

**BUDGET WORK SESSION MINUTES**  
**DES PERES BOARD OF ALDERMEN**  
**DRAFT 2023 CAPITAL BUDGET REVIEW**  
**September 19, 2022**

A Work Session of the Des Peres Board of Aldermen of the City of Des Peres, Missouri was held at the Des Peres Government Center, 12325 Manchester Road commencing at 6:00 PM on Monday, September 19, 2022.

The following Board members were present: Alderman Pound, Alderman Concagh, Alderman Fitzpatrick, Alderman Barrett and Alderman Osherow. Alderman Kleinschmidt was absent from the meeting with excuse. Mayor Becker was also present and presided over the work session. Staff members present included the City Administrator, Assistant City Administrator, Director of Finance, Director of Public Safety and the Director of Public Works.

**2023 CAPITAL BUDGET OVERVIEW**

The City Administrator advised that the current draft of the 2023 Capital Improvement Budget contemplates a planned deficit of \$-1,507,519 reflecting \$7,540,459 in total expenditures and \$4,932,940 in total revenues. Further, the City Administrator has yet to formally recommend any substantial reductions to the capital budget given our strong fund balance position which is projected to exceed \$3.4 million by year-end. Per the City Administrator, those cuts will likely come at a later date once the Board has the opportunity to carefully review the proposed expenditures and grapple with our financial position. The City Administrator further advised that the current draft of the 2023 Capital Budget does not include anything relative to future building upgrades which, pending Board approval, would likely be funded using a combination of transfers from the General, Fire, Public Safety, and Debt Service Funds. Those discussions have been intentionally separated from the Capital Budget to maintain a clear and consistent budget forecast.

**PROPOSED PUBLIC SAFETY FUNDING**

Director of Public Safety Eric Hall provided a brief overview of his proposed capital budget requests which includes \$479,550 in total spending as recommended by the City Administrator. Items discussed included continuation of the body camera lease program (\$70,000), new ballistic plate carriers (\$20,400) for active shooter incidents, emergency vehicle equipment (\$60,000) relating to fleet upgrades, fire turnout gear (\$20,000), battery operated rescue tools (\$55,000), and a replacement power EMS stretcher (28,000) among others.

**PROPOSED STREET FUNDING**

The Director of Public Works offered a detailed overview of his proposed 2023 Capital Improvement Budget reflecting \$5,011,909 in total spending dedicated almost entirely (91%) to large-scale street maintenance efforts with the balance focused on vehicles, equipment, prospective building improvements, and continuation of our right-of-way forestry program. Those major street initiatives represent \$4,575,909 in total spending for the upcoming year

with most of those appropriations supported, in part, by grant proceeds (80% matching program) tied to the following projects:

Project	Constriction	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
Manchester Reconstruction	2022-2024	162,700	271,600					434,300
Des Peres Road Roundabout	2023	45,000	2,000,000					2,045,000
Lindemann Road Reconstruction	2024	20,000	55,000	425,000				500,000
Des Peres Road	2027	7,181	8,500		175,000	30,000	2,000,000	2,220,681
<b>TOTAL COST</b>		234,881	2,335,100	425,000	175,000	30,000	2,000,000	5,199,981
	<b>Grants</b>	36,700	1,514,940	260,000	140,000	24,000	1,600,000	3,575,640
<b>NET LOCAL COST</b>		<b>198,181</b>	<b>820,160</b>	<b>165,000</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>400,000</b>	<b>1,624,341</b>

### PROSPECTIVE STREET MAINTENANCE TECHNIQUES

The Director of Public Works opened discussions on various street preservation techniques not currently utilized by the city that could provide substantial cost savings to the city while extending pavement life overtime therefore reducing the need to perform comprehensive street reconstruction projects which are both expensive and time consuming:

- Microsurfacing – a surface-treatment technique targeting asphalt streets only in which a thin layer of asphalt is applied to seal and protect the underlying surface. Typically applied every 7 years depending on traffic volume. Cost is roughly \$3.50 per square yard in comparison to a conventional asphalt overlay which ranges from \$25-\$40 per square yard with base repair.
- Asphalt Rejuvenator – an asphalt-based emulsion spray applied to the surface for protection against intrusion of air and moisture therefore extending the useful life of the asphalt. Cost is approximately \$1.25 per square yard. Rejuvenator is applied within the first two years after surface is poured.

No decisions were made on future application of these two techniques as the information was presented to the Board largely for educational purposes and subsequent budget considerations.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business to come before the Work Session of the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor called for the meeting to adjourn at 7:48pm.

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