

**Parks and Recreation Board  
of the City of Onalaska**

Monday, August 26, 2019

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1 The Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board of the City of Onalaska was called to order at 5:15  
2 p.m. on Monday, August 26, 2019 at City Hall. It was noted that the meeting had been  
3 announced and a notice posted at City Hall.

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5 Roll call was taken with the following members present: Ald. Dan Stevens, Andrea Benco,  
6 Patric McGuane, Brian Udermann, Dennis Aspenson, Steven Nott, Ohbe Johnson

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8 Also Present: Parks and Recreation Director Dan Wick, Parks Supervisor Mark Hanson,  
9 Buildings Manager Brian Babiash, Ald. Diane Wulf, Ald. Kim Smith, Ald. Boondi Iyer

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11 **Item 2 – Approval of minutes from the previous meeting**

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13 This item did not appear on the recording.

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15 **Item 3 – Public Input (Limited to 3 minutes/individual)**

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17 This item did not appear on the recording.

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19 **Consideration and possible action on the following items:**

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21 **Item 4 – Presentation of 2020 Budget**

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23 Dan presented the 2020 budget.

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25 **Parks**

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27 **Personnel Wages**

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- 29 • Temporary wages were increased by \$2,211.
- 30 • Wages for 2020 total \$31,106, compared to \$28,995 for 2019.

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32 **Line Item**

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- 34 • There will be increases to water/sewer stormwater (no total listed),  
35 telephone/internet/cable (\$360), other contractual services (\$50), transcription contractual  
36 (no total listed), cleaning supplies (\$1,000), and equipment maintenance and repairs  
37 (\$1,000).
- 38 • No decreases were listed.
- 39 • The 2020 budget is \$95,299, compared to \$92,488 in 2019.

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41 **Equipment Replacement**

Reviewed 9/3/19 by Dan Wick

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- A zero-turn mower will be replaced with a similar unit.

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- A ballfield groomer will be replaced with a similar unit.

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- Electric hand dryers will replace paper towel units.

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- The 2020 budget is \$33,208, compared to \$32,862 for 2019.

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**Recreation**

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50 The budget includes revised pay scales for both coaches and program leaders, and also  
51 umpires/referees and officials. There also are no items in Equipment Replacement.

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**Personnel**

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- Temporary wages increased by \$2,175.

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- The 2020 budget is \$68,483, compared to \$66,308 for 2019.

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**Line Item**

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- There will be increases to copy usage & paper (\$300), subscription & dues (\$225), and seminars, conferences & travel (\$900).

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- No decreases were listed.

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- The 2020 budget is \$54,150, compared to \$52,825 for 2019.

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**Aquatic Center**

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67 As the Aquatic Center ages, more repairs are needed, and this has increased operational  
68 expenses. Staff is proposing to increase the hourly pay rate for both lifeguards and Aquatic  
69 Center attendants, and also to increase afternoon swim admission from \$3 to \$4.

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**Personnel**

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- There is a proposed increase of \$10,412.

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- The 2020 budget is \$86,889, compared to \$76,477 in 2019.

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**Line Item**

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- There are increases to water/sewer (\$403) and other contractual (\$1,195).

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- No decreases were listed.

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- The 2020 budget is \$65,465, compared to \$64,617 in 2019.

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82 **Equipment Replacement**

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- 84 • Replace the automatic pool vac at a cost of \$10,000.
- 85 • Replace the concession stand umbrellas at a cost of \$2,500.
- 86 • Purchase a card printer to print pool passes at a cost of \$1,500.
- 87 • Install party room flooring at a cost of \$3,200.
- 88 • The 2020 budget is \$17,200, compared to \$16,768 for 2019.

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90 **Revenue**

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- 92 • \$68,060 budgeted for swimming pool fees (increase of \$10,130 from 2019).
- 93 • \$6,720 budgeted for swimming lessons (no increase from 2019).
- 94 • \$28,570 budgeted for Aquatic Center concessions (decrease of \$400 from 2019).
- 95 • \$1,800 budgeted for nonprofit vending (increase of \$600 from 2019).
- 96 • \$14,000 budgeted for park facility rental (increase of \$2,000 from 2019).
- 97 • \$70,000 budgeted for recreation fees (no change from 2019).
- 98 • \$7,000 budgeted for recreation fees 18 and up (no change from 2019).

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100 **City Hall**

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102 **Personnel**

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- 104 • There is an increase of \$2,518 for seasonal wages.
- 105 • The 2020 budget is \$14,640, compared to \$12,122 in 2019.

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107 **Line Item**

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- 109 • There are increases to HVAC contractual (\$70), water/sewer/storm water (\$39), cleaning  
110 supplies (\$800), and equipment maintenance & repair (\$400).
- 111 • No decreases were listed.
- 112 • The 2020 budget is \$95,148, compared to \$93,842 in 2019.

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114 **Equipment Replacement**

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- 116 • Replace exhaust fan at a cost of \$1,620.
- 117 • Man lift repairs at a cost of \$1,136. This would be split between City Hall and the  
118 library.
- 119 • The 2020 budget is \$4,312, which is unchanged from 2019.

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122 **Library**

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124 **Personnel**

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- 126 • There is a \$1,612 increase to permanent part-time wages.
- 127 • The 2020 budget is \$13,520, compared to \$11,908 in 2019.

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129 **Line Item**

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- 131 • There will be an increase to HVAC contractual (\$64).
- 132 • No decreases were listed.
- 133 • The 2020 budget is \$43,418, compared to \$43,354 in 2019.

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135 **Equipment Replacement**

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- 137 • Man lift repairs at a cost of \$1,136. This would be split between City Hall and the  
138 library.
- 139 • Replace the vacuum at a cost of \$1,200.
- 140 • The 2020 budget is \$2,336, compared to \$2,403 in 2019.

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142 **Special Projects/Park Fund**

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144 **Special Projects**

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- 146 • This account is utilized for the dog park, Urban Deer Management Program, WPRA  
147 tickets, and sponsorship/donations.

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149 **Park Fund**

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- 151 • In the Non-Resident Account, \$5,940 is being requested for two 7-by-21-foot soccer  
152 goals for the soccer program.

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154 **Omni Center (Enterprise Fund)**

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156 Staff is proposing a wage increase for many Omni Center positions as the city has struggled to  
157 find employees. Staff also is proposing a 4-percent increase to all groups that are below the  
158 hourly ice rate of \$134.50. The summer ice rate would increase from \$125 to \$130 per hour.

