

City of Coral Gables City Commission Workshop
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Commission prioritization of FY 19-23 Capital Projects.

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Mayor Valdes-Fauli: (INAUDIBLE) scheduled to start at 3. Good afternoon.

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: Good afternoon, Mayor and Commissioners, City Manager, City Attorney. So, this is the first budget workshop for fiscal year '19. And as we've done before, the first workshop is solely dedicated to capital. As you know, over the last five, six years, the City's capital plan has expanded dramatically. And this is the first opportunity for the Commission for FY '19 to give us their input. So, we've compiled a list from all the directors and the City Manager of a good number of capital projects, some of them existing, requiring additional money, some of them brand-new, requiring new money. And we'd like your input, and the way we want to get it, if you can, give us 20 -- a choice of 20 items, prioritized. We're going to mark them down right in front of you. Once we have all five Commissioners' items on the list, we're going to ask for a five- or ten-minute break. We're then going to color code those that have multiple Commissioners, and then you'll see your desires against your peers. And from there, we're going to take it away and once we do revenue and we know how much money we have to put toward capital, we're going to come up with our recommendation of your priorities for the first budget workshop in July. So, any questions so far?

Commissioner Mena: Yeah, I have a question.

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: Okay.

Commissioner Mena: There's -- I have the spreadsheet that was on the pocket of our binder.

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: Right.

Commissioner Mena: There's several projects, though, listed that -- and I'll just use as an example under the parks section, that they're listed as new capital requests in red...

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: Right.

Commissioner Mena: In the binder, but they're not here.

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: Right.

Commissioner Mena: So, I'm trying to understand...

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: Right.

Commissioner Mena: Why that is.

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: Okay. Now, that's -- in parks, that is one of the anomalies in the budget. What the City Commission has approved based on something we recommended going a few years ago, we have these capital replacement matrices, which is a comprehensive program to replace a category of assets. We've done it on a small scale from HVAC, roofs, elevators, things like that. We've also done it on a large scale. The fleet, IT and also parks structures and amenities. So, the parks matrix is based on replacing the entire asset of parks over the life -- which is probably about 20 years or more -- and then it came down to needing about \$1.4 million every year, with a slight increase for CPI. So, in there, the Parks Director and the Assistant Parks Director have prioritized, according to their understanding of what they need, and that's in the document. We can go over -- after we finish this process, we have another chart we can show you, if time allows, and the Commission can look at what the Parks Director and the Assistant Parks Director have put down as their priorities for FY '19 through '23, okay. So, Parks will be the only one that is really the anomaly, where you'll see new projects, but they're already accounted for in a separate matrix. I hope that was clear.

Commissioner Mena: Yeah. I understand what you're saying.

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: Okay.

Commissioner Mena: Go ahead.

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: Okay, who wants to go first?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: So, I just wanted to say Commissioner Quesada -- or Vice Mayor Quesada is not able to attend, so it's possible that there's a follow-up meeting that you all might want to continue to evolve this. The good news is the capital plan -- we don't present to you officially the capital plan until September, as a part of the budget hearings. We need this information in order to create the larger budget, but from a time standpoint, there is some flexibility. Is that not true?

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: Absolutely, absolutely. This is just your first go-around, everybody to just tell us what your interests are for the upcoming budget. And we have the second workshop, which comes in July. It's just after the budget estimate is given to the Commissioners, and you'll have a chance to comment at that point, and then we have the whole summer to make further changes.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: I have several comments, and I'll go first, I guess.

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: Okay.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Part of -- what I see here is the City Hall Complex renovation or restoration.

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: Right.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: City Hall is one of our two -- the other one is the Biltmore -- signature landmark buildings. City Hall, how realistic is it for us to undertake a City Hall renovation with us in here?

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: I didn't hear the last...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: How realistic is it to take...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: With us in here.

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: Okay. Now, that -- there would be a plan for that. Right now, all we're doing is actually -- this year, we combined all of the City Hall Complex, which would be 427, the cottage and City Hall itself. So, we're combining the available dollars we have for a multitude of small projects into one. And then, we're proposing - I believe I had put that \$500,000 in for FY '19, to build up money to do City Hall. City Hall needs an assessment and we can get further information from the Public Works director.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: I thought we had the money for City Hall.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: We -- there are several million dollars that are set aside for the campus area.

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: Right.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: We're -- it would be our recommendation, unless the Commission decides otherwise, that we don't begin the City Hall assessment and project until we're really ready to move forward with that (INAUDIBLE)...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Well, what does that mean? When would we be really ready to do it? I look up from my seat and I see that, you know, a leak over there and it's...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: So, we...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: I don't know how bad that is, how fast that'll progress and how much worse will it be when we decide to do that two or three years from now.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: And so, where -- so, it -- from a public safety -- we are in the process of the public safety building. We're doing the designs. We're doing the bonds. We're doing the acquisition. We're doing the ground breaking. We would like to have that done before we begin the City Hall project. But we understand the importance of restoring, not just renovating City Hall. It is your signature building. From a timing standpoint, we've been working with Public Works on what is the timing. Can we postpone it a little bit longer to get the public safety building underway? And we can give you an updated report at the next -- not the next meeting, but two meetings from now as to what needs to be done and what that timeline could be.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay. I have another question. The church across the street, I've been hearing since I got elected in '17 that we're going to be able to use that hall and that church and they are in the process of a 40-year certification. Now, it's the 41st year certification. Where are we on that?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: And so, the building that the Mayor is speaking about is the column -- the main sanctuary building which the First Church of Christian Scientists -- George Merrick's church -- only uses very occasionally. We have here in the budget an assessment because our thought is if they are not able to move forward with the recertification, that perhaps, once seeing the assessment, the City may wish to do that as a part of an exchange with them. They are willing to let us use that 760-foot sanctuary at no cost, and it could be -- our proposal to

you would be maybe we do the recertification on their behalf in exchange of rent. So, we have in this budget the idea of an assessment of the building of exactly what is needed. Peter comes back on Wednesday. When he generally looked at it, he said he could walk through the building and give a good estimate as to what it would -- what would be required.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: But they have to do the 40-year certification anyway, right?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: They do have to do the 40-year certification, and we're working with them on a timeline that works for them.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay, another thing. I've talked to Peter about whatever the address is, the building next door.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: 427, the...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yeah, 427, and computerizing it, doing whatever is necessary to put our zoning applications, whatever, there so that we free up space here for other uses that you may have. How are we doing with that?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: So, that's about a \$2 million project.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Right.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: And they have done some of the floor plans. They've done some of the estimates, and so when the comes back, we're going to meet with the Development Services Director. It's a significant amount of money, but we believe that that's going to be in the best interest of the City to utilize both first floor and second floor to a higher level of potential.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: I sent you, last week, a picture of one of our trucks...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Yes.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Which would put -- I'll mention a name -- a small village in Honduras to shame how dirty it was and how any branches were coming off it. That was really, really an embarrassment for Coral Gables. Tell me about truck washing. You know what I'm talking about?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Yes.

Public Works Director Santamaria: Yes, I do, Mr. Mayor. There is an initiative right now to address the truck washing needs for all of our fleet. We do have a truck wash facility at 72nd Avenue. It has not functioned for a while. And so, we are restoring some of the basic fundamental uses and functions of that truck wash facility to accommodate for a vendor to come on a weekly basis and provide washing services to our fleet. It may take a while to do that. In the meantime, we are looking at a way of restoring the function of that truck washing bay right now as quickly as possible so we can address some our vehicles now.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: It really was an embarrassment for Coral Gables.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: And so, sir, that's listed as project 64, truck washing rehabilitation...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Right.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Replacement.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Last comment -- or last question, about the gondola building. Tell me about it.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: So, I'm going to ask Dona Spain -- I know that we had ordered an assessment of that building. The gondola building -- we believe it's the gondola building -- was a found building on the Biltmore Golf Course.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Right.

Historic Preservation Officer Spain: It's in the middle of the golf course. We believe it was where the gondolas were stored. I'm fairly certain of that. Rich Heisenbottle did an assessment and really went into the historic photographs, everything he could find. It's really wonderful. I should actually distribute it...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: We have some here.

Historic Preservation Officer Spain: To the Commission. But it's -- that's already been done. And honestly, I intended to have it with me today so I could tell you how much it would be to do that. I can call my office and let you know because he did an assessment of what needs to be done. The issue is what -- after it's restored, what to use it for.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: And I did meet with Gene Prescott last week and we discussed the gondola building, whether it is an amenity to the golfers on the golf course. They are planning a significant renovation on the golf course, or if it is -- some other way to incorporate it because you cannot get to it by path. You can only get to it by golf cart.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: There's a...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: But it's just a...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: \$670,000 figure here.

Historic Preservation Officer Spain: That could very easily be (INAUDIBLE).

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Dona, if you don't mind coming up to the microphone because the Clerk is going to have to take minutes.

Historic Preservation Officer Spain: I'm sorry. That could very easily be the money that I submitted to Public Works, but I want to verify that.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: I'm sorry. Say that again.

Historic Preservation Officer Spain: That could very easily be the amount that Rich said it would cost to restore that, but I need to verify that, so I'm calling my office.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Is there access to that or is that just golf course...

Historic Preservation Officer Spain: You -- access to the building itself, you mean? You would need to take a golf cart over there. It's in the middle of the golf course. It certainly could be accessible in the evenings, you know, if they wanted to use it for guests to somehow go out there. I don't know how easy it would be during the day when there's golfers.

Commissioner Keon: Not easy.

Historic Preservation Officer Spain: Not easy.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Alright.

Commissioner Keon: You can get hit.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Commissioner Mena...

Historic Preservation Officer Spain: You might get hit.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Any questions?

Commissioner Keon: You can get hit by golf balls.

Historic Preservation Officer Spain: I was just out there checking on the bridge.

Commissioner Keon: Yeah.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Commissioner Mena.

Commissioner Mena: I think this is a good exercise. This is my first time going through this particular exercise.

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: Right.

Commissioner Mena: I'm not going to lie to you. I'm a little frustrated because I got this Friday night and I have a lot of questions. This is a lot to digest in that short amount of time and be prepared to give you -- responsibly give you a list of priorities that I have from this list when, you know, there are certain things on this list that I'm not entirely sure what they even are. So, I'm going to do my best to work through it...

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: Okay.

Commissioner Mena: But I'm a little frustrated that we -- again, that we got this so late Friday, especially since this meeting was originally scheduled for last week.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: But I'll take responsibility because in addition to the projects that Budget had added, I added some additional ones based on conversations with individual Commissioners. And so, what we can do is use this as an information time if our Commissioners are not ready to prioritize projects. We can answer questions. You have knowledgeable staff here in the audience that can answer whatever questions that you want and then we come back and we can reconvene for actual priorities.

Commissioner Mena: Look, I think...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: We had suggested 20 -- pick your top 20 in order to get 10 at the end that are shared priorities from the Commission, new projects or additional monies placed on projects so that we have a clearer direction of what ones should be incorporated in the capital improvement plan.

