

**CITY OF INDEPENDENCE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES  
OCTOBER 14, 2008 4:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM**

Present: Chairman Jim Chairman Crooks  
Councilman Dave Grendel (arrived at 4:10 p.m.)  
Vice Mayor Vice Mayor Riley

Also Present: Mayor Gregory Kurtz  
Councilman George Klepacz  
Councilman Tom Narduzzi  
Councilman Jim Piteo  
Councilman Anthony Togliatti (arrived at 4:30 p.m.)  
Finance Director John M. Veres  
Economic Development Director Ron White  
Service Director Dave Snyderburn  
Technical Services Director, Tom Avsec  
Law Director Greg O'Brien

Chairman Crooks called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

Chairman Crooks states, before we start into the agenda, it was brought to our attention before the last Finance Committee meeting that we have several minutes from previous two Finance Committee meetings to adopt. My suggestion is going to be unless there is a problem with the Committee that we wait until we get these Finance Committee meeting minutes that have centered around the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan done and over with. Do you want me to hold off? Is there any problem with holding up the committee meeting minutes?

There were no objections noted.

Kathy, do you have a problem with that?

Kathy Alexie had no problem with waiting.

Chairman Crooks stated, if we just wait until these committee minutes are done and over with for the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan, that way we can wait for Dave Grendel to be here and adopt them all at one time.

There were no objections noted.

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Chairman Crooks continued, okay we have one item on the agenda to discuss tonight, but really I would like to stick something before this, just to recap what we have talked about at the Finance Committee meeting last week. Just to put this whole Five Year Capital Improvement Plan process into prospective. We are working towards a goal deadline at the end of the month, at the end of this month, October and we spent a good deal of last week, Tuesday, discussing the streets projects that we talked about putting into the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan. Specifically the street projects for 2009. It was a spirited discussion I am glad we had it, and I look forward to the same spirit today as we talk about the sanitary storm sewer projects as they relate to the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan.

The first thing that I want to do is, I want to recap that discussion just to make sure that the Committee is on the same page and the people who participated last week, Tuesday they are on the same page. I am going to turn it over to the Finance Director and ask him for his input.

We discussed a number of streets and hopefully you have with you the most recent lead schedule which is actually from two Friday's ago. John Veres was out of town, so we did not have one this past week. He was diligent in getting these updates to us, but if we can refer back to that street project, I just want to make sure that the Committee is on the same page as it relates to the street projects that we have planned for 2009 and the dollar amounts.

Finance Director Veres said we actually had time to talk while I was heading to Columbus for training about these issues and there are just a few open items to clarify. Acorn Drive, the Mayor had stepped out to head to a meeting, I think before we really discussed this. We are thinking that it might be pushed back into 2010 based upon, or maybe better phrased, have Council understand that this is a specially accessed project and it is typical in the region, So at the time, I had suggested that we borrow for that because of those two stipulations with Acorn Drive. Whenever we are ready to go in that area, we will borrow the money and do it that way with Acorn Drive because to borrow for that as opposed to borrow for Hillside Road sight correction, which isn't typical, which is not accessible, it is accessible if you wanted to.

Chairman Crooks stated, well if I can build on that John. The streets that we had outlined in your most recent Five Year Capital Improvement Plan draft we have basically engaged in discussion, prioritized them and I remember that part of the discussion. We had talked to Ron when I believe you gave some input on Acorn Drive, correct? We asked if it is needed for 2009. You thought it may be a need for the City, but not comparably speaking of some of the other needs that we have by way of street projects and that we might not be in any imminent danger of losing a business who might want to locate to Acorn Drive. Is that fair to summarize?

Economic Development Director Ron White replied, yes, even though the property owners primarily L&M, Sam Lombardo and Frank Previt would desire us to move ahead at the earliest moment, this really isn't a pressing thing. The only thing is with the US Army Corp of Engineers permit to perform the mitigation for wetlands and stream. I think that we are pretty well set for that. Have they issued us permission at this point?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied not yet. We should be getting it soon.

Chairman Crooks stated, well, generally speaking, there is a general census from the group last week that Acorn Drive is something that we can plan for in 2010/2011 and I don't think there was any objection to that.

Finance Director Veres replied, right. Chestnut Road Bridge and sidewalk was clarified that at most it would be \$150,000.00 with the possibility of a \$75,000.00 grant to help with that project.

Chairman Crooks stated, and we would know the outcome of that grant prior to the end of the year, correct?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied correct.

Finance Director Veres stated, the only question that I had was about the Hillside Road sight correction. I didn't know if that was a complete correction of all three areas or if it was a half correction. I am assuming it was a complete correction of the three.

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied they'll be significantly improved, ideally to standards, from design standards.

Vice Mayor Riley asked why is Chestnut Road Bridge so much money? All we want to do is widen that sidewalk.

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied half of it is about the bridge work and it takes some effort to dowel in four expansion joints. It sounds simple, but it is deck work and the approaches all four corners to come in and account for that taper, the extra two feet that you are taking away from the lanes across the bridge have to transitioned back on the approaches, so there is some roadway work involved.

Councilman Piteo asked, do you have to go underneath that to work on it?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied no. It will be done from above.

Councilman Klepacz asked can we just have the sidewalks on one side and expand it on the other side? Is that possible?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied, based on the configurations that are there now, it would probably be a little more difficult. It's six of one and a half dozen of the other. It is the same amount of work. You would be doubling, maybe cutting in half, if you only had sidewalk on one side, but you would have to make some accommodations for some crossings on either side.

Councilman Klepacz responded I understand that. I just happened to think of that now. We'll be taking two feet on each side and that will narrow the road.

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied, the roadway lanes are currently about fourteen feet, which only need to be a minimum of twelve, so we're gaining two feet on each side to add four foot walks to make them six foot walks across each side.

Councilman Klepacz stated, all I'm saying is if we could take it out and still keep the fourteen foot lanes. If we move two feet on one side then we have thirteen foot lanes opposed to twelve foot lanes.

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm responded, yes, you would be saving a couple of feet on one side.

Vice Mayor Riley stated, I still say that is ODOT's responsibility.

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm stated, they don't shy away from that. They realize it is their bridge. It is a time issue of when they are going to be in there next. They won't come in there just to do a sidewalk project. The next time they are their on the deck....

Vice Mayor Riley stated we had to go and do all of our intersections with handicapped accessible ramps and also for the blind, those orange things. They don't have to make their sidewalks over bridges handicapped accessible under the American Disabilities Act? They don't have to meet those standards?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied, that is a question that has come up right now. I had a phone call today from the OPWC in regards to our application and that is what they were asking for me to verify – ADA ("Americans for Disabilities Act") regulations on sidewalk widths, which is what I just started to dig into today and beginning to look into providing some of the pictures we showed them. It seems common sense to say that it is not ADA compliant, but a lot of the guidelines are internal to buildings and outside of the curb ramps. I don't know that we have come across yet, an ADA minimum sidewalk width out in the rights-of-way. So that is kind of what we are trying to gather.