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160 The proposed 2020 ice rates are as follows:

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- 162 • \$134.50 per hour for WEHL, WAHA, and the booster club; \$130 per hour for Tornado

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- 163 Youth Hockey and the fall/winter men's league; and \$140 per hour for Team Wisconsin.  
164 • \$140 per hour.  
165 • \$134.50 for both the Onalaska High School boys hockey team and Onalaska High School  
166 girls co-op hockey team, the Holmen/Aquinas boys co-op team (Avalanche), and the Toe  
167 Pick program.  
168 • \$130 per hour for the men's over-30 league.  
169 • \$130 for summer ice rates (April 1 through September 30).  
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171 **Personnel (Anticipated increases to wages and benefits)**

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173 • Salaries – Regular 2019: \$146,503 versus \$151,035 for 2020.  
174 • Wages – Regular 2019: \$13,653 versus \$14,327 for 2020.  
175 • Wages for temporary/seasonal employees – 2019: \$61,598 versus \$68,985 for 2020.  
176 • Personnel total for 2020 is \$234,347, compared to \$221,754 for 2019.  
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178 **Expense Line Item**

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180 • There will be increases to boiler contractual (\$500), water/sewer (\$180),  
181 telephone/internet/cable (\$614), seminars, conferences and travel (\$2,000), and  
182 concession supplies (\$5,000).  
183 • There will be a decrease to other contractual services (\$1,750).  
184 • The 2020 budget is \$324,718, compared to \$318,174 in 2019.  
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186 **Revenue**

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188 • There will be increases to ice rental income (nontaxable) (\$7,935), concessions revenue  
189 (\$12,000), vending (\$1,000), rental income, arena (taxable) (\$1,000), admission sale  
190 (nontaxable) (\$1,500), donation, OEF liquor agreement (\$7,000), and donations  
191 (sponsorship) (\$2,500).  
192 • There will be decreases to concessions (catering) (\$3,500), labor income house person  
193 (taxable) (\$1,500), miscellaneous income (nontaxable) (\$3,500), and rental income, city  
194 (\$2,500).  
195 • The 2020 budget is \$628,888, compared to \$603,803 in 2019.  
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197 **Tourism**

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199 Parks and Recreation is managing a portion of the Tourism budget for the maintenance of the  
200 Great River Landing.  
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203 **Personnel**

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- 205 • The Sales Manager position is being funded through the Tourism budget
- 206 • There is a \$207 increase to seasonal wages.
- 207 • The 2020 budget is \$19,942, compared to \$17,871 in 2019.

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209 **Equipment Replacement**

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- 211 • \$20,000 is being proposed to hire a consultant to design a trail/boardwalk up to or near
- 212 the spillway.
- 213 • The current fire pit is not functioning, and there is a \$2,500 quote to replace the entire
- 214 unit with a different fire pit. This item will be discussed at the August 28 Room Tax
- 215 Commission meeting. Staff is requesting replacement in the current budget cycle.

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217 (Note: Part of the meeting was inadvertently not recorded. The recorded portion of the meeting  
218 begins with discussion of a trail system at the Great River Landing).

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220 Dan told board members he has spoken with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service representatives,  
221 among others, and he said, “It just wasn’t feasible. I believe this board said at the meeting if  
222 we’re going to look at anything, we’re going to go north. And that’s why we put money here to  
223 do it.”

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225 Steven said, “It was the environmental impact and getting everything approved down south. The  
226 bottom line is it most likely will never happen in the southern side. So even though you have a  
227 concept on paper when we started moving forward to the next steps, the powers that be that we  
228 had to go to – both state and potentially federal entities, eventually – the state entities were  
229 saying this project is probably not going to happen. And if it does, it’s going to be years because  
230 of how much has to happen for this down south.”

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232 Dennis said, “You’re making it tougher than it is.”

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234 Steven said, “It’s not our fault. We don’t control environmental regulations.”

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236 Dennis asked, “Have we started the process?”

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238 Dan reiterated he has had conversations with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service representatives.

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240 As a point of order, Steven said, “This has all been voted on already. If we’re going to reenter it  
241 and go back to ground zero on the south, we need to put it on the agenda so the public can know  
242 about it because this has already been voted on.”

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244 Dennis said, "I think you're pushing it out too far and it's getting caught up in the city and  
245 government bureaucracy."

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247 Steven said, "The budget meeting is not where we should be going back and figuring out what  
248 this project should look like again. We have had those meetings. We've had votes on it. All we  
249 need to be talking about is, do we want to move forward onto the next step, which is hiring the  
250 consultant? Anything else, we're going to go back and re-entertain whether or not we're going  
251 to put the south emphasis on it now, well, there were votes on that. They were in the minutes. If  
252 we're going to do that again, then we can put it on an agenda at a future meeting so we can  
253 inform the public we're going to re-engage with that. Right now, according to the minutes, the  
254 public thinks this is done. The only question is, do we move on with a trail boardwalk to the  
255 spillway, per the votes we took, [and] do we want to spend \$20,000 to take the next step? That's  
256 all we're looking at. And if anyone wants to disagree with me, I'd be glad to hear it. But that's  
257 my understanding that's what we're looking at right now, and that's been voted on."

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259 Dennis said he does not disagree with hiring a consultant and told board members, "I was hoping  
260 we would have had that meeting to discuss [that] a long time ago."

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262 Andrea told Dennis, "We did have it. You weren't there. It was probably one of the many  
263 meetings that you've missed over the last six or eight months. We've had meetings here with  
264 those people before."

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266 Dennis told Andrea he has read the minutes from all the previous meetings and said, "I wasn't  
267 gone."

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269 Andrea said, "This is what we decided on, and I for one would like to see it in the budget for  
270 next year. I'd like to keep making progress down there."

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272 Steven told Dennis, "If you want to make a motion to strike that, I guess we could have a  
273 discussion and a vote."

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275 Dennis asked, "Is that the one where you're asking them to write grants also?"

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277 Dan told Dennis it would be part of the process.

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279 Dennis said, "You're not going to get all of it for \$20,000. I have no objection to that. I can get  
280 all that for \$20,000 if you get the mechanicals to the bridge."

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282 Dan told Dennis, "That's not the bridge."