Commissioner Mena: So, you know, I'm sure -- listen, I think we all have priorities, broad priorities, but there's a lot of very specific items on this list that we may have questions about. And that was part of the reason I asked the question at the outset about -- and I used the parks example and I've spoken to Mr. Couceyro about this in the past. You know, I'd like to see our parks brought up to a higher standard than they are now in terms of their equipment. And I know we have the matrix with a long-term plan to be able to do that. But you know, I'm -- I have questions about -- can -- you know, can we do some of those more quickly? Can we do them sooner than three, four or five years from now? Get them up to where they need to be as soon as possible. And is that a better priority than some of the things on this list? You know, those are questions I have. But again, you know, I see there's a limited list here under that category, you know, that I would love the...

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: Okay, there's nothing set in stone...

Commissioner Mena: Yeah.

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: At this point, so this meeting really is for you to tell us if you want something done, let us know. We're going to do the best that we can...

Commissioner Mena: Right.

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: To move priorities around to match what the Commissioners want. So, by all means, let us know and, I'm telling you, we'll bend over backwards to see where we can -- based on available funds.

Commissioner Lago: Commissioner...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: This is actually...

Commissioner Lago: Commissioner, if I may. I mean, you see the list of projects in the fiscal years and the priorities. If you have a project that's not listed here, it can be your number-one priority...

Commissioner Mena: Right.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yeah.

Commissioner Lago: And then what ends up happening is obviously you will lobby the Commissioners and say this is a priority for me and we'll help you. We'll help you get there.

Commissioner Mena: Right.

Commissioner Lago: You already had the funding in place, by the way, because you're going to have that money, obviously, from the 0.5, the funding strategy that we talked about two Commission meetings ago, so the money's there. If you want to frontload it and make this a priority, then we'll work with you.

Commissioner Mena: Right.

Commissioner Lago: That's the way we've done it in the past.

Commissioner Mena: No, I understand. But I think, you know, for example, it'd be nice to have an understanding from each of these departments as to what they think the priorities are and why given that they work with this every single day.

Commissioner Keon: Well, they put them on here.

Commissioner Mena: Right. Yeah, but there's...

Commissioner Keon: But there's new ones.

Commissioner Mena: You know, yeah.

Commissioner Keon: And what you're looking at are the things in red or other things...

Commissioner Mena: Right.

Commissioner Keon: That you have heard or learned about...

Commissioner Lago: Like I'm going to give you an example.

Commissioner Keon: For a long, you know...

Commissioner Lago: I'm going to give you an example.

Commissioner Keon: In a year.

Commissioner Lago: A similar situation, after looking through this very quickly -- and I also apologize. I didn't have much time to look over this. I don't see much about recycling, so that, to me, is a priority. And I'm going to continue to bring that up...

Commissioner Mena: Yeah.

Commissioner Lago: Year after year after year until we, obviously, eventually do something. I also don't see anything -- and maybe I'm wrong. Again, it's...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: So, excuse me, sir, from recycling, we have the bins that had already been budgeted.

Commissioner Lago: Yeah.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: And then we have the recycling containers in parks. Those are the two aspects...

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: Right.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: That I believe are addressed in the capital plan.

Commissioner Lago: What item is that, if you don't mind me -- just give me a number -- page number.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: I will...

Commissioner Keon: It's under -- what do you call it...

Commissioner Mena: There's one on the first page, the fourth item down.

Commissioner Lago: Excuse me.

Commissioner Keon: Yeah.

Commissioner Lago: Okay, recycling containers...

Commissioner Keon: 17.

Commissioner Lago: But that's already been -- that was from previous year and we haven't delivered on that.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: And then there's a recycling in parks that will also -- I can also pull to -- this is actually the second time that we've had -- only the second time that we've had a meeting like this. In the past, the Commission wasn't presented with a capital plan until September and asked to approve it. We felt that...

Commissioner Lago: No, no. I will...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: With new projects...

Commissioner Lago: But I will...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: We should...

Commissioner Lago: And I will make it clear -- and I don't mean to interrupt you, but I like this. I think it's important to do this.

Commissioner Mena: Absolutely.

Commissioner Lago: I think it's great because, again, I have a lot of residents and business owners who come to me and talk to me about certain projects and I forget about them. And at least we have three different meetings now to have this discussion and tell what our priorities are. We didn't have this before when I got elected. So, consider yourself very fortunate.

Commissioner Mena: No, I think this is a great process.

Commissioner Lago: We were -- before, in the past...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: It's a very good exercise.

Commissioner Lago: We were kind of told what was going to happen.

Commissioner Mena: It's just I would have liked to have had this in time to give them an adequate...

Commissioner Lago: Yeah. No, I agree. I agree. On this issue of the recycling...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Wait. Let...

Commissioner Mena: No, no, go ahead.

Commissioner Lago: No, we're just bouncing off ideas...

Commissioner Mena: Yeah.

Commissioner Lago: On this issue of recycling, it's from previous year.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: But there's also...

Commissioner Lago: Are you coming up, Brook? Are you coming up to discuss this?

Public Services Division Director Dannemiller: No, no. The recycling bins -- it's an operational expense, not a capital, so it's not in this package.

Commissioner Lago: Okay, my question to you is very simple. Why hasn't this been done yet?

Public Services Division Director Dannemiller: The recycling bins?

Commissioner Lago: Yeah.

Public Services Division Director Dannemiller: Well, we have a workshop coming up on the 24th, and that's to begin a scope of work for looking at our operations. And so, we want to look at it as part of that overall larger scope of work.

Commissioner Lago: But my understanding was this is a very simple bin with a lid on it, that it wasn't that complicated. Another thing that was brought to my attention today in my PACE meeting this morning by Mayor Stoddard from South Miami, make sure that when you design

these new recycling bins, that they have holes in the bottom because certain people leave them out all day and they become breeding grounds for mosquitos. He brought that to my attention.

Commissioner Keon: Or in the rain.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay.

Commissioner Lago: He brought that to my attention and I'm saying he's right.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Let's do this in an organized fashion and then, you know -- go ahead, Commissioner Mena. Let's finish this.

Commissioner Mena: Do you want to go on line item questions for departments at this point or...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yeah, yeah.

Commissioner Mena: Okay.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Go ahead.

Commissioner Mena: I'm just making sure that's where we are. Alright, Fred, on the list of items that I see here listed for Parks and Rec, I have kind of a silly question, but let me make sure I'm clear on it. There's purchase of land and then there's vacant lot acquisition.

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: Right.

Commissioner Mena: Can somebody clarify the distinction...

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: This is an...

Commissioner Mena: For me?

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: Item that we put in the budget going back about five years ago.

Commissioner Mena: Right.

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: It was just to start gathering funds. It was \$300,000 a year. The vacant lot right now is a new item. I believe it was a request from Commissioner Lago, and that was for specific lots across the street from Biltmore Hotel.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Well, we're not discussing exactly where the location is.

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: Okay, okay.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: But there was -- we -- from an acquisition standpoint, we have the purchase of land, which we set aside every year \$300,000. We've actually made a staff note on is it appropriate to increase that so that we have more money in the pool. We've added a vacant lots acquisition to a possible project that may be coming available. We wanted to use it as a placeholder if the desire was a direction, then at least we would have the money to do so. But that vacant lots acquisition isn't a general number. It is a parcel that we just learned may be coming available.

Commissioner Mena: Okay, understood. You know, Fred, my question remains, how do we prioritize updating our existing parks and doing it as quickly as possible so it's not this prolonged, you know, journey to get there? I understand things take time, but there's a lot of things on here that are scheduled, you know, for this year and this year's budget and I'm just

trying to prioritize upgrading our existing parks versus some of these items that you have listed here.

Parks and Recreation Director Couceyro: Well, what we tried to do with our...

Commissioner Mena: Like Manatee Overlook, for example. What is that exactly?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: That is something that I have added to the discussion because of some emails that Commissioners have gotten on across from Gables High there is a coral rock bridge -- a coral rock wall and many people park their cars there and look at the manatees. The question is did we want to improve either with pavers -- did we want to make some type of enhancement to that area so that when they come, they just don't kill the grass. It's an orderly fashion for the overlook. That is different than page 89 in your book, which is Parks and Recreation major repair projects by year, which lists, I would say, roughly almost 40 projects that are on the schedule for parks...

Commissioner Mena: Right.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: At an amount over the five-year period of \$10.7 million.

Commissioner Mena: Right. But when I -- but on a per park basis, when I weigh something like that -- you know, it's \$200,000. This is a big budget, but I mean, we typically budget what to improve our parks, 185?

Parks and Recreation Director Couceyro: For the small passive parks, we've been looking at -- it's anywhere from 175 -- that's the baseline that we try to hit. Like when we're doing our five passive parks, we're looking at 175 each. One might be a little more, depending on the design and what the community wanted, one might be a little less, but we're looking at that average for those...

Commissioner Mena: One seventy-five...

Parks and Recreation Director Couceyro: One seventy-five for the passive parks. But when we're looking at our larger parks, like what's in the matrix, that's when we look at -- and you know, there's a lot of different things that we look into replacement. There's safety issues. There's -- you know, you mentioned playgrounds. When our playground meets the life expectancy date, that's when we have to look at replacing that, so that's when -- those are how we try to prioritize -- some of them are things that we need for operational, you know -- whether it's adding an irrigation system, whether it's new equipment, whether it's safety or lightning protection, whatever it is -- that's how -- so we try to kind of look at, you know, we try on the -- we need, we -- would be good to have...

Commissioner Mena: I want -- listen, my goal here -- and I guess this is what -- and I've said this before when I've -- what I'm saying to my colleagues here. I want you to be free to upgrade our major parks to be the best parks in South Florida that when you have community meetings, it's not about well, we got to see because we can't afford shade and the slide and swings. No, I want us to have all those things in our main parks.

Parks and Recreation Director Couceyro: I understand.

Commissioner Mena: And I'd rather have that and prioritize that where our main parks are the envy of Dade County than have a lot of the items that I'm seeing here.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: That's perfect feedback, sir. So, that if we -- we will come back then -- if your shared collective is focus on the existing parks that we have, those that are larger so that we can upgrade and direct the resources to make that happen, then we'll come back with a plan to do that. That allows us to set aside some of the other projects that are -- that may have been talked about. If we haven't already initiated a commitment to the neighborhood -- and

there are some that we already have -- then we can easily postpone further discussions on projects that have not had any introduction into the process yet.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Alright.

Parks and Recreation Director Couceyro: So, based on your feedback -- and actually, discussions have been had at the Commission level. You know, you'll see it in some of our project proposals, like, for instance, one of them that we put in there, which is -- it's up here -- it's Jaycee Park...

Commissioner Mena: Yeah.

Parks and Recreation Director Couceyro: Now, that -- we put a much -- looks like just for a playground, that funding should be adequate to get us what we want at that level, which is, you know, the standard for a larger play area, which Jaycee Park is. And that funding, we're pretty confident that that's going to be able to get us to -- this is what the community...

