibited.
1. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in an act of panhandling directed at the occupant of any motor vehicle from a parking lot, from a median divider or traffic island separating the drive lanes of a roadway, or from a sidewalk, bicycle or walking path, roadway shoulder, curb, or private property located adjacent to a path of vehicular travel on a roadway.
 2. This subsection does not regulate a person standing in the roadway from soliciting a ride, employment, or business from the occupant of a vehicle or a person standing on or near a highway to solicit any other person to watch or guard any vehicle while it is parked or about to be parked on a highway, which acts are already prohibited by Md. Code Ann., Transportation § 21-507(a) and (b).
- (2) *Aggressive panhandling*. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in an act of aggressive panhandling at any time, including any of the following actions:
- (a) Touching the solicited person without the solicited person's consent;
 - (b) Panhandling a person while such person is standing in line and waiting to be admitted to a commercial establishment;

- (c) Blocking the path of a person being solicited or the entrance to any building or vehicle;
- (d) Following behind, ahead or alongside a person who walks away from the panhandler after being solicited;
- (e) Using profane or abusive language, either during the solicitation or following a refusal to make a donation, or making any statement, gesture, or other communication that would cause a reasonable person to fear for his or her safety or feel compelled to donate;
- (f) Panhandling in a group of two or more persons; or
- (g) Continuing vocally to solicit from a person after receiving a negative response.

(3) *Penalties.*

- (a) Penalty for panhandling. Any person who commits an act of panhandling prohibited by subsection (1) above shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, subject to a fine of \$100.00 for an initial violation and a fine of \$200.00 for each subsequent violation.
- (b) Penalty for aggressive panhandling. Any person who commits an act of aggressive panhandling prohibited by subsection (2) above shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, subject to a fine of \$250.00 for an initial violation and a fine of \$500.00 and/or imprisonment not exceeding 30 days for each subsequent violation.

SECTION 2. The recitals to this Ordinance are incorporated herein and deemed a substantive part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. In this Ordinance, unless a section of the City Code is expressly repealed in its entirety and reenacted, new or added language is underlined and in boldface type, and deleted text is crossed out with a single strikethrough. With respect to the substantive provisions of this Ordinance set forth in Section 1, language added after the date of introduction is in bold, italicized font and language deleted after the date of introduction is crossed out with a double strikethrough.

SECTION 4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court or competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance, it being the intent of the Commissioners of Cambridge that this Ordinance shall stand, notwithstanding the invalidity of any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion hereof.

SECTION 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 6. The title of this Ordinance, or a condensed version thereof, shall be deemed to be, and is, a fair summary of this Ordinance for publication and all other purposes.

AND BE IT FURTHER enacted and ordained that this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage.

ATTEST:

THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE

David J. Deutsch, Acting City Manager

By: _____
Lajan Cephas, President of the Commissioners

Introduced the ___ day of _____, 2022
Passed the ___ day of _____, 2022
Effective the ___ day of _____, 2022

Council Agenda Report

Date: January 24, 2022

Prepared by: George W. Hyde, PE, City Engineer

Submitted by: David Deutsch, Acting City Manager

SUBJECT: Update on Flood Mitigation Planning Project & Grant Opportunities

Recommendation: That Council receive an update on the Flood Mitigation Planning project and efforts to obtain funds for design and construction through various grant opportunities.

Discussion:

As the City Council may recall, the City was previously awarded a FEMA grant to develop flood mitigation strategies and concept designs to address flood risk due to sea level rise and major storms. Project manager Larry White would like to provide an update on the project and discuss various grant opportunities for final design and construction funding.

Approved by: David Deutsch, Acting City Manager

Council Agenda Report

Date: 1/24/2022
Submitted by: Deborah Cooper, Finance Director
Prepared by: David Deutsch, Acting City Manager

Subject: Budget Amendments

RECOMMENDATION: The city commissioners approve budget amendments for revenue and expenditures that occurred after the adoption of the FY22 Budget.