Director Snyderburn added, they said that they didn't have to do it until they did the next major, bridge construction on Chestnut. That was their answer that Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm and I received in that meeting. In other words, they don't have to be ADA compliant until they do a major road repair.

Councilman Piteo asked, if they go and fix that bridge they have to make it ADA compliant?

Director Snyderburn replied, that is correct.

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm commented, but that could be fifteen years.

Director Snyderburn added, but up until then, they don't have to do anything. That is what they said.

Chairman Crooks stated, and the Public Works, that is the grant making entity?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied, right.

Chairman Crooks asked, when are we going to know, Don?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied, well it could be soon if I can't justify and give them the evidence. They said that they don't fund sidewalk projects in and of themselves. They do fund stand alone ADA complaint projects, which is how I viewed this project. So they are asking me for some guidelines. If I can't provide it to them, the application won't be reviewed. It won't be considered for funding. So if I can provide them with something by the end of the week, then it will at least get looked at, reviewed, scored and ranked with the other projects. I think early December is when we would know.

Finance Director Veres asked, do you send out feelers to your peers on, hey, has anyone come across this situation?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied, not on this particular one. No. In fact, when we used CT Consultants with some estimating, there was never anything brought up then, and when I went to the seminar for Issue 2 scoring, they did state that. They don't fund stand alone sidewalk projects, but they said exactly what the guy told me on the phone about ADA compliant projects. So I thought it was an applicable project.

Councilman Grendel stated, just going back for a second about Acorn Drive extension. In prioritizing, also look at that Rockside Woods North. We had talked about it in Planning Commission and I think, Ron, you were there too. That at one time Eaton was there in Independence as well as going over there and had that road Rockside Woods North been completed to Brecksville Road, it is hard to say, it might have been a deciding factor that they would locate on a nice site right on I-480 and I-77. So in weighing, do we put Acorn ahead of Rockside Woods North or vice versa? We're always talking about opportunities, but to me that is a valuable property right there overlooking two major interstates. If we could have the infrastructure ready to go, that could be a gold mine in luring a corporation to that site. I think it is a valuable site where it is located and again having the access to both Brecksville Road and Rockside there.

Mayor Kurtz responded, I think what Councilman Grendel is speaking about is the fact that he and I had a conversation with the developer, and the developer had Eaton on the site. They stood there at the end of the road, not seeing the road, not having the infrastructure in place and that maybe could have influenced their decision.

I also believe, he makes a good point and the Finance Director also with respect to Acorn with this Sora Hills development in Seven Hills. Finance Director Veres has researched and determined that there is possibility of doing some joint.

Finance Director Veres interjected, cross-jurisdiction is what they call it.

Mayor Kurtz continued cross-jurisdiction.

Finance Director Veres stated infrastructure improvements.

Mayor Kurtz continued, infrastructure projects which we could participate in that development because we are going to be the beneficiary of the development, but it will burden our community in terms of infrastructure, drain water, pavement, and traffic. So we have two projects that we have talked about dealing with. One would be Rockside Road as it relates to the West Creek area and one would be Acorn that we may be able to...they may participate in those or may do some joint development. That may be a higher priority especially if we are able to secure land and a satellite safety force facility from the Dalad Group as part of a process of developing that remaining link between Brecksville Road and Rockside Road. We'll look at those two issues, but I think Acorn, I think John you had discussion about moving Acorn back because the Economic Development Director has put together a summary of issues that we have with Seven Hills right now that need to be addressed, issue by issue. But they really have not been inclusive to this point, other than asking for our cooperation with respect to the infrastructure Rockside Road at the Seven Hills border. I think our response that Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm put together indicated to them that we will cooperate, but we have these outstanding issues that need to be resolved. So I guess what we are saying is that we are going to tie all that together somehow.

Chairman Crooks stated, well, what I am trying to do is work our way through this list. My sense is that these streets made their way onto this list because they were given to John Veres as some sort of prioritized streets for our attention in the next five years. What I would like to do is work our way through the sanitary and storm list and identify what the need is. If there is a safety need, if there are streets that need our attention by way of a safety need, in my opinion, that goes above this type of a situation. This I classify as an opportunity.

Vice Mayor Riley responded right, but that's what we discussed last time in this meeting. I am sure if everyone at this table had to face a decision instead of doing one of our side streets doing Rockside Woods North and bring in Eaton. I am sure we would all vote to bring Eaton here because next year that would provide us with the revenue to do the side streets that we didn't get to. So, you have to weigh safety and opportunity. We can make this list a priority and if the Mayor and Ron walk in two months from now and say hey, so and so corporation wants to come here and this is what we got to do.

Councilman Piteo responded I think John gave us a vehicle for Acorn Drive extension, we can borrow the money and TIF it. I don't know if it's the same for Rockside North.

Finance Director Veres replied yes, you can.

Councilman Piteo stated that gives us the access to do those projects as quickly as possible.

Vice Mayor Riley responded, if you want to borrow.

Mayor Kurtz stated both Jims' points are well taken. I think one is safety and opportunity and that can change based on economic development. So if you go through that list, I started going through it, opportunity, safety and start going through this, we are not prioritizing or ranking this necessarily. I am just saying we are identifying and I think time will tell.

Vice Mayor Riley responded, but to set this plan we have to start prioritizing.

Mayor Kurtz replied, okay.

Chairman Crooks stated, I think that we are prioritizing. That is why we were here for three hours last Tuesday.

Finance Director Veres stated, to continue on Old Rockside Road Bridge is Issue 1 application, \$100,000 would possibly be needed in 2009 for the planning and the drawings, and then \$900,000.00 in 2010 and then a \$600,000 interest free loan, correct?

Chairman Crooks replied, right.

Finance Director Veres continued, the Old Rockside Road evacuation.

Mayor Kurtz stated, mine says \$400,000.

Councilman Piteo asked, that bridge is \$1.6 million?

Councilman Grendel replied, right.

Finance Director Veres asked, Mayor Kurtz \$400,000 for the bridge?

Mayor Kurtz replied, that's what I have – \$400,000 and \$620,000.

Finance Director Veres replied, we changed that.

Chairman Crooks stated, we're looking at the October 2<sup>nd</sup> form. Did you update these?

Finance Director Veres replied, no.

Chairman Crooks stated, that one was in our packet this week. I don't know if it was indicated but the updates are really only from Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm. Have you seen Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm's updates?

Finance Director Veres replied, I've seen it, but I haven't integrated it into the plan.