Commissioner Mena: Absolutely.

Parks and Recreation Director Couceyro: Whatever the community wants, we're going to be able to provide without saying, well -- no, it's -- and that's what we're here for is to try to get that input from the community, what they want, and we can move forward with that. So, that's what we're trying to do. I've listened. I've started to do that, but there is a finite amount, so we have to...

Commissioner Mena: Right.

Parks and Recreation Director Couceyro: We have to be prudent with that as well. We can't just say, you know, we're going to spend, you know, X amount on this, regardless of what else is

going on. So, we're trying to, you know, weigh both sides of the scale. That's what we're trying to do.

Commissioner Mena: Understood. Alright, thank you.

Parks and Recreation Director Couceyro: Thank you.

Commissioner Mena: I appreciate your...

Parks and Recreation Director Couceyro: Sure.

Commissioner Mena: Sorry, one last thing for you before...

Parks and Recreation Director Couceyro: Yes.

Commissioner Mena: You go. The -- you mentioned this at the last meeting or the prior one. The lighting at Coral Gables High, right, the track lighting.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: So, we can speak on that one. We were a part of a very existing meeting on renovations that the school is doing. What was \$12 million is over \$22 million in the renovation. When we were there, one of the residents that's also a parent asked can you light the park, the track that goes around. They said that they had no money to light the track. I asked the question does that -- do we have an agreement so that when the park -- the track is not used during daytime, but after school hours, that our residents can come and walk the track? They said, yes, there is an agreement in place, which normally means if there's a trip and fall, it's on us, which we're happy to have that responsibility. And so, then the question was, we could possibly put lights there on the track that open it up to the neighborhood. It's an interesting -- because when we went to them on San Antonio and Segovia, there was a 24,000-square foot property that we said to the residents, would you like us to purchase that property.

They didn't want that property, but they wanted to have access to recreation somewhere in the area. And so, this would allow you to pay for the lights to have residents be able to walk that track at night, and so we put it as a placeholder in the discussion.

Commissioner Mena: Okay.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: We used as the price the same amount that we used for Phillips Park because Phillips Park has directed light into the area so that our residents weren't worried about overflow or lights into their condos or their homes.

Commissioner Mena: Okay. We're good.

Parks and Recreation Director Couceyro: Thanks.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Alright.

Commissioner Mena: Next question is for Ed, I think, or Jessica, whoever the appropriate person is. On citywide traffic calming, I see there's a \$350,000 amount, is that -- I mean, what does that get you, if I might ask? Because it seems like it might be a little conservative from what I've heard my colleagues express in prior meetings. We'd like to see, given that the multimodal plan is almost done and we're getting to the point where we can have a little bit more leeway to implement more traffic calming, I think -- and if any of my colleagues want to chime in, they're welcome to, but we've stated in the past we'd like to see more aggressive traffic calming.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: So, citywide traffic...

Commissioner Mena: So, what is -- is that enough and what is that designed for?

Unidentified Speaker: What item is that?

Commissioner Lago: One sixty-one.

Commissioner Mena: One sixty-one.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: So, I'm looking at page 141, which shows the budgeted today is \$2,681,000 that we're putting in. We already have certain monies in place, \$758,000 from prior year. We have an open PO of \$173,000, adding 350, and then -- for \$1.281 in terms of the dollars associated with '19. And then, every year, adding the 350 so that as we identify -- as -- so that we can implement different neighborhoods at different times during the years. Now, is it enough money? That's a question for the staff.

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: So, I think right now the way it's currently laid out, \$350,000 in 2019, we're fine. But once we get the recommendations out of the multimodal plan this year, we can make decisions moving forward about how much more we should be appropriating in the future years.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: What would this cover, the \$350,000?

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: It could -- \$350,000 -- it depends on what the traffic calming element is that you're...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Speed platform, speed...

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: So, let's say each speed table is \$13,000.

Commissioner Lago: The concrete ones, correct?

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: It's the decorative...

Commissioner Lago: With the pavers.

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: Yes.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: 13,000, so this would have -- yeah, okay.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Now, Jessica, \$1,281,000 has been set aside, adding the -- including that \$350,000.

Public Works Director Santamaria: Correct. The 350...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: So, the question is how much does \$1.3 million go towards traffic calming.

Commissioner Lago: So...

Public Works Director Santamaria: The 350 is new.

Commissioner Lago: So, let me...

Public Works Director Santamaria: There is a total of \$1.2....

Commissioner Lago: Okay, in the coffers for that.

Public Works Director Santamaria: Correct.

Commissioner Lago: Let me ask you a quick question in reference to Commissioner Mena's comments because this is my number-one item. Obviously, when we finish the multimodal transportation plan, we're going to have more of an understanding of, you know, how much money we're going to need because it's going to tell us how to address our concerns. What do you think we need right now for the entire city? I'm not going to hold you to it, a kind of rough number. Because that's what I'm -- if you're telling me \$350,000, then I want to move away from other things that we're funding and try to give you as much money as possible because my understanding is, from the last time I checked, we're looking at the multimodal transportation plan being completed in November, correct? Are we still holding to that number?

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: Yes.

Commissioner Lago: So, I'd rather make this a million dollars, make this \$1.3 million so that we can really be effective once the project is completed -- once the study is completed and say, listen, here's \$2.5 million. Let's get this done over the next year and really address -- because again, traffic is not going anywhere. This is our number-one concern outside of public safety.

Public Works Director Santamaria: So, the \$1.3 million, Commissioner, will allow us to do quite a bit. It will allow us to address some of the ongoing issues that we have that are historical that have gone through the process without having been included in the multimodal plan. The ones that we're talking about -- for example, the Blue Bird neighborhood, Aragon, other areas where we have ongoing initiatives with the County. And so -- and it will also, in my opinion, allow us -- for other projects that are -- that dovetail with the multimodal plan.

Commissioner Lago: Are we going to get basically like just a rough completion of the multimodal transportation plan before November? Because I don't want to ratify the budget, you know, until, you know, I've seen a little -- like a preliminary breakdown of what the transportation plan could potentially say, what could it call for. Do you have an idea?

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: So, the November timeline is -- understand is based on the schedule where we laid out that the County would review our traffic calming guidelines within a certain period of time and approve them. Right now, we are moving forward in the design process as -- in the planning process for the multimodal transportation plan that they are going to approve our proposal. Now, assuming we get approval in that timeline, then we will be ready to go in November. A draft will be available in advance. I would say middle of October, at the very earliest.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: So, Commissioner, if I may...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Commissioner Mena, are you through?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Excuse me one second. Commissioner, I think the best thing that we can do is the best guesstimate because it has to get loaded into the budget, which gets approved in September. So, we can estimate up and then you can be -- then we know that it's more than covered, but we wouldn't have those actual dollars known at the budget approval time.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Alright. Commissioner Mena, one more.

Commissioner Mena: The...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Just so -- to be clear. So, I've written down Commissioner Mena's first priority -- and this can evolve -- is upgrading existing parks to a level that is appropriate for the City, all larger parks, as a priority -- top priority.

Commissioner Mena: Yeah, and I think that goes hand in hand with developing passive parks, which is one of the items on here, but...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Okay. And then for Commissioner Lago, I've written down as you number-one priority, traffic calming.

Commissioner Lago: Okay.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: And it may evolve differently, but the goal is to get ten out of the Commission in the -- during the meeting so that we can better direct the resources that are identified in the capital plan.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Alright, Commissioner Lago.

Commissioner Mena: I had one last quick question. Sorry.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: (INAUDIBLE)

Commissioner Mena: No, I didn't ask the last one. On the public safety -- the number you have for 127 and 129 on the spreadsheet, the public safety building and the fire station. Can you walk us through how we arrived at those numbers?

Public Works Director Santamaria: So, on the -- on 127, the public safety building, was construction budget of around \$48 million. The other \$10 million or so are related to architectural design fees and engineering design fees. And there's also some FF&E -- furnishings and finishes that were -- and equipment that were not previously included in the numbers for the partition or -- I'm sorry, for the furniture that was included initially, which is basically just modular furniture. Police came back with a number of around \$2 million for additional finishing and equipment -- furnishing and equipment. I also understand that IT has about \$1.8 million for trim out for completion of IT improvements that are needed in the new building. What was included in the original number was just the rough end for the IT distribution systems, conduit with pull strings in it so that they could pull wire. The terminations

obviously would be additional. And there's also another \$2 million for a radio. There's a new radio system that needs to be installed in the building. So, that's where the difference is in terms of the \$48 million construction cost and the \$58 million final number. Also, some of the changes that had been driven by the discussions and conversations that have been had with the users of the building are also driving some of the pricing upwards.

Commissioner Mena: And the fire station?

Public Works Director Santamaria: Fire station's on budget. The \$10.5 million is the number that we have arrived with...

Commissioner Mena: What's the additional 958 on Fire Station 2, excuse me? It's number 129 on the sheet.

Public Works Director Santamaria: Let me look at 129.

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: I can help out with that. So, on the -- there's \$164,000 radio system, and then IT wiring is \$360,000, and additional design funds of about \$435,000.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Alright.

Commissioner Mena: Now, the numbers you just...

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: Yeah. You can see them right in the middle of the page. The 958 you're seeing in green, that's just the funding source. It's coming from the general capital improvement. If you look in the blue and beige section right above it...

Commissioner Mena: Yeah.

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: You see the details under 2019 new, and you can see all the way in the left, under phase...

Commissioner Mena: Got it. Alright, thank you.

Public Works Director Santamaria: So, that's in addition to the construction budget.

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: Right.

Commissioner Mena: Okay, thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay. Commissioner Lago, the floor is yours.

Commissioner Lago: Okay. ACM Fernandez, would you be a gentleman and please come up here one second? My question is in regards to SROs. And I want to make sure that we have the necessary funding in place to deliver on our proposed SROs for the City that we have right now.

Assistant City Manager Fernandez: Commissioner, pursuant to our last Commission meeting, we're still working on those numbers.

Commissioner Lago: I just -- I'm not asking for a number. I just want to know -- make sure that you guys are good...

Assistant City Manager Fernandez: Yes.

Commissioner Lago: That you have everything in place, that you don't need anything else from me.

Assistant City Manager Fernandez: Well, we don't have it in place yet, but we will. We definitely will, but that just happened last Commission meeting, but it's on target for discussion and to make sure that we get it on -- as you -- as the Commission directed.

Commissioner Lago: Okay, and in regards to CCTV cameras and that infrastructure, you feel comfortable with the numbers that we've budgeted here on...

Assistant City Manager Fernandez: We do.

Commissioner Lago: This fiscal year.

Assistant City Manager Fernandez: Yes, the next evolution of the CCTV and the LPR systems on target and it's added onto the budget.

Commissioner Lago: Okay. Okay, that's it. Thank you.