1. Revenue – Broadband Grant: \$100,000
Expenditure – Packing House broadband: \$100,000
2. Carry-over Reserve - \$10,000
Expenditure – Hazmat Supplies - \$10,000
3. Carry-over Reserve - \$24,000
Expenditure – Recruitment - \$24,000
4. Carry-over Reserve – \$26,750
Expenditure – Engineering Services Salary – \$26,750
5. Carry-over Reserve - \$24,950
Expenditure – Department of City Manager Salary – \$24,950
6. Revenue – BJAG Grant - \$76,762
Expenditure – BJAG - \$76,762
7. Prison Services - \$25,000
MDIA-New Construction (Inspection Fees) - \$25,000
8. Decrease Salary Expenses – \$41,452
Employee Recognition (Bonuses) - \$41,452

DISCUSSION:

1. The City of Cambridge has been awarded a \$100,000 grant for broadband. The grant will be used at the Packing House project.
2. Funds for FY21 purchase of hazmat supplies were expended in FY22. Move unused FY21 funds to FY22 budget.
3. Recruitment costs for new City Manager were not included in the adopted FY22 budget.
4. Salary expense for new position – Engineer. Position was eliminated in FY20 and approved by council for reinstatement in FY22. FY22 costs represents one quarter of annual salary/benefit costs.
5. Salary expense for new position – Assistant Human Resource Director. This is a newly created position based on the needs of the city. FY22 costs represents one quarter of the annual salary/benefit costs for the position.
6. Police department was awarded BJAG Grant in November 2021.
7. FY22 Budget item in the amount of \$50,000 for new construction inspection fees were exhausted by mid-year. As new construction continues, it is necessary to increase the line item to account for the anticipated additional costs. Budget item Prison Services for \$25,000 based on a MOU between the Commissioners of Cambridge and The Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services remains unused due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The continued threat of the pandemic makes it unlikely the program will become active in FY22. The funds can be used to offset the additional costs incurred for new construction inspection fees.
8. Funding in the FY22 budget for employee bonuses did not cover the total cost of the bonuses given. Employee vacancies not filled in the first half of FY22 resulted in a decrease in salary expenses. The decrease in salary expense can be used to offset the additional cost of employee bonuses.

Fiscal Impact: Carry-over reserve decrease by \$86k. Decrease is the result of recruitment expenses relating to search for a new City Manager and the addition of two new positions – Engineer and Asst HR Director.

Approved by: David Deutsch, Acting City Manager



Economic Development

City of Cambridge

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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Council Agenda Report

Date: January 20, 2022
Prepared by: Carol Richardson, Director of Economic Development
Subject: Request for Proposal – Construction Manager - Mace’s Lane Community Center – Boys and Girls Club - Phase I

Background

The City, in partnership with the Mace’s Lane Community Center, Inc. (MLCC) is renovating the historic Mace’s Lane School as a local community center which will house a Boys and Girls Club.

Although the design is just underway, the project will involve the demolition of approximately 10,000 square feet of the existing building, and a complete renovation and reconstruction, to include an additional build-out to total approximately 16,700 square feet.

Purpose

The purpose of this request is for City of Cambridge to select a Construction Management (CM) firm to provide professional pre- construction and construction services for the construction of the Mace’s Lane Community Center which will house the Boys and Girls Club, which is a major renovation to the existing historic Mace’s Lane School, associated site improvements and demolition.

Project Description

The project includes associated site work, storm water management, utilities, and other related work. The project will be completed in two phases. All construction activities must be coordinated with the Project Team. The Project Team consists of MLCC, the City, the architect, Marshall Craft Associates, Inc., the Construction Manager (“CM”), and design consultants (if applicable).

It is anticipated that the CM will be the “Construction Manager at Risk” and will provide the City with a GMP (Guaranteed Maximum Price) at the end of the preconstruction phase. In the event the City and CM do not reach an agreement on the GMP, the Owner’s sole obligation shall be the payment of the pre-construction services fees.

It will be the responsibility of the CM to develop and maintain construction schedules, prepare complete construction estimates, analyze alternative phasing of the work, assist with obtaining building permits, advise of material availability and, in any other manner deemed necessary, contribute to the development of the project during the design phase.

Upon selection of a CM, a contract will be executed for pre-construction phase services and construction phase services. The contract will ultimately be amended to incorporate the GMP and the date of substantial completion only upon acceptance by the Owner of the GMP.



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January 21, 2022

To: City Council
 From: David J. Deutsch, Acting City Manager
 Subject: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Allocations
 Date: January 21, 2022

In July 2021, the City of Cambridge received \$6,039,640 from the federal government from ARPA, which had been signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021. An additional \$6 million is expected in July of this year. To date, the only expenditure is \$1,563,939 for fire apparatus, (aerial power truck) which is currently being manufactured. Thus, the ARPA balance remaining is \$4, 475,939.