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284 Dan next addressed the fire pit, telling board members the existing fire pit at the Great River

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285 Landing has not been functioning. The fire pit has been repaired multiple times, and Dan said  
286 the request is to replace it with a new ignitor as the existing one is faulty. Dan said, “We have it  
287 replaced, and they tell you they’re going to come back in another three months and replace it  
288 because that’s about how long it lasts. It’s been like that since we put it in.” Dan said a \$2,500  
289 quote has been submitted to install a new unit, and he told board members the vendor told him it  
290 likely will not need to return to service it. Dan described the unit as being “very durable” and  
291 noted it is utilized both in this climate and this area, and it also is manufactured locally. Dan said  
292 staff has taken an increased number of phone calls from the public informing them the fire pit is  
293 not functioning. Dan also noted the Room Tax Commission will discuss this item at its  
294 Wednesday meeting and said its members will determine if the commission will authorize  
295 funding from this current budget cycle to move this item forward.

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297 Ald. Wulf inquired about the age of the fire pit.

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299 Dan said, “It was put in when the [trailhead] was put in, [which is] 2017.”

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301 Ald. Wulf asked if there is a warranty on the fire pit.

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303 Dan told Ald. Wulf the vendor had replaced the ignitor once; however, it has continued to  
304 malfunction. Dan said the vendor will not return staff’s telephone calls, thus forcing staff  
305 members to seek out another vendor. Dan said, “It’s a common problem they have with this unit.  
306 They quit manufacturing it. You can buy the parts, but it’s not as readily available as it was.”

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308 Ald. Wulf asked Dan if he is looking at a second vendor, and also if a warranty would be  
309 included with a new unit.

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311 Dan said the new unit would have a one-year warranty.

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313 Dennis asked Dan how the 2020 budget compares to the 2019 budget in terms of the financial  
314 figures.

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316 Dan told Dennis, “I have not added them up all together.”

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318 Motion by Andrea, second by Brian Udermann, to accept the 2020 budget, as proposed.

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320 On voice vote, motion carried.

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322 **Item 5 – Presentation on 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Projects**

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324 Dan told board members the projects have been submitted to the Board of Public Works, and he  
325 explained that the Parks and Recreation Board will prioritize the projects, and perhaps also bring

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326 forward a new item for discussion if board members wish to do so.

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328 **Parks**

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330 Staff has prioritized the Parks Capital Improvement Projects as follows:

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- 332 1. **Aquatic Center (\$211,000 total – \$145,888 for the activity pool; \$55,710 for tile**  
333 **removal, joint repair and plaster; \$9,345 for back of gutter repair):** Dan told board  
334 members the vendor that had constructed the pool told him the company had stopped  
335 installing tile in pools and now utilizes a different product. Dan told board members  
336 there only had been minor repairs such as caulking made over the last 15 years, but he  
337 also said staff had spent a significant amount of funding on pool putty, which has been  
338 utilized to repair the tiles.
- 339 2. **Great River Landing (\$120,000 total – \$20,000 for building removal; \$100,000 for**  
340 **shelter replacement):** Dan said he is not advocating that these actions occur in 2020,  
341 especially if the trail system is created, because the new structure's location may then be  
342 determined after the trails are completed. Dan noted he had included this item because it  
343 had been discussed in the past year.
- 344 3. **ADA improvements (\$25,000):** Dan said the consultant had returned the ADA plan, and  
345 he explained the \$25,000 would be utilized to examine the high-priority items within the  
346 plan. Dan said the consultant will give a presentation regarding the overall ADA plan via  
347 teleconference at the September 23 Parks and Recreation Board meeting.

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349 Brian Udermann inquired about the activity pool.

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351 Dan said it is the primary body of the pool.

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353 Andrea inquired about removing the current structure at the Great River Landing.

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355 Dan told Andrea he had included it in the Capital Improvement Projects because the board had  
356 had several discussions over the last year pertaining to the structure.

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358 Ald. Stevens said he believes board members had decided to remove the existing structure, but  
359 had not determined when that should occur.

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361 Ald. Wulf asked Dan to discuss replacing the shelter at a cost of \$100,000.

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363 Dan told Ald. Wulf he has bid specs from a local vendor who had constructed shelters with  
364 sliding doors at Goose Island for less than \$100,000 apiece.

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366 Ald. Wulf inquired about shelter replacement.

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367  
368 Dan explained that the structure currently located at the Great River Landing would be removed  
369 and replaced with a new shelter.

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371 Dennis inquired about the amount of funding that would be utilized from the Park Fund.

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373 Dan told Dennis none of the projects have been funded out of the Park Fund as all of them are  
374 coming out of Capital Improvement Projects. Dan said 50 percent of the funding could come  
375 from the Park Fund if the new structure is constructed.

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377 Dennis asked if 50 percent of Park Fund funding may be utilized at the Great River Landing for  
378 anything the board chooses.

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380 Dan said it may.

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382 Dennis noted \$100,000 will be utilized for shelter replacement, and also that \$20,000 will be  
383 utilized for a consultant to design a trail/boardwalk up to or near the spillway.

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385 Dan told Dennis, “The consultant, the design and engineering is not a useable fee under the state  
386 statutes for funding for that. That’s why those funds were taken out of the Tourism account, or  
387 we could put them in this capital improvement to get that done.”

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389 Ald. Stevens asked Dan if perhaps he could briefly explain how Capital Improvement Projects,  
390 Park Fund projects, and Tourism projects are funded and how those funds may be utilized.

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392 Dan explained the trailhead at the Great River Landing was funded through the Tourism account.  
393 Dan told board members he had allocated the funds to come out of the Tourism account for the  
394 trail system due to the amount of usage the spillway receives. Dan further explained it also goes  
395 hand-in-hand with the proposed silent zone, noting Burlington Northern Santa Fe is doing what it  
396 can to have individuals cross at one point. Dan said a trail system running from Irvin Street to  
397 the spillway would be easier to enforce as individuals would not attempt to cross the tracks. Dan  
398 said that is the reason he would utilize funding from the Tourism account. Dan said funding  
399 could come from Capital Improvements, and he stressed the Park Fund may not be a funding  
400 source as those funds must be utilized for new projects coming to the city.

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402 Dennis asked if new projects may be added to it once the balance is known.

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404 Dan said yes, telling Dennis he will be able to share that total at the next meeting, and also that  
405 he does not believe anything has changed since he last gave it to him.

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407 Dennis said funds should have been going into the Park Fund over 2018 and 2019.