Assistant City Manager Fernandez: Thank you, sir.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: That's it?

Commissioner Lago: No, no, no. I have a few other questions. Give me a second. Can I have Ed come up, if possible, in regards to 179, residential waste pit restoration. I'm taking this as just maintenance and not actually removal of waste pits.

Commissioner Mena: I thought of you when I read that.

Commissioner Lago: I'm taking a stab at it that maybe -- I'm praying that maybe it is removal, but I'm taking it's just...

Public Works Director Santamaria: That's correct...

Commissioner Lago: Maintenance, correct?

Public Works Director Santamaria: Commissioner. It is the filling in of existing trash pits. We're also -- in the department, we're working on a plan to increase the ownership of trash routes, which would -- the intended purpose obviously is to minimize the creation of trash pits. I think you maybe looking at a deeper issue, which is the elimination altogether of trash pits, but that's something that obviously is not anticipated in this item.

Commissioner Lago: Okay, in reference to you -- Biltmore Way, I had the pleasure of meeting, I think, with three residents last week and they were talking to me about the proposed design. I don't remember seeing anything for Biltmore Way, and I see that there's some funding here under 165 for the streetscape improvements. I think your total's \$480,000 over the last five years, and in 2020, capping off with 410. Their main goal -- and I don't know if we've had a public meeting yet.

Unidentified Speaker: No.

Commissioner Lago: We haven't. Their main goal, what they were asking for is just shade.

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: Yes.

Commissioner Lago: And you know, we had a bunch of different discussion points about whether we should have, you know, the swales and should we have a median. I'll leave that up to you guys when you have the meetings, but they were just really adamant about just having trees and doing something different with the way Biltmore Way looks currently, the streetscape - the proposed streetscape. When are we planning to have that meeting?

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: We have this project programmed this year to begin that process with the community. It'll be before the end of this calendar year.

Commissioner Lago: And this \$480,000 include construction costs also?

Commissioner Keon: No.

Commissioner Lago: I just want to...

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: No.

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: It's ramping up for construction. This will just -- just so we flatten out our expense with \$400,000 this year and the \$400,000 next year, taking advantage of the fact that typically these...

Commissioner Lago: So, 890 was the five-year project? Excuse me.

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: Yeah.

Commissioner Lago: I read the wrong line.

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: Yes, sir.

Commissioner Lago: Okay. Do you think we can do this project for a million dollars?

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: Right now, I would say this is a best guess. The original concept of Biltmore -- Biltmore...

Commissioner Lago: Way.

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: Way, before any community...

Commissioner Lago: I get confused with Biltmore Drive, Biltmore Way.

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: Yeah, I know. I just had to think about it. Before we had any community meetings at all, before I came to the City of Coral Gables, was that it was going -- there was no community meetings that I'm aware of and that original concept was with the median -- very different than the people -- what they've been communicating to me, to you is a very different concept. So, I'm not really sure that this will be the ultimate cost. But through the community engagement process, we'll be able to refine that in the future year.

Commissioner Lago: Okay. Again, I mean, we all -- I think we all agree. It just looks kind of odd when you run into the beauty of Miracle Mile and of City Hall and you have Biltmore Way that just looks very...

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: Agreed.

Commissioner Lago: It looks a little sparse. 57th Avenue landscaping. I know that's been an issue that we've been talking about for some time. My understanding was that there's going to be proposed landscaping. I know Brook's probably going to give us a response in regards to that. Are we still in the planning from Bird Road all the way to Ponce?

Public Services Division Director Dannemiller: So, the permit that we have open currently with FDOT is to plant palms all along the east side of Red Road, basically from...

Commissioner Lago: Yeah.

Public Services Division Director Dannemiller: US 1 going north to just about Coral Way.

Commissioner Lago: Okay. Do we have any monies for that in the budget or no?

Public Services Division Director Dannemiller: Yeah, that's in the budget. That's part of the tree succession ongoing budget in that project.

Commissioner Lago: So, when are we looking to implement that project or roll it out?

Public Services Division Director Dannemiller: The -- we're wrapping up the original scope of the tree succession project down in Old Cutler Bay now with the planting of about 150 oaks. We have about 150 coconuts and then we're going to work on Irma tree replacement. And as we do Irma tree replacements, we'll work on those palms along the east side of Red Road.

Commissioner Lago: Okay.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: What do we -- along those lines, what do we do so when we plant all of this, FDOT or the County doesn't come and wreck it all up like they just did between Alhambra Circle and Red Road?

Public Services Division Director Dannemiller: That project there at Red Road and Bird Road, is that the one you're referring to?

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yeah.

Public Services Division Director Dannemiller: So, that's -- we're aware of that project. And so, the -- we'll coordinate it with them on that so...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yeah, but they have destroyed any beauty that was there, which wasn't much. They've totally destroyed it.

Public Services Division Director Dannemiller: Well, we're going to be -- as part of our open permit with FDOT, we're going to be submitting a revision. I spoke with them last week. That median just north of Bird Road, we're going to plant some shrubs and some palms in that median to beautify it. They just put down some sod just so it wouldn't be bare swale until the project is done.

Commissioner Lago: And we're obviously relegated to just palm trees because FDOT will not allow us to have any shade trees on the median, correct?

Public Services Division Director Dannemiller: Yes. Due to the clearance zones...

Commissioner Lago: On the swales.

Public Services Division Director Dannemiller: Off to the sides and the site triangles, we're -- we can only have palms with a maximum diameter of four inches in diameter. It's for safety and sight.

Public Works Director Santamaria: I'll also add something that might answer the Mayor's concern. And that is, whenever we do any kind of improvement like this on FDOT right-of-way, we have to enter into a maintenance agreement with DOT. And that maintenance agreement basically gives them carte blanche. If they do any kind of improvements which the landscaping may be in conflict with, then they have the ability and the right to remove any landscaping that we provide.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yeah, but they tried to remove landscaping on the bridge just west of Grenada and the street was declared historic, and they had to respect the width of the street and they had to respect the trees and everything. Why don't we ask them to respect our beauty and our forest and our landscape?

Public Works Director Santamaria: We had the same...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: We have to demand that.

Public Works Director Santamaria: We had the same issue in Miami with the ficus trees on Coral Way, the banyan trees on Coral Way and Coral Way is a historic road. And so, DOT has been wanting to remove some of those trees for a long time but hasn't been able to for that...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yeah, but they're removing ours.

Public Works Director Santamaria: Very same reason. The issue with 57th Avenue is that these would be new plantings and...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: No, I'm talking about Bird Road.

Public Works Director Santamaria: Oh, Bird Road?

Public Services Division Director Dannemiller: There weren't any tree removals as part of the Bird Road/Red Road intersection, there were not any tree removals on the City of Coral Gables side.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: That's not what I remember, but go ahead. You're probably right. I'm sorry.

Public Works Director Santamaria: Some trees were lost during Irma on Bird Road, so that may be some of the scarcity that you're seeing.

Public Services Division Director Dannemiller: And those will be replaced. The ficus tree (INAUDIBLE) that are down the...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yeah.

Public Services Division Director Dannemiller: Median, those will be replaced. They're very difficult to find, though, because it's not a typical -- we typically have to propagate them ourselves.

Commissioner Lago: 184, LED streetlight conversion. Can you give me a little bit of background in regards to what will this cover? You have a budget of \$150,000 for a total 450, and the five-year projection is \$1,050,000.

Public Works Director Santamaria: So, the good news here is that it's become a lot more cost-effective for us to replace some of our existing decorative street lighting, which is what we own, essentially, with LED lighting because the cost of the fixtures has come down. And so, we are looking at replacing these lights that we own with LED. Before, it wasn't that cost effective for us, so now it -- now that it's more of a reality, we're looking to move forward on this project.

Commissioner Lago: Okay.

Commissioner Mena: How does -- can I just dovetail on that? The item above LED streetlights conversion is decorative streetlights. What's...

Commissioner Lago: That was -- maybe I'm under the false impression. I thought it was White Way lights. Is that what it is?

Commissioner Mena: No, there's another one...

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: No.

Commissioner Mena: For White Way lights.

Commissioner Lago: There's another one for...

Commissioner Mena: Yeah. That's what I'm trying to understand. It's...

Commissioner Lago: Where's the White Way lights one?

Commissioner Mena: It's 51, on the first page.

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: Decorative streetlights...

Commissioner Lago: Okay, here, yeah.

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: Are part of the Neighborhood Enhancement Program. And decorative street...

Commissioner Mena: Say that again. Sorry, I apologize.

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: Decorative streetlights are part of the Neighborhood Enhancement Program, and it's a community-initiated process. So, if the community wants lighting in their neighborhood, they reach out to us and go through a process where we meet with the community, explain what the associated cost would be. It's a cost-sharing program where the City funds the design and the community -- and we pay for the energy over time, but the community pays for the actual capital cost.

Commissioner Lago: We're doing something very similar we're doing with sidewalks also.

Commissioner Mena: Right.

Commissioner Lago: That was one of the -- I initiated that program. And basically, I think it's one or two little -- one or two areas in the city that we're doing it now, right?

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: Well, no one has -- as far as the decorative lighting...

Commissioner Lago: I thought -- Monegro's doing it.

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: We have lots of people who ask for information, and once they see that it's cost sharing, they're -- we haven't had anyone who has wanted to move forward with that program. The sidewalk program, that becomes controversial at times as well where it starts and then once we, you know, get down the -- head down the road, people change their minds.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Anything else, Commissioner Lago?

Public Works Director Santamaria: Regarding the White Way streetlights at \$325,000 figure is that initial phase -- and I think we discussed this at the last Commission...

Commissioner Mena: Right.

Public Works Director Santamaria: Hearing -- to go ahead and provide the underground infrastructure for the restored lighting.

Historic Preservation Officer Spain: Commissioner Mena, you had asked about possibly doing just one of the streets, University possibly.

Commissioner Mena: Or just doing a comparison on what the associated costs would be.

Historic Preservation Officer Spain: And I have that -- those numbers for you. There are actually 45 -- only 45 White Way lights on the streets now, not 77. That was an estimate that was done a few years ago, so there's 45. There are 54 locations of lights along University from Bird Road to Ponce. And it turns out that we have 54 lights. We have the 45 that are on Riviera and University and we have 9 in the equipment yard.

Commissioner Mena: So, the -- so are you saying the plan -- or the proposed plan would be...

Historic Preservation Officer Spain: No, I'm just saying we could...

Commissioner Mena: One contiguous stretch on that...

Historic Preservation Officer Spain: Build out University...

Commissioner Mena: Right.

Historic Preservation Officer Spain: And we have all of the historic lights, I believe, to do just University Drive. That would entail taking them off of Riviera Drive. I don't know how the residents would feel about that. They're used to having these historic lights, you know, along that road, but it certainly is an option.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: But you would replace them with other lights...

Historic Preservation Officer Spain: That's right.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: The current acorn lights that we have.

Historic Preservation Officer Spain: That's exactly right.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: So, it's not no lights.