Chairman Crooks stated, I am working off of October 2 with some handwritten notes that were put in.

Finance Director Veres asked, where does the \$400,000.00 comes from then?

Chairman Crooks stated, my handwritten notes, not the ones that you are talking about.

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm stated, I just wanted to make sure that we have enough for the preliminary engineering. The overall project is pushing \$4 million for the entire project. So I just took ten percent and threw it in the entire project, but they put me on the grant and the structure of the breakdown that we have. I believe the figure is approximately \$3.9 million, pushing \$4 million.

John Veres asked, so if you have \$400,000 and \$600,000, where is the...?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied, that was City obligation and grant money.

John Veres stated, but you said last time that the City obligation was a million. Well then the \$600,000.00 goes in the next year and the loan on top of that is what he is saying.

Several people speaking at once.

Finance Director Veres stated so it was \$1 million plus the \$600,000.00 grant that was the City's obligation.

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm responded, \$675,000.00 for the loan and a little over \$1,019,000 was the grant. No, that is not right.

Councilman Piteo asked, will an updated sheet be sent to us?

Finance Director Veres replied yes. We'll get together on that, but you are saying that you would need \$400,000.00 in 2009.

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied, that is conservative, yes.

Councilman Klepacz asked, so the total cost for this bridge is \$2.5 million?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied, the total project cost, which included some engineering was the \$4 million. That is the total project cost.

Councilman Klepacz asked, does that include the Rockside Road evacuation?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied, no, just the bridge.

Councilman Klepacz asked, just the bridge is \$4 million?

Councilman Grendel replied, yes.

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Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm added, just the bridge, the total project cost. The City's obligation is less. The City's obligation is \$1 million cash and then \$675,000.

Councilman Klepacz asked, so we're obligated for \$1.675 million?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied, right.

Councilman Klepacz asked, which will come out of our coffers?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied yes. The \$675,000.00 is a no interest loan over 20 years.

Chairman Crooks states, so we are at \$1.675 million for the bridge? Is that right?

Finance Director Veres replied, right.

Chairman Crooks asked, and for the evacuation we are looking at \$1 million?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied, yes. That is kind of heavy with some storm sewer improvements in that ramp. The ramp itself, a couple estimates were \$350,000.00 and \$400,000.00 or \$500,000.00. There was a \$300,000.00 drainage improvement that could be done with that, to help with some flooding. I got it thrown in there all together. The drainage improvement could be pulled out.

Chairman Crooks added, it could be pulled out.

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm, stated the \$50,000.00 was grants that we received from the Department of Development.

Economic Development Director Ron White added the \$50,000.00 would go toward a study and engineering and other things involved. It will get us started.

Chairman Crooks asked, so we are pulling this one out for 2009, the evacuation for \$1 million. Are we moving it?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied, we can reduce it if we don't include storm sewer improvements. We can put the storm improvements elsewhere if more appropriate.

Several people speaking at once.

Chairman Crooks states, so we are going to take it off of 2009 by way of street project and we are going to come back and address it with storm/sanitary?

Councilman Piteo replied, just that is part of the project.

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm stated, we could probably slash \$300,000.00 or \$400,000.00 off of that.

Councilman Piteo stated, the evacuation route?

Finance Director Veres asked, so make it \$600,000.00, then add \$400,000 to it.

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied, to a storm sewer type of improvement.

Chairman Crooks asked, for 2009?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied, correct.

Vice Mayor Riley asked, so let me ask you this, what if that bridge collapsed tomorrow?

Mayor Kurtz replied, we'd be in trouble.

Vice Mayor Riley asked, is there a way for those businesses to get in and out of there?

Mayor Kurtz replied, the cemetery road. They're going to take cranes up that road. You could make a road all the way out to Granger, but there is a high pressure gas main that parallels the track, so you have to be very sensitive about that. In an emergency, we can do that.

Vice Mayor Riley stated, before we spend \$4 million should we look at that to see what the cost is?

Mayor Kurtz replied, it's not a road. It's private. There is no road between the railroad tracks and the river that goes from Rockside to Granger. There is physical layout, you can make one, but it is all private property, it is not public property. If that bridge would shut down tomorrow morning, I would immediately be trying to build an emergency ramp just to get out of the way because you would have to do it.

Vice Mayor Riley asked, you mean going up?

Mayor Kurtz replied, right alongside of the road.

Vice Mayor Riley asked, alright, so how do you get down?

Mayor Kurtz replied, well you would have to build it so you could put a red light right there.

Several people speaking at once.

Mayor Kurtz stated the bottom spot, that low spot.

Chairman Crooks stated, okay let's move onto the next one.

Finance Director Veres replied, the adding the fourth lane, you put \$500,000.00.

Vice Mayor Riley asked, who inspected that bridge?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied, inspected it?

Director Snyderburn replied, the county inspects the bridge.

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm added, and provides reports.

Vice Mayor Riley asked, what is bad, the surface or the underneath?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied both. It's an old bridge, the surface is poor.

Councilman Narduzzi asked, did they give us a recommended time frame when it should be serviced or redone?

Mayor Kurtz replied, it's long overdue.

Director Snyderburn commented, it was built in 1907 each side. They are saying that a bridge has a lifespan of "x" amount of years and each year they inspect it and there is a lot of erosion. They aren't telling you right now to not take anything over that bridge, but they have a certain grading system that they give you and they inspect it every year. The problem is each year they are saying it needs more and more repair. You don't want to repair it because we are going to build a new one or a different prop. The big problem is, you and the Mayor alluded to it, All Crane has some huge, huge heavy equipment, huge. In the meantime you're right, right now they are saying it is okay to keep traffic on it.

Councilman Grendel asked, didn't the county redo the bridge over Hillside? That was a county project.

Mayor Kurtz responded, Hillside Road Bridge is a benefit to that one.

Councilman Grendel stated, you would think the county would participate in something like this.

Director Snyderburn stated, we own the bridge, the county gave it to us in 19 whatever.

Finance Director Veres asked, who accepted it, Dave?

Service Director Snyderburn replied, I don't know. I am just saying that is why you are applying for Issue 1 funds.

Councilman Grendel stated, where the Hillside bridge has always been the county.

Director Snyderburn stated, Hillside is a county bridge.

Economic Development Director Ron White stated, if I may Mr. Chair, just to add to that, I don't believe a full depth inspection has taken place, no scuba diver has gone down underneath in the water to check the pilings. A full inspection hasn't been done on it, only what can be observed on the surface and from the banks.

Councilman Piteo asked, does the City load test it?

Economic Development Director Ron White replied, I don't know about that.