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409 Steven explained that Dan and the rest of the Parks and Recreation Department staff has different  
410 funding sources, and those funds may be utilized for different things. Steven said, “Some  
411 overlap, some don’t. And they have a list of projects that some of which must be done, some of  
412 which need to be done based upon the services we’re currently providing and we haven’t  
413 canceled, and some are [projects] we would like to get done. [Dan] is going to prioritize all of  
414 those, and then he’s going to do this juggling act of, ‘I have my best guess of what our income is  
415 going to be, and what the total dollars are going to be. Now I have to figure out this juggling act  
416 of what is going to pay for what.’ When we go line-by-line and say, ‘Why don’t we take it from  
417 this other account,’ potentially we could do that. But that is going to have cascading effects  
418 because he’s probably already considered using it for something else when you look at the  
419 budget as a whole. He’s already done a whole juggling act. There is danger in going line-by-  
420 line and saying, ‘I think maybe you should take money from a different account.’ Potentially  
421 you could do that, but there are going to be cascading effects. ... What we really want to look at  
422 overall is, does this budget make sense? Is he wasting taxpayer dollars anywhere? Is he being a  
423 good steward? Do we think he has the right prioritization for what’s being done?  
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425 I wouldn’t personally get too involved in which account he’s taking it from. I assume his people  
426 are being legal about it. But there is a finite set of money that he has to juggle. Telling him how  
427 to juggle the balls is going to cause some of them to fall, and he’s going to have to pick them all  
428 up and [say], ‘Right now I have to reorganize everything.’ ”  
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430 Dennis asked Steven if he wonders what had happened to the \$300,000 that had come to Parks  
431 and Recreation.  
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433 Ald. Stevens told Dennis it sounds as though the funds might not have been spent and they are  
434 available to be utilized for a consultant.  
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436 Dennis said the funds may not be utilized for a consultant.  
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438 Ald. Stevens explained that the funds may be utilized once the consultant is finished and a  
439 project is deemed an appropriate use for those funds. Ald. Stevens said, “Let’s get the money,  
440 figure out how we’re going to use it, and once we know how to use it, then we can.”  
441

442 Steven noted previous years’ budgets also have gone out five years and said Dan also is taking  
443 that into consideration. Steven said, “There could be reason why it’s not spent. ... I don’t want  
444 to get into the nuts and bolts personally. You certainly can; we’ll be here awhile.”  
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446 Dennis said, “I just want that one fund. I’m curious where it went, and I’m looking for an  
447 answer.”  
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449 Ald. Stevens said that information will be available at the next Parks and Recreation Board  
450 meeting.

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452 Dan told Dennis, "You've been given that information." Dan further stated he does not receive  
453 those accounts on a monthly basis, and he assured Dennis he will provide him with the  
454 information he seeks, just as he had the last time Dennis had made such a request.

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456 Dennis asked that the entire board be given the information so that its members may see the  
457 balance and how funds have been utilized.

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459 Andrea asked if perhaps Dennis could obtain the information from Financial Services  
460 Director/Treasurer Fred Buehler, and she suggested to Dennis that he should contact Fred.

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462 Dennis said neither Fred nor City Administrator Eric Rindfleisch will tell him to which State of  
463 Wisconsin Statute they are referring.

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465 Steven assured Dennis that Dan will share the information he seeks at the next meeting.

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467 Dan told board members that while other projects could be in this account, "knowing what we  
468 will have in other parts of this budget when you look at City Hall and you see some of these  
469 pieces, I will be honest with you. I don't care how we prioritize it. I think the Aquatic Center  
470 needs to be the first thing to be done. If we go through the entire budget process and anticipate  
471 where all the capital improvements are going to be, we will probably have about \$15 million  
472 worth of projects. We'll have to cut it down to about \$3.5 million. If we get \$211,000 to do the  
473 pool upgrades I think have to be done, [and] we get \$300,000 to replace the roof on this building  
474 [City Hall], for us to have \$500,000 worth of projects of a \$3.5 million budget ... That's why I  
475 did what we do. I don't believe the shelter and all of that removal is ... Can we do it? Yes. But  
476 I think if we can get the consultant and the trail system, we can anticipate where the building  
477 would go in, and that could be a project that could be tied into 2021 as we're looking at building  
478 the trail system and all of that at one time."

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480 Steven said there is the risk the cost of addressing the Aquatic Center's needs could increase  
481 substantially is the project is delayed, and he told board members he believes the repairs at the  
482 Aquatic Center should be made before the current issues worsen.

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484 Andrea asked if it would be possible to remove one piece of the \$211,000 budgeted for the  
485 Aquatic Center and leave the other two pieces.

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487 Dan expressed reservations about doing so, telling Andrea he believes the contractor should  
488 address all the issues at once.

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490 Motion by Andrea, second by Brian, to approve the prioritization of the Parks Capital  
491 Improvements Projects, as listed.

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493 Ald. Stevens asked if it would be logical to move up the ADA improvements either to second  
494 and ahead of the Great River Landing or first on the list as a smaller amount is budgeted for that  
495 item.

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497 Andrea said it is a smaller amount out of a large report the board has not yet seen, and she asked  
498 Dan how many projects would be covered by the \$25,000.

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500 Dan said it would address “higher priority items,” meaning it could be restrooms or grab bars.  
501 Dan said staff must discuss which areas to prioritize and told board members perhaps a ramp  
502 could be installed. Dan also told board members there will be approximately \$1.5 million worth  
503 of projects through the ADA plan that will be broken down, and he said, “If we can slowly start  
504 checking them off the box, it’s moving in that direction.”

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506 Ald. Stevens said he believes having a small amount budgeted for ADA improvements and  
507 having it included in the budget will show that the city is making progress toward being ADA  
508 compliant.

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510 Motion by Ald. Stevens, second by Steven, to amend the previous motion and move ADA  
511 improvements to second and the Great River Landing to third as priorities on the Parks Capital  
512 Improvements Projects list.

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514 Dennis asked if board members would like to know how much funding is available when Dan  
515 shares that information with them at the September meeting.

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517 Steven and Ald. Stevens both told Dennis this is only a prioritization list, with the Aquatic  
518 Center repairs being top priority, followed by ADA improvements and the Great River Landing.

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520 Dennis asked if the board may add to the list in September if there is sufficient funding available.

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522 Ald. Stevens said, “Or put it on the following year’s budget, yes.”

