



# WILDWOOD

September 19, 2023

## MEMORANDUM

To: Planning and Parks Committee Members

From: Department of Planning and Parks

Re: **Presentation of Initial Capital Improvements Projects for 2024 and the 5-Year Plan (Wards – All)**

Cc: The Honorable James R. Bowlin, Mayor  
Thomas Lee, City Administrator  
John A. Young, City Attorney  
Rick Brown, P.E. and P.T.O.E., Director of Public Works  
Melanie Rippetoe, Assistant Director of Planning and Parks  
Kristin Naeger, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation  
Travis Newberry, Senior Planner

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION >>>** Each year, the City Council spends the months of October, November, and December preparing the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Part of this process is the development of the Capital Improvements Program for that upcoming fiscal year, and then four (4) years from that point forward (a five (5) year window). This process is now more coordinated with the recently adopted Strategic Plan that was developed by City Council and the Mayor. Therefore, these projects are often years in the making and do reflect to Wildwood residents and visitors the efforts of the community to maintain a proactive approach to public safety, health, and welfare through its roads, bridges, parks, trails, stormwater, and many others.

**FISCAL YEAR 2024 AND BEYOND >>>** The Department has prepared its proposed list of Capital Improvement Program projects for the upcoming fiscal year and beyond. This information has not been considered by the City Administrator and a majority of them are carryovers from 2023 or part of the City Council's approved 5-Year Plan from the same. However, the Department is seeking to introduce these items to the Committee Members, as well as obtain your input on them as well.

The Department would note that certain projects have been prioritized by the City Council and they include the following:

- a. Village Green Phase I
- b. Main Street Extension
- c. Hardcourt Area in Town Center
- d. Watershed Erosion Task Force – Projects – Highlands at Wildhorse Area and Evergreen Forest Court

These projects are among the many indicated below, but have been discussed a great deal of late and offer growth opportunities for Town Center Area, while protecting certain properties from harmful erosion.

		Source Funds	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	Expected Grant Funding
<b>Planned Project Expenditures</b>								
<b>Park and Trail Development</b>								
40-480-07	Property Acquisitions	Local	100,000		50,000		50,000	
40-480-21	Homestead Trail Improvements- Design and Engineering	Local		75,000				
40-480-34	Kohn Park Repairs	Local			100,000			
40-480-35	Old Pond School Repairs	Local		15,000	5,000	5,000	10,000	
40-480-38	Capital Equipment/Facilities Purchase/Replacement	Local	50,000	50,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	
40-480-46	Bellevue Farms	Local	35,000	250,000				
40-480-47	Future Trail Development - Resurfacing & Repairs	Local	100,000	50,000	100,000	50,000	50,000	
40-480-60	Wildwood Greenway Corridor - Phase 6 - Engineering Update and Construction	Local		15,000		1,000,000		
40-480-62	Essen Log Cabin	Local	150,000					
40-480-63	Bluffview Park Improvements - Municipal Parks Grant App.	Local/Grant		50,000			75,000	
40-480-64	Poërtner Park - Hencken Road - Planning and Design	Local	50,000					
40-480-67	Village Green - Construction	Local/Grant	1,425,000					575,000
40-480-69	Route 66 Roadside Park - Planning & Design; Construction	Local		100,000	1,000,000			
40-480-70	Hard Court Playing Area	Local	400,000					
40-480-72	Poërtner Park - Hencken Road - Engineering	Local		100,000				
40-480-	Community Park - Phase IV - Design and Engineering (if approved by voters)	Local						
40-480-	Community Park - Phase IV - Construction (if approved by voters)	Local/Grant						
40-480-	Poërtner Park - Construction	Local			1,000,000			

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<b>Planned Project Expenditures</b>								
70-460-	Eatherton Road Improvements - Row Easement Acquisition	Local/Grant?		125,000				
70-460-	Eatherton Road Improvements - Construction	Local/Grant?			1,650,000			
70-460-	Main Street Extension - Construction	Local	1,250,000					
<b>Other Capital Investment</b>								
40-490-15	Watershed Erosion Task Force Projects	Local/Partners	<b>750,000</b>	250,000	250,000	<b>250,000</b>	<b>250,000</b>	<b>500,000</b>

**NEXT STEPS >>>** Over the course of the next few months, these projects and many others will be discussed. However, it remains always important for City personnel to understand the requests and concerns that City Council Members are hearing from their constituents in each of the eight (8) wards and those items of importance from the perspectives of the elected officials. Therefore, the Department is seeking discussion on these items and any others regarding capital improvements at tonight's meeting.

**OTHER AND CONTACT INFORMATION >>>** If any of the Committee Members should have any questions or comments regarding this information, please feel free to contact the Department of Planning at (636) 458-0440. A presentation is planned on these items at tonight's meeting. Thank you for your review of this information and input on the same.