Historic Preservation Officer Spain: That's right.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: It would be a grouping -- the historic lights...

Historic Preservation Officer Spain: That's right.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: To one boulevard.

Historic Preservation Officer Spain: But I think it's an option that would certainly cut down on the cost, and then we have those that are all historic just for University -- on University from Bird to Ponce. So, you had brought it up at the last Commission meeting...

Commissioner Mena: Yeah.

Historic Preservation Officer Spain: I think it's...

Commissioner Mena: Thank you.

Historic Preservation Officer Spain: Definitely an option.

Commissioner Mena: If you could just -- between now and when we discuss it again -- just fill in that gap about what kind of cost savings we think would be involved if we did it that way so that we understand if it's worth it or not.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: (INAUDIBLE).

Commissioner Mena: Yeah, I appreciate it. Thank you.

Commissioner Lago: I just have one final question in reference to 57. Give me a little breakdown on artist housing on Brooker Avenue.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: So, I think the...

Commissioner Lago: Dona.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Dona, Leonard and I met with you on -- for the four homes that are on Brooker Street that are currently owned by a church.

Historic Preservation Officer Spain: Yes.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: And so, you had talked about the possibility of City facilitating or acquiring and restoring those four homes and the vacant lot -- and acquiring the vacant lot to the north, which is a separate item, for possible artist housing. And so, we put that as a placeholder in this discussion.

Commissioner Lago: Okay.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Alright.

Commissioner Lago: Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Commissioner Keon.

Commissioner Keon: Good morning, Dona. Talk to me again about the White Way lights. You're -- the -- you're looking at putting them -- if -- or you could put them along University from Bird to where?

Commissioner Mena: Ponce.

Commissioner Keon: All the way to Ponce?

Historic Preservation Officer Spain: From Bird to Ponce.

Commissioner Keon: They go all the way...

Historic Preservation Officer Spain: They do.

Commissioner Keon: Through? They cross Le Jeune...

Historic Preservation Officer Spain: It goes from Bird...

Commissioner Keon: And go up Ponce?

Historic Preservation Officer Spain: To Ponce. There -- yes, they do. There are only 24 original lights on University.

Commissioner Keon: Right.

Historic Preservation Officer Spain: They go from Bird to Ponce. And there are 21 on Riviera. So, we would need to take the 21 off of Riviera, restore them, put them on University, and then restore the 9 that we have in the equipment yard.

Commissioner Keon: Okay, but how many did you say were originally on University? You said there originally...

Historic Preservation Officer Spain: No. In...

Commissioner Keon: Were 54?

Historic Preservation Officer Spain: 2015, I believe we counted 77 lights total. There are -- and that was on Riviera and University.

Commissioner Keon: And University. So, you're looking potentially to just replace them along University, to combine everything you have.

Historic Preservation Officer Spain: Yes.

Commissioner Keon: And will that fill out...

Historic Preservation Officer Spain: Yes.

Commissioner Keon: The number that were originally on that...

Historic Preservation Officer Spain: That's right.

Commissioner Keon: Space? Okay, and is there a -- and there's a cost for that. We know what that's going to be?

Historic Preservation Officer Spain: Well, we know what it would have been to do the 77, which is 865, so it would be...

Commissioner Keon: (INAUDIBLE) 54.

Historic Preservation Officer Spain: 70 percent of that because it's 70 percent of -- I don't know what that translates appropriately.

Commissioner Keon: And the costs have gone up and probably not 70 percent...

Public Works Director Santamaria: I think we need to analyze that because...

Commissioner Keon: Yeah.

Public Works Director Santamaria: We can't remove existing lighting, so we still have to provide the underground infrastructure for whatever lighting happens on Riviera...

Commissioner Keon: Right.

Public Works Director Santamaria: Whether it's White Way -- historic White Way lights or whether it's new...

Commissioner Keon: Or it's just the acorn lights.

Public Works Director Santamaria: Correct.

Commissioner Keon: Okay, so that is not in this budget?

Public Works Director Santamaria: Yes.

Commissioner Keon: It is?

Public Works Director Santamaria: The \$325,000 is for the underground infrastructure this year.

Commissioner Keon: Okay -- oh, so it's only for the...

Public Works Director Santamaria: 2019.

Commissioner Keon: It's only for the undergrounding.

Public Works Director Santamaria: Correct. That's it.

Commissioner Keon: Okay.

Public Works Director Santamaria: It's to replace the existing underground infrastructure and to make it compliant with the NEC, which we have to abide by.

Commissioner Keon: Okay. And then -- but you're saying the entire project is going to cost \$800,000, \$900,000?

Public Works Director Santamaria: Well, that -- now, since the -- we really have to run the numbers because it looks like there's going to be reduced cost to restoration because we're not talking about restoring 77 poles. But that said, we still have to have, at the end of the day...

Commissioner Keon: Right.

Public Works Director Santamaria: 77 poles or thereabouts.

Commissioner Keon: Okay. So, have -- have we made a decision as to -- or have you made a recommendation as to how we're going to deal with the white lights? Have -- is there a policy...

Public Works Director Santamaria: There's...

Commissioner Keon: That says we're going to -- we were going to -- we're going to replace the white lights along -- the White Way lights along University and we'll fill them in with the ones from Ponce. We'll restore them, and then we'll place acorns along Riviera?

Public Works Director Santamaria: That's...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: You...

Public Works Director Santamaria: That has not...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: You all have asked us to come up with a plan. They're working on that plan.

Commissioner Keon: Okay.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: And they had -- and then it will come back, then you all would consider it.

Commissioner Keon: Okay, so it would take more than a year to do this anyway, yes or no?

Public Works Director Santamaria: Yes. This is a multiyear...

Commissioner Keon: It would.

Public Works Director Santamaria: Project.

Commissioner Keon: So -- okay, so, for this year, it would be just that we would do the infrastructure that would then allow us to do that. And you're going to come back some time this year with a recommendation...

Public Works Director Santamaria r: We'll come back...

Commissioner Keon: Of how we deal with this?

Public Works Director Santamaria: We'll come back really soon...

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: Yeah.

Public Works Director Santamaria: So that you can have a...

Commissioner Keon: So we know what...

Public Works Director Santamaria: Discussion...

Commissioner Keon: So we know where we're going, and it's...

Public Works Director Santamaria: Correct.

Commissioner Keon: It's very clear to the community and it's very...

Public Works Director Santamaria: Right.

Commissioner Keon: Clear to us what the plan going forward is with the White Way lights.

Public Works Director Santamaria: Yes, absolutely.

Commissioner Keon: Okay, so that's already in the -- your 325 is already in the budget?

Public Works Director Santamaria: It's a proposed budget, correct.

Commissioner Keon: That's a proposed budget. Okay.

Commissioner Mena: Let me...

Commissioner Keon: Alright, so that's the White Way lighting. I would -- I don't know that that's my top priority, but it is a priority.

Commissioner Mena: Yeah. Let me -- can I just add to that, Commissioner Keon, real quick. You know, I know I'm one of the ones that asked you to look at that option. Listen, if you come back and you tell me it's not cost-effective to do that because we're going to have to replace all these poles anyway, you know.

Commissioner Keon: Right.

Commissioner Mena: That's the analysis I want you to give us so that we can make a decision.

Public Works Director Santamaria: Sure.

Commissioner Mena: I don't want you to think that you have a mandate to go do it that way. Just come back and let us know what the options are.

Commissioner Keon: Yeah.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Anything else, Commissioner Keon?

Commissioner Keon: But it's just the -- this is just the infrastructure.

Commissioner Mena: Yeah, absolutely.

Commissioner Keon: That you're going to have to do anyway, so...

Public Works Director Santamaria: Right.

Commissioner Keon: That would be one of my priorities, that you do the infrastructure for that. I don't know that it's a top, but it -- but it certainly is one of them. You know, I would -- I mean, I would think if you have facility environmental remediation, you would have to do that anyway. I don't know that that needs to be a priority worthy of anybody's. You would do those things, no? I mean, I think what I'm looking at is -- as with regard to priorities are more, you know, different public projects that -- you know, within the neighborhoods or those types of things is what you're looking for. Okay, alright, so I would like to see the White Way done. You know, the seats at West Lab are of immense concern for me, and I would very much like to see them. It is a significant budget item, though, a very significant budget item. And you know, I -- we really haven't -- you know, we know we want better public schools, but we haven't had a lot of community outreach on, you know, do we do this. I haven't heard from a lot of people about do we do this. So, although I think it's very important, I would really like to see more public input on it before I would allocate \$4 million toward that project. Because of the projects I'm looking at, that's a pretty -- it's -- you know, it's a significant project and it requires, you know, our -- some, you know -- maybe better more open discussions with the school system. So, I think there's a lot of things that are...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Can I...

Commissioner Keon: Involved in that, but I think it's very important.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Can I give you a report on that? I met with the school system. They are very amenable to the idea of purchasing the seats.

Commissioner Keon: Right.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: New seats, not...

Commissioner Keon: Right.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Substituting Coral Gables students. And I think that we owe it to our residents and we have hundreds of emails supporting the idea of allowing Coral Gables kids the ability to go to West Lab.

Commissioner Keon: Okay, but I mean, if you have hundreds of emails, I'd like you to share them with us that are asking us to put -- to -- I mean, I have lots of emails saying that they should have access to West Lab. I don't have a lot of emails saying we should spend \$4 million in order for us to have access to emails (sic), so I don't have that.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay.

Commissioner Keon: So, that I would like to see more of. We also -- part of that discussion was -- in the lottery was how many of -- what percentage of those seats in addition to those seats that we would purchase -- and all we're purchasing is two classrooms per grade.

Commissioner Mena: Forever.

Commissioner Keon: Oh, I'm sorry, one classroom per grade...

Commissioner Lago: In perpetuity.

Commissioner Mena: In perpetuity.

Commissioner Keon: For...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: In perpetuity, yes.

Commissioner Keon: For first grade -- in perpetuity -- for first grade through 8th grade now. Alright, so that's -- there's 20 kids -- that's 160 seats, right?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: I think it's K through 8...

Commissioner Keon: Okay, K...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: But yes...

Commissioner Keon: So, it's...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: One...

Commissioner Keon: 180 seats.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: That's (INAUDIBLE)...

Commissioner Keon: You know, so...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: 188 seats.

Commissioner Keon: 180 seats for \$4 million. I think that -- you know, I would like to have a bigger discussion on that. And I also think there is more to that discussion than just the purchase of the seats. There is to the percentage of magnet seats that are available to the local community, which is an issue that we have had that other communities have that, you know, we -- we're in that discussion and that discussion never concluded. So, there's a -- you know, it's more than just that. I'm very supportive of it. I would tell you it's among my top priorities, but it would be -- I would want -- you know, there's more to the agreement than just the purchase of these seats, and there is more public input on it.

Commissioner Lago: Would you -- Commissioner, would you like to have maybe a public forum or public meeting to discuss this?