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524 Dan said, “It wouldn’t be in this account. It would have to go back to the Park Fund. It would  
525 not be in this section. It would have to be in the operating budget.”

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527 Dennis asked, “If we just use it for development of the park and not the engineering or any of  
528 that, we can put it in your budget?”

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530 Dan said yes.

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532 Dennis asked, "If we specify it came out of the Park and Rec funds, can the Board of Public  
533 Works throw it out?"

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535 Dan told Dennis the Board of Public Works would not see that portion and said the Finance and  
536 Personnel Committee and the Common Council are the only bodies that would see the Parks  
537 side.

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539 Dennis again asked if they can throw it out.

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541 Dan said, "Ultimately they can, because the Common Council has the ultimate say in it."

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543 Amendment to the motion restated:

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545 To reprioritize the Parks Capital Improvement Projects list by moving ADA improvements to  
546 second and the Great River Landing to third.

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548 Vote on the amendment:

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550 On voice vote, motion carried, 6-1.

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552 Original motion restated:

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554 To approve the Parks Capital Improvement Projects list, as prioritized and amended: 1, Aquatic  
555 Center; 2, ADA improvements; 3, Great River Landing.

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557 On voice vote, motion carried, 6-1.

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559 **City Hall**

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561 Staff has prioritized the City Hall Capital Improvement Projects as follows:

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- 563 1. **Roof replacement at City Hall (\$300,000):** Dan said the roofing project was to be split  
564 up into three sections in the 2019 budget. However, after speaking to city legal counsel,  
565 and the fact the city would need to bid out the project every year, Dan said he learned it  
566 was possible that three different vendors would replace the three sections. Therefore, it  
567 was determined to complete the entire project at once and replace the entire roof.
  - 568 2. **Second floor Administrative Office remodel (\$15,000 for HVAC work, \$100,000 for**  
569 **construction):** This would include flooring and carpeting.
  - 570 3. **HVAC controls (\$3,000)**
  - 571 4. **Emergency Management – generator upgrade (\$240,000):** Brian Babiash said if there

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572 were a tornado in the city and all the department heads are attempting to operate the city  
573 from the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), there is no generator backup in that room,  
574 and there would be no air. Brian said there is no way to move air into City Hall as none  
575 of the air handlers are hooked up to the generator. While some operations may occur in  
576 the EOC (computers, lights, Police and Fire Department garage doors), City Hall could  
577 not function as it normally does.

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579 Steven said that while the odds of needing to activate the EOC on any given year are low, there  
580 will be a negative impact should it need to be activated as it would not be operated properly.

581 Steven suggested moving this item behind the City Hall roof.

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583 **5. ADA improvements (restroom stalls, sinks and grab bars/\$25,000)**

584 **6. Replace three springs sets for overhead doors (\$3,000)**

585 **7. Replace air handler VFDs (\$15,000)**

586 **8. Fire Department (\$5,000 for floor repairs, unknown cost for duct cleaning, \$3,500  
587 for power drops for tender & brush truck)**

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589 Dan told board members he believes the City Hall roof must be replaced. Dan also told board  
590 members he had spoken with Fire Chief Billy Hayes and said he is uncertain if the city could  
591 obtain FEMA funding via a grant for emergency operations and management.

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593 Ald. Stevens asked if there is flexibility in transferring funds from one category to another if  
594 there are excess funds in one and a shortage of funds in another.

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596 Dan told Ald. Stevens he does not know the correct procedure for doing so. Dan said, "That's  
597 why it's here. It's broken down by every facility, every park has its own breakdown of what the  
598 costs are. ... In trying to do this to allocate funds, I didn't know if we wanted to go to one pot  
599 that multiple people could pull from, or how that would work."

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601 Ald. Stevens said, "Part of why I wanted that moved up was to have some money to show that  
602 we're to plan in ADA. I don't that I would want to do that with every single category. I'd  
603 almost favor having maybe having a slightly larger pool, and the Parks and Rec could determine  
604 on an as-needed basis. It should be a priority, but it doesn't need to be the priority. I don't know  
605 if I would suggest that we move this down, or we've already voted on it, so it's old business, if  
606 we wanted to change it on the Parks and have it be a separate line item. Would that be easier for  
607 your department?"

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609 Dan told Ald. Stevens, "We can do whatever," and then inform City Engineer Jarrod Holter.

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611 Ald. Stevens said, "My thought is it would make it easier for budgeting in each of the separate  
612 categories." Ald. Stevens asked Dan if he can recommend an amount for ADA upgrades to the

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613 board.

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615 Dan said, "If we had \$30,000 that we could go all citywide. To be very honest, if we had  
616 \$25,000 the first year as these guys get into looking at it. The consultants had estimates on every  
617 item what he had. You're going to get into projects that have sidewalks. The handicap access  
618 points coming into this building are way too steep. You don't start tearing out large sections of  
619 concrete in front of the Omni Center where we have the handicap ramps. There are four ramps  
620 that come to the sidewalk, but there's not a section of the sidewalk that stays, so they all slope  
621 the wrong way there. You start taking out large sections of concrete, that \$25,000 could be gone  
622 in one project. If you start getting into the bathrooms ... The three of us have not had an  
623 opportunity to sit down and look at the big plan and say, this is what we want to do. We're just  
624 trying to get money out there that we can do a few projects and work through it."

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626 Motion by Ald. Stevens, second by Andrea, for the Parks and Recreation Board to recommend  
627 that the Capital Improvements Projects include an overall budget not to exceed \$30,000 to be  
628 utilized as the Parks and Recreation Department determines the priorities for ADA requirements.

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630 Ald. Stevens said this motion would be to replace the \$25,000 the Parks and Recreation Board  
631 had put in, adding he is willing to be flexible on the amount.

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633 Dan said having \$25,000 or \$30,000 gives staff a start to the process to develop a plan going  
634 forward.

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636 Ald. Stevens said, "I'm saying \$30,000 overall, unless we thought it needed to be more or less.  
637 That way, if City Hall has more requirements than Parks, I'm going to trust the department and  
638 Brian [that] this is what we really need to fix."

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640 Dan told board members he would place the funds in the Parks and Recreation section of the  
641 budget and said it would remain the second item and the amount either can remain \$25,000 or  
642 increase to \$30,000.

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644 Steven noted administrations change at both the federal and state levels, and he said compliance  
645 requirements can change rapidly, thus forcing municipalities to make changes faster than  
646 anticipated. Steven said, "It might be better to get moving with little chunks to move along and  
647 move closer to that target."