Director Snyderburn replied, you know what, you are right with what you just said, Ron, they didn't scuba dive, but they went in by boats, engineers went in the water after the two divers. What they do is look at the plates that the bridge sits on, the bridge sits on plates on each abutment and they look at those and look and see if they are shifting. The day after that flood they felt that everything was safe, but that is when they really did, they didn't scuba dive, but they did a pretty good inspection in 2006.

Chairman Crooks stated, let's keep moving forward. We have \$600,000.00 for Old Rockside Road evacuation. Moving onto Rockside Road the extra lane, we had left last week with \$250,000.00 penciled in and now we got \$500,000.00.

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied, that was me. I was trying to apply some unit costs that Elewski had done from the six and eleven car scenarios, applying that over the full length that is out there all the way over to West Creek. So that is still a very just preliminary number, but there are some things out there that need to be relocated, major underground utilities. It is not going to be cheap. We're still studying the whole idea or the concept for justification.

Mayor Kurtz stated TranSystems is looking at the situation. They apparently have been hired by the City of Seven Hills for Sora Hill, and as part of that, we are trying to see if their studies, traffic studies they put together involve, or go all the way to I-77, or if they stop at Seven Hills. If they did that more comprehensive study and included I-77, then it should give us good information to determine to what extent that it is going to impact the West Creek area. At that point we will be in a position to determine a critical path of a third lane or some other signalization upgrade, but I think Seven Hills will have to participate in that.

Vice Mayor Riley asked, is there any way that instead of adding the lane south eliminating the median in the middle, the island and shifting over the traffic a little to the north, then they'd angle back under the bridge?

Mayor Kurtz replied, I don't think so.

Economic Development Director Ron White added it wouldn't match up. We have a safety concern now.

Chairman Crooks asked, and we are determining if this is a need?

Mayor Kurtz replied, this is a priority. Again, I am going to see if Seven Hills did the more comprehensive studies in determining the impact of their infrastructure. If they did, then we can use that information to determine the impact on the West Creek area. If they didn't, then one of the issues we would have is to redefine the impact because obviously this is going to impact on our traffic when fully developed.

Councilman Klepacz stated, I am sorry, I want to go back to the bridge, I'm sorry. But, from what I am hearing on the discussion, the major concern that I have heard here was All Erection Crane because they had huge vehicles that need to go over this bridge and we are not sure that this bridge can carry that load. Is there any other business that is on the west side of that bridge that has extremely heavy equipment? I know that there is a body shop down there and I don't know think they have any extremely heavy equipment.

Mayor Kurtz replied, Franc & Frick.

Councilman Klepacz responded, I don't think they have heavy equipment.

Mayor Kurtz stated, there is a tire company there.

Chairman Crooks added, American Fleet.

Economic Development Director Ron White stated, American Fleet has some fairly large vehicles that they bring in.

Mayor Kurtz added, large safety apparatus.

Chairman Crooks added Allega is down there. Don't they have an office down there? School buses?

Economic Development Director Ron White stated, fire trucks and so forth.

Councilman Piteo stated, actually the loading at Franc & Frick is probably pretty heavy because it's tools.

Economic Development Director Ron White stated, they all have deliveries by semis.

Chairman Crooks stated, the point being you want to make sure that we are going to redo this bridge so that it's servicing more than one of the businesses?

Councilman Klepacz replied, actually where I was going to go was assuming that they were major issues, I was going to suggest perhaps we have our Economic Development Director find an alternative site here in Independence where they don't have to go across the bridge. That is what I was going to say.

Vice Mayor Riley stated, sooner or later we are going to have to do that bridge.

Councilman Narduzzi, stated they own a lot of land down there now. He keeps buying up, buying up moving north.

Councilman Klepacz stated, I understand that.

Chairman Crooks states, it sounds like more than just that company that needs to get in and out.

Councilman Klepacz responded, I am looking at \$4 million for one person, one group. Maybe our money might be better spent in a different direction – help them move.

Chairman Crooks stated, okay, anything else Councilman Klepacz?

Councilman Klepacz replied, no.

Chairman Crooks stated, Rockside Road adding the lane, we'll keep \$500,000.00 in there. Selig Drive, we had discussed this initially last week and we were left with the impression that maybe \$2.5 million was not going to be the number, at least for 2009 and there is notation in here to leave as is for now. Don, are you suggesting that we leave \$2.5 million in there?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied, it is going to come down. I looked at the numbers preliminarily and it is going to come down. It's just the matter of what number. I should have something for you next week after talking with the Mayor about getting a good feel for what the number is.

Chairman Crooks replied, that wraps up the roads to be discussed.

Mayor Kurtz responded, we will have a Streets Committee meeting to go over that to determine the configurations, to come up with an accurate cost.

Chairman Crooks stated, just to bring some closure to this discussion, my sense is that these streets are on here because there is some sort of a need, they are the product of some sort of discussion. Why else would they be on here? David Snyderburn, Don Ramm is that a correct assumption? So that as we work towards a final number for streets projects, we can assume that these are the highest priority, yes or no?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied, yes.

Director Snyderburn responded, yes. We went out and assessed everything. We went street by street.

Chairman Crooks stated, that being said, lets move on the discussion item that this is on the agenda It is a similar discussion, which is to attach a dollar amount to some of the sanitary and storm sewer projects that we have, not just for 2009, but for the five year because this is the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan. We have to do the best we can to try to map out what projects are of the greatest need and prioritize from there. These numbers that are in the spreadsheet, I

ask that you flip two pages I believe, two pages in the lead schedule to some of the figures that we have. I am looking at the page that in the table, says Major Sanitary and Storm Sewer Projects.

I had a chance to talk with our Finance Director, of course, and also Jim Piteo who is chairman of the Utilities Committee to deal with a number of issues, and also Don Ramm. I asked them to take us through this project and explain to us some of these dollar amounts as they relate to the storm sewer and the sanitary projects. Councilman Piteo, do you want to take us through that?

Councilman Piteo replied, well the conversation was had already, Chairman Crooks, and the projects that are on the sheets. I haven't seen any major changes to the numbers. I saw some of the projects omitted, but the information that you received that is on that list is up to date.

Chairman Crooks replied, so then you're saying if we look at the eight inch crossing at Embassy Suites, \$62,000.00, is that an accurate figure for 2009?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied, probably for study, for assessment of the study. There is going to be other components once we determine what the problem is, how severe the problem is and how to go about addressing it.

Chairman Crooks asked, and the problem is severe?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied, it was severe a couple times when it caused some backups, some major backups a year or two ago, I believe.

Councilman Grendel states, this has been studied for years.

Councilman Narduzzi commented, if you know it's bad, we keep doing studies on it, why don't we put some money aside for it?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied, we have never really done any studies on it. That is the problem.