Commissioner Keon: At some point, yes. Yes, as this budget goes forward, don't you think?

Commissioner Lago: I'd like to have it, you know, rather sooner than later...

Commissioner Keon: Yeah.

Commissioner Lago: It's already -- you know, we're moving forward so...

Commissioner Keon: Right.

Commissioner Lago: Maybe if you'd like to have it next month, I mean, we can host...

Commissioner Keon: Fine with me. Well, you know, I hate to do it in the summer when everybody's gone. And I know it makes it difficult to do it in September when everybody's back. But you know...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: We should...

Commissioner Keon: We could talk about it...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Have that meeting.

Commissioner Keon: And the Manager could...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yeah.

Commissioner Keon: Make whatever arrangements should be...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: We should have that meeting.

Commissioner Keon: Should be made. Yes.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Anything else?

Commissioner Keon: I have a bunch of things.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Go ahead, yeah.

Commissioner Lago: Can I chime in while you're looking at other...

Commissioner Keon: Sure.

Commissioner Lago: Just a quick -- can I get an update from IT? I wanted to find out about our Wi-Fi in our downtown and, you know, what is the proposed scope and magnitude of that.

Commissioner Keon: Well, we have a...

Commissioner Lago: Are we looking -- I know we're talking about in our downtown on Miracle Mile, but what are you planning on doing?

Information Technology Director Rodulfo: Good afternoon, Commissioners. We completed multiple sites over the years. We completed, for example, all the major buildings in the City, like City Hall. We completed 24 -- 427, the Passport Office, the new parking facilities. We completed the public safety building, Youth Center, the playground at the Youth Center. We completed multiple areas, such as Venetian Pool was completed, multiple areas in the facility -- 72nd Avenue. Also, we completed some parks, like Salvador tennis, Kerdyk, previously Riviera Park was completed as well. And recently, we completed the downtown area, Miracle Mile, and also Giralda Plaza. It's new technology. It's more cost effective, and it's smart technology that not only provides Wi-Fi. It also provides a census and statistics about counts and we are expanding on Wi-Fi technology. We are planning to complete soon Merrick Park, Biltmore tennis, Balboa Plaza.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: And just as clarification, Merrick Park being here or...

Information Technology Director Rodulfo: Yes.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Yes.

Information Technology Director Rodulfo: This one here.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: I didn't want the shoppers to get too excited.

Information Technology Director Rodulfo: I'm sorry.

Commissioner Mena: When you say...

Commissioner Keon: Our Merrick Park (INAUDIBLE).

Information Technology Director Rodulfo: I refer to that one that is here, yeah.

Commissioner Lago: Yeah, the little park.

Commissioner Mena: When you say completed, you mean that's already public Wi-Fi access at the locations?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: You have free Wi-Fi on Miracle Mile.

Commissioner Keon: Yes.

Commissioner Mena: Okay. No, but at all the...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: You open your phone...

Commissioner Mena: Locations you just listed.

Commissioner Keon: Yes.

Information Technology Director Rodulfo: Yeah, the...

Commissioner Mena: Okay.

Information Technology Director Rodulfo: Locations that I listed before. Yeah, we have multiple -- more than 20 locations that have Wi-Fi already.

Commissioner Lago: That's great. I didn't know we had that many free locations.

Commissioner Mena: Neither did I.

Commissioner Lago: Can we advertise that?

Commissioner Mena: Yeah.

Commissioner Lago: I'd like to advertise it because that's impressive. Maybe, in the future -- I mean, we could have all of downtown, all of the CBD...

Information Technology Director Rodulfo: Yeah, definitely.

Commissioner Lago: Be free Wi-Fi. I don't know how expensive that would be or what the cost associated with it would be, but maybe you can find out a number and provide that to the Manager, you know, what the cost associated would be to accomplish that.

Information Technology Director Rodulfo: Yeah. In the capital plan, we have it. If we got approved, we would continue building that area. And also, for the downtown area, we also need to complete what we call the last mile, like the fiber optics that needs to exist as a backbone to install more nodes. We have fiber optics now at Giralda and Miracle Mile and that facilitated the implementation of this Wi-Fi technology. So, as we build more and more fiber optics and last mile communications, we will be able to install more and more Wi-Fi.

Commissioner Lago: Congratulations. Great work.

Information Technology Director Rodulfo: Thank you, sir.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Very good.

Commissioner Keon: You have done an amazing amount of work over the last year. I remember the discussion we had here a year ago, and I think I had just come back from some trip and read, you know, how Google works. And it talked about, you know, your ability to work on projects that you see as important too and not just that are directed to work. But you know, for -- you have a very good group of people working for you that are very bright...

Information Technology Director Rodolfo: Yes.

Commissioner Keon: And very creative. And you have done a wonderful job in all of the things that you have done. I really -- congratulations to you and to all of your staff for all that you have done over this last year. I hope you continue to have the freedom to create.

Information Technology Director Rodolfo: Thank you, ma'am. I will present on next Commission meeting some of the Smart City projects that we have been working on with our team, but I can give more information about those projects.

Commissioner Keon: Okay.

Commissioner Lago: That's great.

Commissioner Keon: Yeah, you have been great.

Commissioner Lago: You can send me a copy of that by email because...

Commissioner Keon: Yeah.

Commissioner Lago: What I'll do is I'll blast it out also because people want to know.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Very good.

Commissioner Lago: I didn't even know.

Commissioner Keon: Okay, so...

Commissioner Mena: I didn't know all of those, yeah.

Commissioner Keon: You know, the seats at West Lab are really -- are very important to me. Fire Station number 4, the continued planning of funding and the work toward that is exceedingly important as we -- particularly, as we move forward with annexation and just for the service to that area, to the community in that area, which now, because of just the access conditions because of Old Cutler or -- the only way you can get there is Old Cutler and the traffic makes it extremely difficult for you to access that as quickly as you can access other people that we need, you know, a substation of some sort there so, you know, Fire Station 4. With regards to the parks, you know, we did -- a long time ago, we did -- and maybe it was with Baptist or somebody. We did something with William Cooper Park, and I don't think anything ever happened from that, did it? Did they do -- there's some benches...

Commissioner Lago: We did. We did...

Commissioner Keon: But whatever...

Commissioner Lago: We planted a bunch of trees.

Commissioner Keon: Yeah.

Commissioner Lago: And we cleaned up the park and we put some benches in there.

Commissioner Keon: There's some benches. Maybe that's what I'm -- the -- you know, you -- to continue funding the sidewalk installation and the sidewalk repair to replace sidewalks throughout the city. Garage number 7, I'd like to see us -- I know it's not part of the public safety building, but it is -- you know, will follow the public safety building. The need for parking in that area is exceedingly important. I would like us to look at park improvements as we do the median along North Ponce. I'm assuming it's from where it exists now, all the way -- to continue it to 8th Street. Is that right? Is that what we're looking at on the North Ponce...

Public Works Director Santamaria: Yes.

Commissioner Keon: Yes. That when you're doing that, I'd like you to look at -- there was a lot of discussion when we did the charrette in the North Ponce area, taking a look at -- where east Ponce goes off of Ponce, there is kind of a significant triangle there and possibly the reconfiguration of some of that area could actually create a park space for that area because we are very limited in parks in that neighborhood. So, as you continue the streetscape along North Ponce, if you will look at the intersection of North Ponce and Ponce for a potential park for that area. I think when they drew it out, it seemed that it was a significant area where a park could actually be placed. I'd like us to -- I don't see it on here, but we have talked a lot about -- and maybe I just missed it -- was the waterway assessments, not the dredging, but actually the water quality -- the assessment of the water quality in the waterway.

Public Works Director Santamaria: I don't believe that there is anything in the budget for that this year. We were expecting some grant funding, which evaporated. And so, it's something that if you see as a priority, we can always add.

Commissioner Keon: I really think that you should begin -- you should put something in there to begin the assessment of the water quality because it really has changed. I mean, I know from the 14 years that I've lived over -- looking down at the waterway, the clarity of that waterway has

changed dramatically, which only, you know, makes you believe that there's chemicals and growth in that waterway that are not healthy and not good for the waterway.

Public Works Director Santamaria: Right now, the only study that we're doing in the waterway is tidal sensors.

Commissioner Keon: Right.

Public Works Director Santamaria: And -- which help us determine the depth of the sediments and also the tidal changes. But we're not -- we don't have water quality in there right now that we're doing ourselves. Someone may be doing it on a volunteer, pro bono basis. I know Dr. Samimy -- Roland Samimy has been doing that kind of work, and he would be the one that we would team up with.

Commissioner Keon: Okay. Could we...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: So...

Commissioner Keon: Look into how we formally do that so we can then begin to address the issues of the quality of the water in the waterway?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: We applied for -- and at certain moments during the legislative session...

Commissioner Keon: Yeah.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Were going to receive it, and then, at the last minute...

Commissioner Keon: We lost it.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: I believe it was denied.

Commissioner Keon: Okay.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: But we do have the application and we can look at how do we turn that into whether City funded or another foundation type of assistance with this.

Commissioner Keon: Right, but even if we can start to do the assessment of the quality of the water, then we have information that we can go to someone with if we are looking for grants or we're looking for other information. But we're going to have to do an assessment before we can access any other dollars to do with anything with it. So, we can...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Alright.

Commissioner Keon: Maybe find something like that along the way. Salvador Park -- Fred Couceyro -- is -- were we doing something to Salvador with the building, or is it...

Parks and Recreation Director Couceyro: We did put in a placeholder there a little bit further down the five-year plan. We did have for this coming year...

Commissioner Keon: Yeah.

Parks and Recreation Director Couceyro: We wanted to do an addition in between the two banks on the south side to put a shade in that...

Commissioner Keon: Right.

Parks and Recreation Director Couceyro: That spectator area.

Commissioner Keon: Yeah.

Parks and Recreation Director Couceyro: That's a small improvement, but we thought that would be something that, you know, is kind of a life safety -- in terms of sun exposure while people are sitting there watching.

Commissioner Keon: Right.

Parks and Recreation Director Couceyro: So, we're looking at doing that. We do have, further down the line, a more extensive capital project of the whole building and doing all that, but not...

Commissioner Keon: And when is that...

Parks and Recreation Director Couceyro: For this coming year.

Commissioner Keon: What year?

Parks and Recreation Director Couceyro: I think we have it for...

Commissioner Keon: I'm sorry.

Parks and Recreation Director Couceyro: I will tell you.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: So, the...

Unidentified Speaker: 21.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: The staff...

Parks and Recreation Director Couceyro: 2021.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Is following the conversation, so they just loaded it up.

Commissioner Keon: Okay.

Parks and Recreation Director Couceyro: 2021.

Commissioner Keon: Oh.

Parks and Recreation Director Couceyro: As you look -- but we have...

Commissioner Keon: 19 (INAUDIBLE)

Parks and Recreation Director Couceyro: It's a million fifty is what we're projecting now.