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649 Ald. Stevens noted the current law states the city needs to show it is taking steps toward ADA  
650 compliance, and he said, "By doing this, it's high enough of a priority where, yes, we budgeted  
651 for this and we are doing something. We are now better than we were last year. If we do that  
652 every year, we're fine. The big question is, is \$30,000 too much or too little?"

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654 Dan said, “I think until we have a better opportunity to sit down and develop a plan and look at it  
655 ... Every year can be different, and I think we have to try to work with that.”

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657 Andrea said she is not comfortable committing a significant amount of funding until she has  
658 examined the plan.

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660 Dennis asked Dan if he would couple that with engineering within projects so that it goes out to  
661 bid at the same time.

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663 Dan said yes and told Dennis, “Last year we had anticipated doing it before the ADA thing  
664 became something we had to do. We were working with Jarrod so that the miscellaneous  
665 concrete projects that they would go out with, we would add these to it.”

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667 Ald. Stevens called the question.

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669 On voice vote for the motion to recommend that the Capital Improvements Projects include an  
670 overall budget not to exceed \$30,000 to be utilized as the Parks and Recreation Department  
671 determines the priorities for ADA requirements, motion carried, 6-1 (Patric).

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673 Patric noted a total of \$65,000 between Parks, City Hall, and the Omni Center was being  
674 requested for ADA improvements until the previous motion for a total not to exceed \$30,000 was  
675 passed.

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677 Ald. Stevens said from his perspective, “if it didn’t get its full budget on every single category –  
678 we approve it for Parks but not for City Hall – we have \$25,000 here, but zero [dollars] there. I  
679 think this gives Dan and [his staff] flexibility to take care of the priorities. It’s not that \$65,000  
680 is necessary; maybe it is. But at least we know that \$30,000 is going to be there. We know that  
681 \$30,000 will take care of some of the needs. As long as we know that, we know we are  
682 complying with some of the statutory requirements, and we’re compliant with ADA.”

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684 Steven said if there are additional funds available for 2020, they could be utilized toward ADA  
685 improvements.

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687 Andrea asked about the fact Brian and not Fire Chief Hayes had included the generator upgrade  
688 for Emergency Management in the budget.

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690 Dan told Andrea the EOC has been discussed and that Fire Chief Hayes had been directed to  
691 examine the EOC. Dan also told Andrea the item had been included on the list and reminded her  
692 that \$15 million in project requests must be reduced to \$3.5 million. Dan said, “Things are not  
693 going to be there. Yes, we have a generator now. But in the situation that it is in the heat of the  
694 summer and something goes out ... We just put it in there. The departments have not seen this.

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695 This is what we have put together. We manage the maintenance of this building, and this is  
696 where it's at."

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698 Andrea said she wants to move Emergency Management – generator upgrade second by  
699 replacing the roof at City Hall.

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701 Steven said he does not see the power requirements to operate an EOC declining, noting there  
702 will be more incoming data. Steven said, "By doing this generator upgrade, you're more than  
703 likely going to be able to expansion capability in the future, too."

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705 Motion by Steven, second by Andrea, to move Emergency Management – generator upgrade to  
706 second on the list of City Hall Capital Improvement Projects.

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708 Patric asked why the springs for the overhead doors are a Capital Improvement Project and not a  
709 maintenance project.

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711 Patric was told it is due to cost.

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713 Patric inquired about the threshold.

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715 Brian Babiash said the cost is approximately \$1,200 per door and told Patric there would be  
716 nothing left in his budget if he had to utilize funds to install three springs. Brian said every year  
717 a spring breaks and it was not budgeted for, and that staff assumes it will be necessary to have  
718 springs on hand.

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720 Ald. Stevens asked Dan if there are similar-sized municipalities that utilize the Emergency  
721 Management that have it in place.

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723 Dan said he believes the City of Onalaska is the lone city in La Crosse County that has an EOC.

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725 Ald. Stevens asked how effective an EOC would be if there were an emergency in the city.

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727 Dan said, "If we don't have power, if we can't service the people, if we're supposed to come  
728 here to have the Emergency Center, if we have a tornado come through and [devastate] a big  
729 portion of our city ... It's the 'if' factor."

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731 Ald. Stevens asked, "We're talking about keeping Police and Fire operational."

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733 Dan said, "That's all staff. We all have a role in the emergency management."

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735 Steven said it also is integrating city response forces with any outside agencies that will be

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736 coming in, including other municipalities on the city's Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreements,  
737 state-level assets, and possibly federal agencies. Steven said the EOC is present to "talk and  
738 coordinate resources coming into the area."  
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740 Dan said he believes the City of Onalaska is in a better position than many other communities by  
741 having an EOC plan and executing it. Dan said, "The problem is [if] we get into a situation  
742 where we can't, we're not going to be able turn the air conditioners on. We're not going to be  
743 able to turn and move the air because that's not hooked up to the power. They did an emergency  
744 operation exercise with an ice storm and found out that all of a sudden if we're pulling fuel from  
745 the local Kwik Trips, if they can't get fuel trucks to them because it's an ice storm and  
746 everything is out of commission, where do we go to get our [fuel] to keep the roads safe? It has  
747 a rippling effect."  
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749 Steven said EOCs are a costly asset to have that a municipality hopes it never needs, and it is  
750 more than likely an EOC will not be needed in one's lifetime. However, Steven also said. "In  
751 the course of over 100 years, it's going to be used. And if it happens on our watch while we're  
752 still city residents, not having that could potentially cost life."  
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754 Ald. Stevens asked if this would be a one-time expense.  
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756 Dan said yes and noted Brian Babiash utilizes the current generator once a month.  
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758 Brian Babiash said he had asked how to test the generator before he began his employment with  
759 the City of Onalaska, and he told board members there really was no plan for testing it. Brian  
760 told board members he attempts to arrive at City Hall by 6 a.m. at least twice a month to run the  
761 generator because it either powers the emergency outlets and lights at City Hall, or the Fire  
762 Department and the Police Department. For clarification, Brian stated, "We can do both. When  
763 I throw the breaker, I'm either throwing one or the other."  
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765 Ald. Stevens asked if the generator upgrade should be a higher priority than the HVAC controls  
766 or the office remodeling.  
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768 Dan told Ald. Stevens, "It comes back to funds. It comes back to knowing the picture we're in.  
769 I would have put a lot more park projects in there, but knowing where we're at with the other  
770 projects citywide ..."  
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772 Steven noted the board would be placing the two most costly items (roof replacement at City  
773 Hall, Emergency Management – generator upgrades) first and second, respectively. However,  
774 Steven said, "I think it's appropriate in this case because number one, the roof replacement, you  
775 can kick that can down the road. But if the roof needs to be replaced and you don't do it,  
776 eventually that cost is going to go sky high."