Councilman Grendel replied it seems like it has been on radar for years and I thought work has been done on this in the past, at least that is what the research shows. I think Don Elewski even had some recommendations on what we need to do on this, but it was a high cost figure that he had given us. I think Don Elewski studied this a few years ago because we had a proposal, but it was very expensive I know.

Chairman Crooks replied, and if that is case, then you are saying that if Elewski did take a look at this that we would have already performed a study and we should have some direction.

Councilman Grendel replied, at least some direction on this.

Councilman Narduzzi commented, Elewski was looking at it on July 24<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>.

Chairman Crooks asked, what year?

Councilman Narduzzi replied, this year. We were billed \$89 per hour every time he looks at it so somebody is looking at it.

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied, that is when we were having meetings in preparation of meetings with the Regional Sewer District.

Councilman Grendel stated, we have bills from years ago on this.

Councilman Piteo replied, the explanation that I have heard that was expressed was that to do a thorough investigation of that, you have to bypass the City to get in there and see what is actually happening down there. I don't think that has ever happened. Weren't you explaining that to us?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied, I believe that when we cleaned it in an emergency and got the obstruction loose there was no internal televising. The amount of flow that is coming through there needs to be bypassed before we can do some internal televising and use some sonar technology.

Director Snyderburn added, this is ductile iron pipe. What had happened is that the blockage that occurred originally was when we went in to clean it and some scale came off. We couldn't get through that scale. We feel that it was scale. We don't know. We had a hard time getting through it. So when we did break through, we decided that maybe at that time there should be something done. It has been running now for a couple years, three years since, so we never televised it. We never did anything. The last time we had a meeting on this, they had indicated that there is sonar testing that can be done under a full water condition pipe, and that is what we talked about maybe getting done. That testing is a new system that they came out with. That would give us the condition of the pipe. We thought if we had the ability through this new technique to do it, maybe that is what we should do, instead of bypassing and doing all this other work, maybe we should get pricing on sonar testing. Am I correct in saying that?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied, yes. It was \$62,000.00. I think that was early on when I looked at the unit costs for the cleaning and televising over the thousand foot run underneath. I think that I just applied those straight unit costs to that, but not realizing that it is impossible with no manholes in between.

Director Snyderburn stated, we met down there again. We said, if there is any more development down there, we might have to run something somewhere different anyway because we feel that this pipe is full and that this pipe is running at a max right now. So if you put more development in there, you might have to run another sewer someplace else and if you do, you might be able to take what we were putting into this sewer, part of it, and put it into somewhere else. That is what we discussed the last time Don and I were down there.

Mayor Kurtz stated, the developer who owns or controls the remaining property in the area has determined that a pump station would serve the remaining property being developed, and it would pump to Brecksville Road. So it may alleviate, not eliminate, but alleviate some of the concerns. It is not going to solve that problem, but at least we know in the future that we have an alternative for future developments.

Councilman Klepacz asked, who is that?

Mayor Kurtz replied, Dalad Group.

Chairman Crooks asked, so again, the \$62,000.00 is for a study?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied, well we probably need to refine that. I understand that there is a local company where we can get an estimate for the sonar testing and throw that figure in that column. We can do it in another week or so.

Chairman Crooks replied, so you can refine this number and get it back to John Veres then, Don?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied yes, I can do that.

Economic Development Director Ron White asked, Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm, in the discussions with Frank Greenland, and the Regional Sewer District, were they of any assistance?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied, they are the ones that recommend in lieu of trying to bypass it, that we might be able to utilize this technology.

Director Snyderburn replied, the reason isn't so much the bypassing, it's that we would have to pump it all the way up to Rockside Road. It's just an unbelievable task to do that or shut down all business and tell them to not use this while we are testing this pipe. We said, if there is a vehicle like this sonar testing, we would love to try it out.

Chairman Crooks replied, if this is the case then it's \$62,000.00 and it is going to be refined by Don Ramm. Two things I see, Don, if you could get that number back to John Veres and we can refine it. Do you think we are going to refine it to make it less or do you think we will refine it to make it more?

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied, I have no clue. I have no experience with something like this sonar process. It is a thousand foot, it is a long run of line and I don't know.

Chairman Crooks replied, the only other thing that I can see happening relative to sanitary projects is the fact that we don't have any projects scheduled from 2010 through 2013, does that mean that there are no projects?

Councilman Piteo stated, I have a question to ask about that because I received a list from Councilman Narduzzi saying that we have to start an annual sanitary maintenance and those

numbers that I have seen were, if it's a light cleaning, it's around \$230,000.00, or if it is a heavy cleaning then it is around \$310,000.00. The question is do you want to break that out and make that separate from the maintenance contract? Or do you want to increase the maintenance contract to cover that? That is a lot of money. As of right now, on the sanitary part of things, they are probably not going to hit their number right now with what we have, right?

Councilman Narduzzi replied, we're doing pretty good.

Councilman Piteo asked, staying under budget?

Vice Mayor Riley, asked who is that?

Director Snyderburn replied, United Survey.

Vice Mayor Riley asked, but aren't we going to start doing some of this in-house?

Director Snyderburn replied, we would like to if we purchase a camera.

Mayor Kurtz stated, it's \$30,000.00.

Director Snyderburn stated, maybe in conjunction with the contractor we'd like to go so far. I am sure Don Ramm presented you with a letter for five of our sanitary laterals that we have coming from houses that we have to repair yet for just this year.

Mayor Kurtz responded, the money that is in for maintenance will not get less, the \$150,000.00. That is a minimum that we will allocate towards repair and inspection. That is a minimum and that doesn't take into consideration the aging situation we face relative to our sanitary and storms. We talked for years about putting money aside for future repairs. The system is now going on 35, 40, 45, 50 years old. There are going to be situations such as this one by Embassy that are going to start developing in the residential areas. We are going to have to immediately address those and there are probably deep bore issues.

Councilman Narduzzi responded, I agree with the Mayor, but don't you have to start planning for those? You can't just wait until there is a problem.

Director Snyderburn responded, you might not spend \$150,000.00 in cleaning and cameraing, but the Mayor is right, you might spend that in just lining. You are just going to have to budget those numbers for sanitary.

Mayor Kurtz responded, I am not sure if the issue is how much to put into maintenance because that is not really the issue.

Councilman Piteo responded, the point that I am trying to say is that the \$150,000.00 that we have allocated this year, we are not going to get everything done that needs to get done and these numbers that I have seen are just 20% of what we have to do in a five year period through EPA.

Granted, these are not calculated numbers by Don Ramm, but these are numbers none the less that are out there. Is this what we should plan too?

Finance Director Veres replied, at 20% is a pipedream. I talked with other engineers, and that is a number that they keep saying but that's impossible. Every municipality in the county is not going to be able to do 20%. It's a goal.

Councilman Piteo stated, the sanitary stuff that we are doing right now, we are not going to hit that number.