Commissioner Keon: Right, yeah.

Parks and Recreation Director Couceyro: Which is probably what you would need...

Commissioner Keon: Right, yeah.

Parks and Recreation Director Couceyro: For that type of improvement. So...

Commissioner Keon: So, that's not even the courts. That's really the -- that's just...

Parks and Recreation Director Couceyro: No.

Commissioner Keon: The building.

Parks and Recreation Director Couceyro: That's not the court. We actually just finished resurfacing the clay...

Commissioner Keon: Right, the courts...

Parks and Recreation Director Couceyro: This year.

Commissioner Keon: Were paved.

Parks and Recreation Director Couceyro: So, we did that...

Commissioner Keon: Right, the courts are paved.

Parks and Recreation Director Couceyro: We did that project this year. We were able to complete that one.

Commissioner Keon: Okay, so it's upgrading the bathroom, the shower...

Parks and Recreation Director Couceyro: The bathroom, the locker room...

Commissioner Keon: The whole...

Parks and Recreation Director Couceyro: Facilities, the inside, the Pro-Shop, maybe do something with that spectator area up top, you know, the entire facility there.

Commissioner Keon: Okay.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Alright.

Commissioner Keon: That's a major park for our city and has -- gets, you know, a tremendous amount of use and is really -- should be a place of pride for us. We have -- with the completion of -- Biltmore is underway...

Parks and Recreation Director Couceyro: Right.

Commissioner Keon: And by the end of this year...

Parks and Recreation Director Couceyro: Yep.

Commissioner Keon: Biltmore should be totally redone.

Parks and Recreation Director Couceyro: Correct.

Commissioner Keon: And so, we can then move over to start Salvador so that is also refurbished to the extent that it should be.

Parks and Recreation Director Couceyro: Yeah, that's our next step. The courts, obviously, are the most important...

Commissioner Keon: The courts are...

Parks and Recreation Director Couceyro: And we got that.

Commissioner Keon: Yeah, now -- and the courts are great, but then...

Parks and Recreation Director Couceyro: Yes.

Commissioner Keon: The facility should begin to move forward. So, we'll look to that for next year.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay.

Commissioner Keon: Is that right? Okay.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Anything else, Commissioner?

Commissioner Keon: Yeah. I would like us to buy recycling trucks that crush the cardboard so we can do a better job of picking up cardboard.

Commissioner Lago: Wow. You just -- you -- I got to change my priority now.

Commissioner Keon: I do. I mean, I know that there are recycling trucks out there...

Commissioner Lago: Got to work.

Commissioner Keon: Where you can pick up those boxes and you can crush them and, you know, pick up more cardboard and get more cardboard off the streets, out of the swales. I mean, I don't know what the -- well, we'll have a workshop. I don't know what the answer is to this issue of recycling because we still see lots of them in the trash piles, so people aren't -- still aren't breaking them down. And if, you know, that's how we have to deal with them, then we'll buy recycling trucks and break them down that way. Just toss them in and...

Public Works Director Santamaria: Regarding the fleet, we are integrating those vehicles into the fleet. We actually have two of them...

Commissioner Keon: You have.

Public Works Director Santamaria: And Steve can provide more information on that.

Commissioner Keon: Okay. You don't need to take up that time now, but I'll talk to you individually. We do have them, and so, maybe we can talk about how -- at the -- you know, we're going to have a workshop. We can talk about that at the workshop.

Automotive Division Director Riley: Correct. We are replacing all of the old recycling trucks that are non-compactible. And we already have two in the fleet right now that compact garbage.

Commissioner Keon: That...

Automotive Division Director Riley: Compact the...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Cardboard.

Commissioner Keon: That will compact...

Automotive Division Director Riley: The cardboard.

Commissioner Keon: The cardboard.

Automotive Division Director Riley: Correct.

Commissioner Keon: Okay. So, you know, we can talk about that at the workshop. And then, if there's something else, we can come back when we have the next budget workshop...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay.

Commissioner Keon: And talk about it. So, I said Garage 7, North Ponce, West Lab, Fire Station 4. I'd also like us to look at the improvements to the berm in Gables by the Sea, that as long as we're going to have that berm -- there seems to be a problem with the continuous collection of debris along that -- you know, by that berm in Gables by the Sea because it's required by the Army Corps of Engineers that we keep it there. And yet, a lot of trash and waste, as well as sea grasses end up there. If there is -- I'd like a solution to that.

Public Works Director Santamaria: We've been meeting with the residents and...

Commissioner Keon: Okay.

Public Works Director Santamaria: I think right now what we're looking at is a plan where we're responsible for the maintenance of that...

Commissioner Keon: Yeah.

Public Works Director Santamaria: Berm. The berm is -- there's two berms. There's one that happens to be owned by Miami-Dade Water -- I'm sorry, DERM.

Commissioner Keon: Yeah.

Public Works Director Santamaria: And there's a water control -- water quality -- water control structure there. But there's also another berm, which is just essentially a plug for a canal...

Commissioner Keon: Yeah.

Public Works Director Santamaria: And that's also driving some complaints and some concerns, and we're looking at ways to come up with a plan to maintain it. Brook has some additional information...

Commissioner Keon: Okay. Well, whatever it is, I'd like you to come forward with funding for it for this year to deal with that berm. It is really an eyesore for the people that live in that area.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay.

Commissioner Keon: Okay, thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Anything else?

Commissioner Keon: No.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: That's it?

Commissioner Keon: Well, you know, I -- we had -- there's a lot in here on bicycle infrastructure and it seems that no matter where we want to put bike paths, we get a lot of resistance. So, I don't know what to do about that. I really don't.

Commissioner Lago: I still think we should include it.

Commissioner Keon: I -- we should...

Commissioner Lago: And I think we need to find a way to make it work.

Commissioner Keon: Yeah. I don't...

Commissioner Lago: I think it's important.

Commissioner Keon: I don't know how to make it work.

Commissioner Mena: I -- well, yeah. I agree.

Commissioner Keon: I don't know how to make it work.

Commissioner Mena: I agree with Commissioner Lago. I think...

Commissioner Lago: It's more input. Maybe it's more community outreach, but...

Commissioner Keon: Yeah.

Commissioner Lago: At the end of the day...

Commissioner Keon: Is that we leave it...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: I think it's more community input and more...

Commissioner Keon: Okay, we leave it.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Community outreach, yeah.

Commissioner Keon: We continue to talk about it, and we continue to do work with the community. But I think the infrastructure is important that it's there.

Commissioner Lago: It is.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay.

Commissioner Keon: That would be a priority too.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you.

Commissioner Keon: We get 20. That's one of them.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Your priorities are there. Commissioner Lago, your priorities, one by one.

Commissioner Lago: Alright. Citywide traffic calming -- bear with me, okay.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Sure.

Commissioner Lago: I really want to put West Lab, but I agree with Commissioner Keon's comments. I think it's a priority, but I'd like to have a public discussion to see really how many people come out. I think it'll make my top ten, but right now I'm a little indecisive of where to put it.

Commissioner Mena: How many are we going for right now?

Commissioner Lago: Huh?

Commissioner Mena: How many are we going for right now?

Commissioner Lago: Ten.

Commissioner Mena: Ten? Okay.

Commissioner Lago: Yeah. LED lighting upgrade. We'll move them around in a few minutes. Underline, purchase of land. I'm going to put recycling trucks/motivation or continue to spread the word about recycling somehow, some way. Sustainability, figure it out. Bike infrastructure, vacant lots acquisition, artist housing on Brooker. 193 is acquisition of gateway. Can you give me a little bit of background? I know that maybe it's an issue that we had discussed before. I'm not sure if my colleagues are aware. One of the few areas in our city that does not have an entrance feature would be Bird Road. And...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Where?

Commissioner Lago: On the corner of Bird Road...

Commissioner Mena: And 57th?

Commissioner Lago: 57th.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes, we do.

Commissioner Lago: We have an entrance feature there?

Commissioner Mena: There's a monument sign.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: We don't have a monument, but we have two beautiful fountains and -- that the garden club did about 20 years ago. They're beautiful.

Commissioner Lago: On Bird and 57th Avenue?

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes, sir.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Coral Way.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Two beautiful fountains.

Commissioner Lago: Not Coral Way.

Commissioner Mena: Yeah, you're talking about Coral Way.

Commissioner Keon: Yeah, that's at Coral Way.

Commissioner Mena: The fountain is Coral Way.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay.

Commissioner Keon: That's at Coral Way and Douglas.

Commissioner Lago: Yeah.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: And as long as the County stops chopping our trees and doing all sorts of things to us, maybe that's a good idea.

Commissioner Lago: So, I mean, again, that's one of our main gateways to the City. And I brought it up to the Manager's attention that -- since we have this moment together we can talk about it very briefly -- that there was a property that's for sale on the corner of Bird Road and -- 57th and Bird Road, and maybe that could be a good opportunity to have a location either for a gateway and also license plate readers and CCTV cameras. Because right now, from what ACM Fernandez can probably tell you, we're having issues finishing the geofence. You want to talk a little bit about that, just for a second? And how this property could come into play and be a critical asset to finish off that geofence.

Assistant City Manager Fernandez: Yeah. The property located at Bird and 57th Avenue, Ludlam...

Commissioner Lago: Yeah, they're not giving it away. It's for sale.

Assistant City Manager Fernandez: This is a location that would provide us an opportunity to complete the geofence around the city. And as I mentioned to Commissioner Lago, we are looking at an agreement with the property owner, as we've done with Journey's End to be able to place a pole on that corner or somewhere in that vicinity. We've also done it with a church that's also located on Coral Way and Grenada, so we have an opportunity to be able to maximize opportunities with private property at that location as well. We're following up on those options.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you.

Commissioner Lago: So, if you get a chance, maybe Frank or the City Manager can get together and explain to you a little bit more about this and the opportunity.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Commissioner Mena, your priorities.

Commissioner Mena: I may rework the order here because I'm still writing...

Commissioner Lago: Yeah, I'm going to...

Commissioner Mena: Notes here.

Commissioner Lago: Rework mine also.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: You can change the order of the...

Commissioner Mena: Yeah, yeah. Let me just -- I just want to make sure that on one, you know, I'm talking about upgrading existing parks. I'm also talking about developing passive parks, which is something we do have on here. So, I think -- I don't know if those sort of go hand -- to me, they go hand in hand. At the end of the day, we want an elevated overall parks system. Traffic calming, public safety building, West Lab, lighting conversion.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Is that the LED (INAUDIBLE)?

Commissioner Mena: Yeah. I don't know where -- both Commissioner Keon and Lago mentioned it, but basically, recycling program, trucks and bins and everything that goes with it.

Commissioner Keon: Yeah.

Commissioner Mena: White Way lights. And I'm kind of joining -- I wanted to include bike, but also, pedestrian infrastructure.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: So, Commissioner, you did a really good job at grouping a lot of them in one, but is it pedestrian or is it -- do you want to have a second one as...