A few funding requests have been received from community non-profit organizations. There will not doubt be additional requests, as a review process and schedule are established regarding these potential grants. I would suggest that Council designate a “chunk” of the available funds, say 10%, for non-profit support. That 10% amounts to \$447,759. Let’s call it \$450,000. If the request total surpasses \$450,000, then you can look to the second tranche of \$6 million to make additional allocations.

Commissioner Roche has provided information from the Brookings Institution that contains a potential decision-making framework.

REQUESTS FOR CAMBRIDGE COVID ARP FUNDS

This is a request to affiliated organizations, small businesses, and community nonprofits that have been negatively affected by the COVID-19 health emergency to request, and potentially qualify to receive, ARP funds.

Please provide a brief description, your specific financial requests, in order of priority, along with justification on your organization’s official letterhead, signed by an authorized representative and addressed to:

via email (preferred):

citycouncil2021@choosecambridge.com

citymanager@choosecambridge.com

This is also a solicitation for expressions of interest from persons that are willing to serve on a TEAM, in the event the city council decides to form such an entity, to help the city determine which applications meet the criteria of the funding, make recommendations to the mayor and commissioners on fulfilling the specific funding requests, and/or assist us with monitoring and reporting on the program if needed.

This team ideally would be a public/private partnership that includes small businesses, neighborhood leaders, social service agencies, philanthropic leaders, nonprofit and corporate heads. They would be tasked with aggregating and supplementing existing recovery plans, setting goals, recommending investments, and tracking results.

THE STRONGEST APPLICATIONS WILL BE THOSE THAT ARE CONCISE AND DEMONSTRATE THEY MEET THE FEDERAL GUIDELINES OF THE FUNDING, provide a clear benefit to the city and community, have an organizational capacity to receive and deploy the funds, as well as have a MULTIPLIER effect on helping the city's ability to recover from COVID-19 shortfalls and withstand future financial impacts.

Time may be of the essence. Please note that submitting a request is no guarantee that city council will consider your request, and you will also be competing primarily with internal city departmental and critical infrastructure repair requests.

Your contributions as private and nonprofit partners to the city of Cambridge and its citizens are sincerely appreciated. Also know that even with this request, the council may require a subsequent or more formal or modified application process at a later date.

In addition to the non-profit allocation of \$450,000, I endorse the retention bonus proposed by Chief Lewis. The \$10,000 bonus would require that an officer sign a four-year commitment. This retention bonus should help stem the tide of departures from the Cambridge Police Department. The retention program costs approximately \$400,000.

Another significant item relates to additional apparatus needed by the Rescue Fire Company (RFC). The current rescue unit needs to be replaced. The cost is \$1, 543,355 through a cooperative bid arrangement. One dilemma, in addition to the heavy price tag, is that prices are going up 7% on February 1, 2022. A positive decision now would avoid an additional \$108,076 cost. I suggest a combination of using ARPA and tapping an existing line of credit with a local bank to fund this necessary acquisition. I propose allocating \$275,000 from current ARPA funds, and \$275,000 from next ARPA funding the summer. The remaining \$1,000,000 would be borrowed over a ten-year period. And funds received from the sale of apparatus can be used for debt service.

This plan has the benefit of securing necessary apparatus and preserving ARPA dollars for other issues by allocating one-third of the cost from ARPA, leaving approximately \$1 million for other issues.

In addition to the handful of requests from non-profits requests have been received from:

- Boys and Girls Club to support the Mace's Lane project (\$1 million)
- CWDI \$1million for promenade extension

- **Dorchester County Board of Education – an unspecified amount requested for school security and other building upgrades**

Specific recommendations mentioned above total \$1,125,000, leaving \$3,350,000 to allocate. City staff has identified needs that surpass ten times the available amount. There are at least two options here: (1) allocate the entire \$3.3 million to city infrastructure, or (2) allocate \$2.3 million to city infrastructure, which allows Council to direct a total of \$1 million among the bulleted items above, or other projects.

I look forward to discussing these recommendations with you.



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To: City Council
From: David J. Deutsch, Acting City Manager
Subject: Traffic Control
Date: January 21, 2022

Over three months have elapsed with the intersection of High and Church Streets having the traffic signal on a full red flashing mode. Although there have been complaint calls received at City Hall, the reality is that there have not been problems.

With stop signs installed, the next step is for Council to authorize the removal of the traffic signal and associated apparatus.



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January 21, 2022

To: City Council
From: David J. Deutsch, Acting City Administrator
Subject: Form of Government
Date: January 21, 2022

Commissioner Roche has requested that the Commissioners decide whether a majority is interested in changing from the current modified Council/Manager form to a "classic" Council/Manager form.