Finance Director Veres stated, if we did 10% that would be an awesome goal for us.

Chairman Crooks responded, here is my question; for 2009, what number do we need to add to the \$62,000.00 to prepare for the sanitary costs that we anticipate for the year?

Vice Mayor Riley replied, at least \$150,000.00.

Finance Director Veres stated, we have that on the other line. We changed it from \$100,000.00 to \$150,000.00 on the front page.

Councilman Piteo stated, what I am telling you is, if you pick out a project to do, one of the numbers is \$223,000.00, and the best case scenario if you pick out 20% of your city to clean, that is what the number is.

Mayor Kurtz replied what they are saying is the 20% a year is a goal, not an expectation. It's not hard or fast. You have to stretch that time or find a different way to do that. You may have to.

Councilman Klepacz stated, what I'm hearing is, we have to increase the maintenance to \$200,000.00.

Vice Mayor Riley replied, when I brought up about having this new sewer truck, I think that we should have a map of the entire City. For example, Independence Estates, the crew is going to start, March 1<sup>st</sup>, go in and camera and clean every line in that area. Boom, that section done. In 2010 we are going to do Dora, Elmarge and that area. Boom they go in and that area is done. I think we can eliminate problems because we would know.

Mayor Kurtz responded, there are schools of maintenance though. One is the preventive or predictive maintenance you just outlined, where we have certain pieces of equipment that will work, but we will need to acquire a certain camera. Then we have more of a pure testing in more commercial areas, the larger most sophisticated equipment, which we don't have and we won't have because it is too expensive or may take several years to acquire. There is probably two ways the predictive maintenance model where we can go and do Independence Estates or Dora/Elmarge, not only test but also clean. So, when we walk away from that area, we can stamp that as completely upgraded. And, if we get in a situation where we have to open cut or dig, we can do that, or lined, we can do that. The other one is our traditional maintenance item is

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a little different in that it takes a little more sophisticated equipment than we have currently. That doesn't mean that we can't buy that in the future, but today we don't have it.

Director Snyderburn replied, the Mayor is right in what he says. Even a county and all of the communities that they take care of, and the sophisticated equipment that they have, there are many, many projects that they have to bid out. They have contractors do and pay the contractors, because it is much more sophisticated today than going in that sewer and throwing a camera in there. It's lining it after you discover something. What we do, Councilman Piteo, I could say I'm going to be on that plan and you can say we hire two more guys and we put them on that truck and that is all we do, until the next sewer that we find that is broken, and I say that those four guys are on vacation and you two guys are going to have to go and dig this up. I think to remain on that plan, you need to put "x" into that budget and keep with it. That's in addition to, over and above what we can do in our department.

Councilman Narduzzi asked, what is "x" though? What are you looking for? How do you come up with that?

Vice Mayor Riley commented, that is what I wanted for the streets.

Director Snyderburn stated, we can go over this, but even a storm sewer on Dalepoint we never did and your estimate at that time was \$225,000.00. I don't want to say whatever you can afford to put in it, but I guess that is what I am saying. The sewers are not going to go away.

Chairman Crooks replied, no, see that is where the disconnect took place last week. There is a difference between, tell me what the dollar amount is and then we will identify the need and then we are going to do the project. The other side was, let's identify the need, take a look at our resources and allocate as we need it and then do the projects. That was the latter of the viewpoint that I favored. I don't like the approach. I don't think it is prudent to say give me a dollar amount and I will tell you what I can get done. Let's identify the needs that we have by way of sanitary projects and let's see what we can finance for those projects over the next five years. I don't want to recreate that discussion from last week because I think everybody knows where everybody was at. I am looking at 2009, 2010 through 2013. What projects can we anticipate doing over and above the maintenance, the regular maintenance for sanitary over a given year? I guess that is the question.

Councilman Piteo replied, I believe seeing the numbers that I have seen that you would have to put a number in there for cleaning and videotaping.

Finance Director Veres replied, we have that in the maintenance.

Councilman Piteo stated, so we get what we can get done.

Director Snyderburn replied, you asked me that question, Jim, here is my answer. What we will do is take a look at our oldest lines, our oldest vit lines which are the sanitary lines. The ones that have been put in, the main trunk lines that go down to Regional and we can access those and

we are. That is where we are going right now. That is what is going on Rockside Road. We got a main fifteen inch line that runs all the way down West Creek. It is probably four years old. That is something we can say, alright it might need to be relined, might need to be repaired because I had a couple problems in that area. If I have to replace that line, it will be “x” to reline it. I can maybe get that number and we can come up with a plan to do something like that and look at those vit lines that are the oldest in this community.

Chairman Crooks replied, that would be great. I think that is exactly what we need. Can you do that? Can you get with John Veres?

Director Snyderburn replied, yes.

Vice Mayor Riley replied, what has been going on is that we have been reacting when there is a problem and I think everyone here wants to be proactive. If we can reline as opposed to you coming in on an emergency saying this is broken, we have to spend this money, because the money may not always be there. This all has to be done.

Director Snyderburn stated, there are two projects that I have in mind. One that I just told you and there is another one in the Wood/Elmwood/Sunset area.

Councilman Piteo asked, are you talking about the West Creek trunk sewer?

Director Snyderburn replied, yes.

Councilman Piteo asked, are you talking about Rockside Woods and Quarry Lane? That’s on the list to be done this year.

Director Snyderburn responded, it’s on the list to clean and televise.

Chairman Crooks stated, that’s maintenance though.

Dave Snyderburn replies, you are asking me about an old line, an old vit line that I have problems with. I don’t know what is going to happen about it is televised. We will look at those tapes, and we’ll see. Maybe we will have to do some major reconstruction or repairs on that line.

Councilman Grendel commented, you do the maintenance and the cameraing. That is going to determine what projects are needed.

Director Snyderburn replied, we just started a month and a half ago. We should be able to determine that.

Mayor Kurtz stated, the camera determines the level of maintenance or repair needed

Councilman Grendel stated, so that will fill the figures in. As you do the cameraing, we should be able to fill these figures in.

Councilman Piteo stated, so the information that I have on these sheets is probably not going to be very valid because we don't know if they aren't televised or videoed.

Chairman Crooks replied, it is my understanding that the cameraing falls into the maintenance. Am I wrong?

Councilman Grendel replied no, that's correct.

Chairman Crooks stated, that is going to fall into a maintenance line item that John Veres has. We are talking about major projects based on the age, right?

Director Snyderburn replied, yes.

Chairman Crooks stated, based on a safety concern that might arise that we can somehow plan for.

Vice Mayor Riley stated, from a camera though, you will see how bad something is.

Councilman Grendel replied, some older systems are working properly and yet some new ones are falling apart.

Chairman Crooks stated, Dave, if you can do that and get back with John Veres.