Commissioner Mena: Sure.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Lighting?

Commissioner Mena: You can put them both if you -- I'm sorry, which one?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: I'm sorry. You said pedestrian infrastructure.

Commissioner Mena: And bike infrastructure.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: And bike...

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: Right, so the two...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Infrastructure.

Commissioner Mena: To me, it goes hand in hand, like we should be doing both.

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: Yeah. The pedestrian package, actually, that's sidewalks, crosswalks, sidewalk connections, stuff like that.

Commissioner Keon: The connections.

Commissioner Mena: Right.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Are you ok? That's it?

Commissioner Mena: Are we stopping at ten?

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yeah.

Commissioner Lago: I think I got 11, so if you want to throw an extra one in...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: You can have 10.

Commissioner Keon: He can have 20.

Commissioner Mena: Let's see what I've got here.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: You still have one more.

Commissioner Mena: Yeah.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Well, the rules were 10.

Commissioner Keon: I thought you said 20.

Commissioner Mena: I thought it was 15, to be honest with you.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: We suggested that you identify 20 so that we can build...

Commissioner Keon: Oh.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: 10 together.

Commissioner Keon: Okay, okay.

Commissioner Mena: Oh, I'm sorry. And I'm going to put the Coral Gables High track lighting, as well.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay, I'll give you mine.

Commissioner Lago: Can you do me a favor? We gave some pretty significant funding to the Underline. Can you remove my Underline and add upgrading existing parks/passive parks?

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay. Mine -- first is traffic calming. Two, the technology at the 427 building. Three, West Lab. Four, the Ponce -- North Ponce landscape. It's our largest street and...

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: Excuse me, Mayor...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Our longest street...

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: Mayor, we're typing while you're saying this, so if we can...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Oh, okay.

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: We don't want to lose it. Okay, I'm sorry, your third item?

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: West Lab.

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: West Lab.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Well, you also said Ponce.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: And then I said Ponce landscaping.

Commissioner Lago: I don't think anybody's mentioned that.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: The De Soto circle traffic problem. Fire Station number 4. The acquisition of the use of the Christian Science building across the street so that we don't continue

overloading this facility. Brooker and the artist possibilities there. The Underline and the Fink building.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: So, they're just going to do some matches.

Commissioner Keon: Can I do -- can I add the -- for 10 the, you know, park acquisition or land acquisition for parks.

Commissioner Mena: Yeah.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Do we take a break now or what?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Yeah. They're going to -- we don't have Commissioner Quesada's -- or Vice Mayor Quesada's. I'm sure he'll...

Commissioner Lago: He told me to tell you that he agrees with everything I said, so just...

Commissioner Mena: I'd like to...

Commissioner Lago: Carbon copy and just swing it over.

Commissioner Mena: I'd like to add land acquisition also in place of my pedestrian infrastructure and bump pedestrian infrastructure down to the bottom.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay. Could we take a break?

Commissioner Keon: I would add the lights at Coral Gables High School too, the lighting for the track.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Alright. We'll take a break now and we'll come back.

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: And we'll...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Alright.

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: Color code it.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yeah.

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: Okay, thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: So, Mayor, everybody has 11, if you want to do one more.

Commissioner Mena: Huh?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Tell the Mayor he can do one more since everybody else did 11.

Commissioner Mena: I mean, Lago's taking extra. If Vince gets 12, I need a -- I thought you said 11.

(BREAK IN AUDIO)

Commissioner Mena: (INAUDIBLE) traffic calming.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Huh?

Commissioner Mena: That's a horrible color for traffic calming.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: That's alright. That's alright. They needed a color that was different than the others.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Let's go.

Commissioner Mena: Okay.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: We're all here.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: So, this kind...

Commissioner Mena: It's the Carlos...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Of feedback is helpful because it identifies the priorities and how we can direct them into the capital plan. So, Keith, why don't you share the matches that have come forward.

Commissioner Mena: It's the Carlos Cruz Diaz budget.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: And we'll also work with Vice Mayor Quesada on his.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Commissioner Mena makes a good point. That looks like a Carlos Cruz Diaz -- go ahead.

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: Okay, so now, anything that has just one vote is left just white. So, anything that has two or more is color coordinated.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Track lighting has two. Column -- Commissioner Keon and Commissioner Mena.

Commissioner Keon: Yeah.

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: Oh, yeah, it's beige. It's like a cream...

Commissioner Keon: You know what...

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: We can try to make it darker.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: That's fine.

Commissioner Keon: You know what, the Garage 7 construction you can take out because it's not pertinent for this year. I mean, the public safety garage is going to take too much time. I don't think it's -- is it in there at all? I mean, I think it's for future years of -- it's really important, but I don't know that it's important to fund this year.

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: Okay.

Commissioner Keon: As we fund it going forward.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: So, track lighting is red, as if it is one, but we've got a match.

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: Yeah, Coral Gables track lighting. Just make it darker.

Commissioner Mena: Which one? LED lighting, you mean?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Your Coral Gables...

Commissioner Lago: You can get rid of my...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Track lighting...

Commissioner Mena: Oh, okay.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: That you did and Commissioner Keon...

Commissioner Lago: You can get rid of my CCTV, which is 12. Just get rid of that.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: So, here's more of your Carlos Cruz Diaz.

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: Okay. So, you can see citywide traffic calming, high priority for everybody. And then we're going to go through it. North Ponce improvements, that is at least twice. Artist housing is twice. White Way lights is twice. So, based on these initial responses, we're going to do our best to balance the budget with some of these. Now, I understand that you guys want to come back to us and have more input. But definitely, it will be the second workshop after the budget is sent to you on July 1. However, any input you want to give to the Manager while we're in this process, by all means, let us know and we'll make the changes to this.

Commissioner Mena: Will you please get us a copy of this so that we can...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yeah.

Commissioner Mena: Revisit?

Commissioner Keon: Can I clarify where I have improvements north of 8th Street? In addition to the North Ponce landscaping that I think you're already going to do, you know, we had talked to the community north of 8th Street for a very long time about...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: That's what that is.

Commissioner Keon: Yeah, about, you know, improving -- or one, having a charrette in the neighborhood, having someone work with them to make that section of Coral Gables look more like the rest of Coral Gables. It looks so different than the rest of the City. So, I would like us to put some money into the budget this year because I know we're already -- we've already started -- Manager -- we have already talked about having a discussion of moving the planning process with other -- you know, there's other areas that we're under to do some planning discussions who aren't ready yet. And so, we talked about moving to north of 8, and I think we talked about it at a Commission meeting recently. So, there was a direction from the Commission to do that. So, I'd like to put maybe -- I don't -- I can't -- I don't know how much money. I really don't, but some money...

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: Right.

Commissioner Keon: In the budget for this year to begin to look at that -- is it -- I didn't see it. Am I reading it wrong?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: We have it in here as a discussion item. But as you all keep talking, I'll tell...

Commissioner Keon: Okay.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: You where it is.

Unidentified Speaker: 177.

Commissioner Keon: Page 177?

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: Yeah. North Bay Street already had about \$300,000 for the median.

Commissioner Keon: Okay.

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: That's been in there for the last five years at least. We added to that...

Commissioner Keon: Okay.

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: Placeholders to go out for FY '19, I believe, through the end of the five-year plan...

Commissioner Keon: Okay.

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: To start making investment in that area.

Commissioner Keon: Okay.

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: And then we did the same for the area from Alhambra Circle up to 8th Street as well.

Commissioner Keon: Okay, so that -- alright, yes.

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: There's two separate projects.

Commissioner Keon: So, those are my -- that's my -- that is my -- one of my priorities then.

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: Okay.

Commissioner Keon: Okay, to make it clear.

Commissioner Lago: I mean, the only thing I really -- I really think we need to have a serious discussion -- it was two. I wanted to talk about recycling and I talked to Ed on the break about hopefully doing a more -- more discussion about the recycling and our efforts.

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: Right.

Commissioner Lago: And I know that we're going to have a workshop forthcoming, but I really think, you know, going off what Commissioner Keon said, we really need to have time dedicated to Henry West Lab because if we're considering -- and you see it up there. All four of us mentioned it is a priority. You're talking about \$3.4 million here. If we don't do that this year, then obviously, we have significant dollars to fund other projects throughout the city.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: The problem with that...

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: Well, just keep in mind that we did a placeholder in there for the possible sale of that land that is by Doctor's Hospital. Now, that was a disagreement by -- with the Commission going back several months. Because, remember, there was -- it was up before the Commission, and then it was decided to put it on hold. So, we placed it as a placeholder for some of the funding for this. So, we don't have \$3 million

definitely to put toward this. It's just, right now, we use it as a placeholder to help fund it, if the Commission so desires.

Commissioner Lago: You're talking about sale. I'm lost.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: So...

Commissioner Mena: It's going back to the Doctor's Hospital lot, but I think that's...

Commissioner Lago: Oh, okay, okay, okay.

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: Yeah.

Commissioner Lago: Excuse me.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: And the problem with West Lab and with...

Commissioner Lago: Got it.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Our situation...

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: And that was a discussion we had. We were looking...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Is that...

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: To maybe put that toward this project.

Commissioner Lago: Okay.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: The School District and the School Board is very favorable to us doing this now. God knows what may happen...

Commissioner Lago: No, I agree. That's why I want to have this...

Commissioner Keon: Right.

Commissioner Lago: Discussion now.

Commissioner Keon: That's why I would like to -- and you know, I mean, I voted on the other side of that land with Doctor's Hospital...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yeah.

Commissioner Keon: So, I'm not the one that can bring that back, you know.

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: If we were to fund that from City funds, it would really curtail most everything else because that's a huge chunk of our revenues that we've come up with.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Alright.

Commissioner Keon: So...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay, anything else? You're going to give us this, right?

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: Yes. We will email this to everybody.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Alright, thank you very much.

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: Thank you very much.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Meeting adjourned.

Commissioner Lago: Thank you. Good job.

Commissioner Keon: Okay. I want to just reiterate the importance I think of doing an assessment of the water quality because we cannot access any funds ever if we don't have an assessment to go with that.

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: Right. We do have a project that was funded at \$50,000 for bridges and waterways. In the '19 proposal, we're upping that \$100,000 per year...

Commissioner Keon: Okay.

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: So, that money can -- it is unspecified.

Commissioner Keon: We could use it for that.

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: We can use that for that.

Commissioner Keon: Okay, okay.

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: Okay.

Commissioner Keon: Thank you.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: The other thing is, during operating budget, you'll see that we are budgeting or recommending a part-time maintenance worker for the waterways.

Commissioner Keon: Oh, good.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: And so, we'll be...

Commissioner Keon: Clean up under the bridge.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: That isn't a capital.

Commissioner Keon: Yeah.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: That's an operating requirement.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you.

Assistant Management & Budget Director Kleiman: Thank you.

Commissioner Keon: Okay, thank you very much.

Commissioner Lago: Thank you.