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778 Ald. Stevens said the replacing the roof cannot be delayed because there was water damage in  
779 City Hall that was due to the roof. Ald. Stevens admitted the city will have more costs if it does  
780 not replace the roof and said it should remain first. Ald. Stevens suggested addressing some of  
781 the smaller budget items and addressing the EOC in the 2021 budget. Ald. Stevens said, "I'm  
782 not saying it's a bad idea. You can only do so many things."

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784 Steven said, "The cost of not doing roof replacement is more dollar cost. The cost of not doing a  
785 generator upgrade is probably nothing. But if you roll those dice and it comes up craps, then the  
786 cost could be people lose their lives."

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788 Dan noted there is a generator in place but also admitted, "It doesn't do everything we would like  
789 it to do."

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791 Andrea asked, "It doesn't do environmental controls, but it does everything else, right?"

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793 Steven said the equipment inside the EOC will begin to malfunction if there are no  
794 environmental controls and it is a hot day or a cold day.

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796 Brian Babiash said he will determine if the air handler from that part of the building may be  
797 incorporated either through the City Hall part of the generator or through the Fire Department  
798 part of the generator.

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800 Ald. Stevens said he favors leaving the list as is, with the exception being removing the ADA  
801 improvements. Ald. Stevens reiterated the Emergency Management – generator upgrade can be  
802 a higher priority in the 2021 budget.

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804 Motion restated:

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806 To move Emergency Management – generator upgrade to second on the list of City Hall Capital  
807 Improvement Projects.

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809 Andrea told Steven items may be moved around without the board having to make motions, and  
810 the board may make a motion once the order has been determined.

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812 Andrea withdrew her second.

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814 Motion by Steven to move Emergency Management – generator upgrade to second on the list of  
815 City Hall Capital Improvement Projects.

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817 Motion dies for lack of a second.

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819 The City Hall Capital Improvement Projects are prioritized as follows:

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- 821 1. Roof replacement at City Hall.
- 822 2. Second floor Administrative Office remodel (\$15,000 for HVAC work, \$100,000 for  
823 construction).
- 824 3. HVAC controls (\$3,000)
- 825 4. Emergency Management – generator upgrade (\$240,000)
- 826 5. Replace three springs sets for overhead doors (\$3,000)
- 827 6. Replace air handler VFDs (\$15,000)
- 828 7. Fire Department (\$5,000 for floor repairs, unknown cost for duct cleaning, \$3,500 for  
829 power drops for tender & brush truck)

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831 Motion by Andrea, second by Ald. Stevens, to approve the City Hall Capital Improvement  
832 Projects, as prioritized.

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834 On voice vote, motion carried, 6-1 (Steven).

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836 **Library**

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838 Staff has prioritized the Library Capital Improvement Projects as follows:

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- 840 1. HVAC upgrade (\$5,500)
- 841 2. Parking lot – ADA slope (\$9,000)
- 842 3. Tables and benches in teen area (\$5,000)
- 843 4. Door hardware – front entry doors (\$9,000)

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845 Andrea asked if the door hardware is related to a security issue.

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847 Brian Babiash said it is becoming a security issue, noting the ADA push-button doors are aging  
848 and do not function well. Brian said individuals who leave the library must push the door behind  
849 them, and he admitted there are times the doors do not operate as freely as they should. Brian  
850 next addressed the parking lot and told board members the \$9,000 budgeted for the ADA slope  
851 would only address a portion of the issue. Brian said the parking lot has “a major slope in it” and  
852 the entire lot must be brought up to ADA standards.

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854 Steven said he is recommending that the board never discuss security concerns and shortfalls in  
855 an open forum and suggested perhaps discussing them in a closed forum.

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857 Dan told Steven the board cannot enter into Closed Session for that reason.

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859 Steven asked if perhaps another committee is able to discuss such issues.

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861 Dan told board members they must take great care as to what is said.

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863 Brian Babiash said some of the issues stem from opening and closing the handicap-accessible  
864 doors, noting some individuals do not wish to utilize the side with the push button and prefer to  
865 open the door. Brian also noted the front doors are original to the building and said Mayor Joe  
866 Chilsen gives monthly reports at Common Council meetings regarding the number of individuals  
867 who pass through the library's doors.

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869 Ald. Wulf noted 103,000 individuals, 60 percent of whom were City of Onalaska residents, had  
870 passed through the library's doors through July.

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872 Ald. Stevens asked if the door hardware should be a higher priority and said he believes the  
873 parking lot slope could be addressed through the \$30,000 budgeted for ADA improvements.

874 Ald. Stevens said he would prioritize the items in the following order:

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- 876 1. HVAC upgrade
- 877 2. Door hardware – front entry doors
- 878 3. Tables and benches in teen area

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880 Dan said the four items before the board are items staff believes need to be addressed in 2020,  
881 and he told board members he does not have one item he believes should be prioritized.

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883 Andrea told Ald. Stevens she approves of his suggested order and asked that the parking lot –  
884 ADA slope remain at No. 4.

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886 Ald. Stevens told Andrea he does not object to her suggestion.

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888 Motion by Andrea, second by Ald. Stevens to approve the order of prioritization for the Library  
889 Capital Improvement Projects as follows:

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- 891 1. HVAC upgrade
- 892 2. Door hardware – front entry doors
- 893 3. Tables and benches in teen area
- 894 4. Parking lot – ADA slope

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896 On voice vote, motion carried.

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898 Dennis asked Dan to include the library statistics in the Director's Report.

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900 Dan told Dennis he will do so.

Reviewed 9/3/19 by Dan Wick

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**Omni Center**

Dan told board members that for the last few years all of the funds for the Omni Center Capital Improvement Projects have been moved from the CIP and funds have been utilized from the Tourism fund balance account. Dan said he is certain the Room Tax Commission will discuss this at its Wednesday meeting, and he noted Fred will be speaking to Ald. Stevens, who sits on the Room Tax Commission, about that process and what has been done in the past.