Director Snyderburn replied, Don Ramm and I can get together and give you something. I have a few other projects that I would have in mind.

Chairman Crooks stated, let's move down to storm water projects. We got a few more to go through and I think we have a couple other items from the Mayor before caucus starts. We got 5118 Brookside Road for \$4,200.00. What is this?

Councilman Piteo replied, I thought it was where a gentleman wanted to redo his house and his lines were too high when the street was done. It involved a sewer.

Director Snyderburn replied, I don't know if that is Jeff (inaudible).

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied, I thought that was 52 something.

Councilman Crooks stated, that might be.

Director Snyderburn stated, if it's Jeff (inaudible), it's more that \$4,200.00.

Several people speaking at once.

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied, this would come out of the maintenance contract.

Finance Director Veres stated, so it doesn't need to be on here?

Vice Mayor Riley asked, what is the problem down there with all of the storm sewers in Dalebrook? I asked that because before you were here when we redid Dalebrook maybe six, seven or eight years ago. Why at that time didn't we know there was a storm problem? Why now would we have to worry about correcting all of these problems when we did major repair down there on the road. What needs to be done down there?

Director Snyderburn replied Dalebrook, Dalepoint and Montello. With Dalebrook the whole areas sanitary is in pretty good shape. We have a few issues with calcium deposits, but overall the sanitary sewer is okay, but we do have to get some more calcium out. There is a large calcium buildup. I don't know what it is caused by. I don't know if it was old steel mill fill, but 80% of the storm sewer on Dalebrook and Montello is pretty good. There are some minor repairs. We need to do some lining in some different areas. Dalepoint has a real problem. The problem with Dalepoint is that the storm sewer is shot. I could show you the tapes on it. It is disintegrating. Most of Dalepoint though, residents have taken their storm sewers offline and off the City storm sewers and taken them out of the back of their property and into the ravine. Now, I don't know if it pays to take the remaining that are still on there and running to replace that storm sewer. It was a large cost. I think it was an estimate of \$250,000.00 at one point.

Vice Mayor Riley replied, which involves digging up the street.

Director Snyderburn replied, parts of the road, parts of the treelawns.

Chairman Crooks asked, this is lower Dalebrook?

Director Snyderburn replied, Dalepoint.

Vice Mayor Riley commented, this problem didn't happen overnight.

Director Snyderburn replied, no. I don't know how long it has been there.

Chairman Crooks asked, are these the homes on the south side of Dalepoint?

Vice Mayor Riley replied, both sides.

Councilman Piteo added the outfall needs work there too.

Director Snyderburn replied, yes. The outfall on Dalebrook was done.

Vice Mayor Riley asked when you're talking outfall that is just a pipe coming out of the ravine and dumping.

Director Snyderburn replied, correct.

Vice Mayor Riley stated, I don't understand some of these costs. I don't understand how some of these costs are this high to do something like this.

Director Snyderburn replied, it's under the street.

Vice Mayor Riley replied, I don't want to dig up the street. But I guess that we are talking about five year planning, I will make this statement so it is on the record. If we go and do any major road construction projects, we have to identify the waterline, the storm sewer and the sanitary sewer. If they need to be done, we do them at that time, because we did these roads seven/eight years ago and we have to tear it up? That is a joke.

Chairman Crooks asked, why do we have to? Is this the expected life?

Director Snyderburn replied, no.

Vice Mayor Riley replied, the sewers weren't done when we did the road. If we were told that the storm sewers were bad, we would have said do them, not get the road done and then have these problems.

Finance Director Veres stated, that wasn't the thought process from the professional at the time. It wasn't a proactive way of thinking. It has been reactive.

Chairman Crooks asked, this is a need, Dave, in your opinion?

Director Snyderburn replied, I don't know if there is twenty two houses down there, and if it would cost \$10,000.00 to take each lateral, and ten are already hooked up to the ravine, it would take five, six or eight thousand dollars to hook up each lateral to the ravine. It is acceptable to everyone here, and it is acceptable to Storm Water Phase II regulations then, obviously, the thing would be to abandon the storm sewers.

Mayor Kurtz commented, there are catch basins there.

Director Snyderburn responded yes, you do have catch basins there. You're eventually going to have to do it.

Councilman Piteo stated, Dalepoint was put on the list as most critical for 2008.

Councilman Narduzzi stated, we talked about this at this time last year.

Director Snyderburn replied, yes.

Councilman Piteo added the ones on the list for 2011 are on the 2008 list as most critical.

Finance Director Veres asked, how about the Dalebrook storm outfall?

Vice Mayor Riley stated, looking at it, you have Dalebrook, Dalepoint, Montello. Does anything need to be done on Valley Vista?

Director Snyderburn replies, most of Valley Vista, Montello and Dalebrook run pretty good. I would say 80% of them were good. They may have had some minor repairs here and there.

Vice Mayor Riley replied, instead of spreading it over four years, you are in that neighborhood, knock them all out.

Director Snyderburn replied, yes, you would have to. The Mayor is right. The lateral came to mind because I don't like people's houses getting flooded. You do have to do it because the catch basins are tied in. We can show you the tapes. Something needs to be done.

Chairman Crooks replied, so you are saying that Dalebrook storm outfall. The Dalebrook area is not listed. Do the Dalebrook and Dalepoint storm outfalls need to be addressed in 2009 from your prospective?

Director Snyderburn, there are some minor repairs in the Dalebrook area. We did some.

Councilman Piteo responded, we did some in 2007 for \$130,000.00.

Director Snyderburn stated, we redid the Dalebrook outfall.

Councilman Piteo stated, we did some sanitary repairs and we did some videotaping. That's what I have listed here.

Chairman Crooks stated, the Dalebrook area is not listed. What does that include?

Director Snyderburn replied, there are some minor repairs in there. The Service Department itself did some minor repairs and then we had some work through a contractor.

Councilman Piteo stated, it was suggested that we have Dalebrook entrance cleaned and videotaped at \$210,000.00. That was the only one I showed that wasn't on this list.

Director Snyderburn replied, that sounds like a lot of money.

Vice Mayor Riley asked, who is that list from?

Director Snyderburn replied, I don't know.

Councilman Narduzzi replied, maybe Patti Wisnieski and Elewski.

Director Snyderburn stated, I remember that was clogged and everybody was panicking. What I did was take all the tapes and reviewed every one of them from that area. My main concern was

sanitary first and then storm sewers. From my memory, most of Dalebrook was in pretty good shape. All the sanitary was cleaned and running pretty well. We had a little bit of calcium buildup.

Councilman Piteo stated, can I make the suggestion to have Dave Snyderburn also prioritize these lists as well, since the information seems not current for what we have to do?

Director Snyderburn replied, we'll go over it and look at the tapes.