The Omni Center projects, as prioritized by staff, are as follows:

- 1. Replace chiller in Arena No. 2 (\$485,000)**
- 2. Flooring (\$15,000 for carpet at the Arena No. 2 entrance; \$25,000 for turf for the shelter area; \$15,000 for locker room flooring):** Dan said there was funding for carpeting for the Arena No. 2 entrance in the 2019 budget. However, that funding was utilized for sprinklers in the enclosed shelter area, per the Fire Department's request. Dan told board members a group wishes to rent the shelter area for 200 hours, and he said staff wishes to install batting cages and create an off-ice training ground for hockey players.
- 3. Installation of a generator (\$280,000)**
- 4. Walk-behind floor scrubber (\$10,288)**
- 5. Replace Glycol (500 gallons of polypropylene at a cost of \$6,500; 500 gallons of ethylene at a cost of \$10,270):** Brian Babiash said he was told 20 to 25 percent of the Glycol should be replaced every five to six years. Brian told board members a valve had malfunctioned and lost 50 gallons of Glycol, and he said he had replaced some of it and it had made a difference in the pH levels.
- 6. Two sets of hockey nets (\$2,680)**
- 7. Pipe and drapes (\$3,500)**
- 8. Picnic table replacement (\$2,500)**

ADA upgrades (\$15,000) have been removed.

Ald. Stevens inquired about the lifespan of chillers.

Dan noted the chiller in Arena No. 1 was replaced in 2016 and told Ald. Stevens the previous chiller was original to the facility, which was constructed in 1992.

Ald. Stevens said he assumes the modern chillers are more efficient.

Dan told Ald. Stevens they are more efficient and told board members the city could have installed a larger chiller system to serve both rinks had it spent an additional \$300,000.

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942 However, that option was rejected. Dan admitted there are “issues” with one side of Arena No.  
943 2, noting the chiller continues to deactivate and blow fuses.

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945 Ald. Stevens asked when the city will need to replace the chiller in Arena No. 1.

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947 Dan reiterated the chiller in Arena No. 1 was replaced in 2016 and told Ald. Stevens it likely will  
948 not need to be replaced for another 10 or more years.

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950 Brian Babiash described the chiller in Arena No. 2 as being “a challenge,” telling board members  
951 one side of the chiller can at times be unusable. Brian said the chiller needs a significant  
952 overhaul, but it will not be possible to put R22 freon back into the chiller if it is overhauled.

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954 Ald. Stevens said he wants to fix the chiller correctly, and he asked, “If you had a cost savings to  
955 have the one big one, is that something that we either can milk that along, or the next time it  
956 becomes pertinent where we’re going to replace a chiller, do we just do it right and get the bigger  
957 one?”

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959 Steven said it appears both chillers will age out within a couple years of each other.

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961 Dan noted the air conditioning for the chiller in Arena No. 1 is scheduled to be replaced in 2023.

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963 Ald. Stevens said the wise move would be to replace the chiller in Arena No. 2 now.

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965 Steven said both chillers will fail approximately at the same time.

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967 Brian Babiash said he believes the lifespan of the chiller in Arena No. 1 is 30 to 35 years.

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969 Ald. Stevens asked if the lifespan of the chiller for Arena No. 2 would be 30 to 35 years.

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971 Dan noted the chiller for Arena No. 2 is an outdoor unit, and the chiller for Arena No. 1 is  
972 indoors.

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974 Steven said the potential cost of not replacing the chiller in Arena No. 2 is there would be no ice.  
975 Steven also said he believes the board should listen to Brian Babiash’s prognosis that the chiller  
976 for Arena No. 2 is approaching its lifespan.

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978 Brian Babiash told board members both chillers that were original to the Omni Center were  
979 through individuals whose children participated in youth hockey, and they were installed with  
980 assistance from Trane Company employees. Brian told board members the chiller for Arena No.  
981 2 is stretched during adverse winter weather conditions.

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983 Motion by Andrea, second by Brian, to approve the Omni Center Capital Improvement Projects,  
984 as listed and prioritized, with the removal of the ADA upgrades.

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986 On voice vote, motion carried.

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988 **Item 6 – Report from Blufflands Steering Coalition**

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990 No report.

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992 **Item 7 – Report from Onalaska Enhancement Foundation**

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994 No report.

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996 **Item 8 – Director’s Report**

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998 **a. Parks Update**

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1000 Dan reported that the canoe donated by God’s Country Muskie Club was delivered last week to  
1001 the Great River Landing.

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1003 **b. Recreation Update**

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1005 Dan reported that the fall programs (tackle bar football, flag football, volleyball) have begun.

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1007 **c. Aquatic Center Update**

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1009 Dan reported the Aquatic Center closed for the season August 25, and that the Diggity Dog Dip  
1010 will be held August 31.

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1012 **d. Omni Center Update**

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1014 Dan reported that Major League Fishing utilized the Omni Center for its National  
1015 Championships. Dan said league representatives, including MLF’s president, were impressed by  
1016 the facility. The Discovery Channel will air five two-hour shows, and the Sportsman Channel  
1017 will air 100 hours. Dan complimented city staff, including Parks and Recreation staff, Omni  
1018 Center staff, and the Police Department for their work.

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1020 Dennis asked if the city could host the event annually.

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1022 Dan told Dennis it is not likely, noting the La Crosse Convention and Visitors Bureau had made  
1023 a significant financial investment to attract MLF to the area. Dan noted the LCCVB is “working

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1024 a lot of other events to do that with” and said, “We’re hoping to possibly be like an every other  
1025 year event we can do.”

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1027 Dan told board members the LCCVB had put staff in contact with Grass Roots of Champions,  
1028 which is a figure skating program, and said the program had rented ice time this past Saturday  
1029 and Sunday. Dan said both events generated a significant number of hotel nights. Dan told  
1030 board members the facility will host an eight-team high school junior varsity volleyball  
1031 tournament and a 20-team high school varsity volleyball tournament this week (Wednesday and  
1032 Thursday). The facility also will host a wedding and an MMA event in September. Also, Tony  
1033 Meyers began his position as Sales Manager earlier in August, and S.J. Lander began serving as  
1034 Event Coordinator.

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1036 **Adjournment**

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1038 Motion by Andrea, second by Ohbe, to adjourn at 7:19 p.m.

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1040 Steven adjourned the meeting.

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1045 Kirk Bey