Vice Mayor Riley asked, can those storms be relined?

Director Snyderburn replied, yes. You can line storm sewers and you can repair storm sewers. Dalepoint is in a state.

Vice Mayor Riley asked, can Dalepoint be lined?

Mayor Kurtz replied, no. It would have to be open cut.

Director Snyderburn replied, in my opinion no it can't.

Councilman Klepacz stated, if I recall a conversation in 2007, part of the high estimates were expanding the size of the pipe that went in there. I think that was part of the discussion. There were three different sizes you put in. I think some of those numbers were for using the largest pipe if I recall.

Chairman Crooks stated, I will ask the Committee first and then Council as a whole. If we are going to do work in Dalebrook Estates, it makes sense to do it all at one time.

Vice Mayor Riley replied, that is what I am saying. If we're going to be there, tear it up. I am sure you can get a better price from the contractor too.

Councilman Grendel stated, there has been quite extensive work already done down there. I would like to see what was done and what was paid for already and coordinate that. But I do know that Dalepoint has been the most troublesome of the whole area.

Mayor Kurtz stated, your point is well taken. Why don't we have Don Ramm take all the evidence we have compiled, and paid for over the last couple of years, the videos, the visual inspection, the outfall, and assess it and bring back to us a comprehensive plan and recommendation. Then we can then proceed systemically, if not comprehensively. There are so many numbers floating around. Was the outfall ever fixed?

Director Snyderburn replied, the Dalebrook outfall was fixed. Dalepoint was not.

Mayor Kurtz stated, we need to see a map, see the cost and what needs to be done.

Vice Mayor Riley replied, Dalebrook outfall ties in all of the houses from Dalebrook. Are all the storm sewers for the houses on Dalebrook fine? There is no problem?

Director Snyderburn replied, about 80% to 85% are in pretty good shape.

Vice Mayor Riley replied, you don't fix the last leg if you leave ten in the middle not fixed.

Chairman Crooks stated, why don't we take a look at Dalebrook then?

Mayor Kurtz replied, Don Ramm would be able to do that.

Director Snyderburn replied, I'll show Don when I proceed. We'll go down there. We did look a couple of times.

Mayor Kurtz stated, let's take a map. Let's provide evidence, outline the condition of each sanitary sewer, each storm and the outflows of each, what is done, what is not done, and some real numbers we can use. Then bring it back to the Committee as a project. Chairman, is that acceptable?

Chairman Crooks replied, in the next week. Three more items and then we are done - Elmwood Park cleaning, \$175,000.00.

Mayor Kurtz stated, as an update, I met with Mr. Londrico. He did get his price from the contractor, Felix. It was \$25,000.00 to do the cleaning. He still contends that there is a great deal of repair that is necessary to upgrade his property. I didn't address or give any comment. He just wanted to make sure that I was aware of the \$25,000.00 quote. I saw the quote and at this point, we offered \$15,000.00. We've made some cosmetic repairs over the past several years. He contends that the problem was generated as a result of the shared use facility or underground water. He's not quite sure. I tried to determine if there is another solution. I have a meeting planned with him, scheduled with him sometime in the near future on another unrelated issue. Hopefully I can get some direction on this issue for us.

Chairman Crooks asked, so \$175,000.00 might not be the number?

Mayor Kurtz replied, \$175,000.00 was for our Elmwood Lake. We had suggested settling with him for \$15,000.00, if I remember correctly. He is at \$25,000.00. I am not sure if we are talking apples and apples at \$15,000.00 and \$25,000.00.

Councilman Narduzzi stated, that's just cleaning it out. That's not doing any work.

Councilman Klepacz stated, also part of that \$15,000.00, he was going to sign that once we do it, we're done. We'll never go on that property again.

Councilman Grendel stated, a release.

Mayor Kurtz stated, with the \$25,000.00 we have to supply a place to dump what is removed from the pond. We would dump the sediment removed from it in the back. It's the same thing Dave Snyderburn is going to do with Elmwood Lake.

Vice Mayor Riley asked, why isn't it done? I thought we wanted it done this year.

Director Snyderburn replied, you had a major road construction there this year. I didn't want to disrupt that reconstruction.

Vice Mayor Riley responded, that's been done since the pool opened in May.

Chairman Crooks replied, so \$175,000.00. Are we saying that this is a need? This is a need, that we are going to do this and this is the number that is staying here for 2009 - Elmwood Lake cleaning with the walkway, \$175,000.00?

Mayor Kurtz replied, it's going to have to be done at some point.

Councilman Grendel asked, when that is done are we still going to put the fence up?

Mayor Kurtz replied, that fence is still going to go up. We'll probably come in from the other side.

Several people speaking at once.

Councilman Grendel stated, I hate to see the fence put up and the next thing you know it's being taken down to do the work.

Chairman Crooks replied, so that it might not be a pressing need to get it done in 2009.

Mayor Kurtz replied, not life threatening. Let's put it this way, if we have a sanitary sewer situation that becomes critical, that will obviously be higher priority.

Councilman Togliatti asked, what is the walkway?

Finance Director Veres asked, are we adding a walkway? What is that?

Director Snyderburn replied, that is a small walkway that Ed Kostyack wanted to go on the side of the building. There was a sidewalk that went from the Old Rec, along the Old Rec, so that it is tied into the sidewalk. If you walk into Elmwood Lake and you walk towards the Old Rec, there really is nothing that ties you in from the Old Rec to the sidewalk going along the side of Elmwood Lake. If you are walking from Elmwood and Sunset, there really is no sidewalk that ties you in there, if you are walking through the Old Rec and from the Old Rec to the sidewalk going along the edge of the road.

Mayor Kurtz stated, if you go out and look, you'll see what he's talking about.

Chairman Crooks stated, we got two more items to get through, 6621 Oakwood and 6622 Beechwood. We've got \$23,000.00. What is going on here?

Director Snyderburn stated, that's probably backyard drainage.

Chairman Crooks asked, so the idea is that we are going to go on their property and fix this problem?

Dave Snyderburn replied, that wasn't brought up by me. Someone else brought that up, there was an issue in the backyards. A lot of areas over there are flat. Over the years they have ponding water in the backyards. It's bad drainage. In fact, Don Ramm can tell you the worst area isn't even over there. It was actually on Poplar, I think. We went there and there was eight to ten inches of water that covered three entire yards. I didn't put that number. I don't know what is going on there.

Chairman Crooks asked, where did this number come from then?

Finance Director Veres replied, those were on Don Ramm's list.

Councilman Piteo said, the way these are plotted out here this was all projects for 2008.

Finance Director Veres asked, so cross them out?

Councilman Piteo replied, they're spread out over five years now.

Councilman Narduzzi commented, they're being put back on the list.

Chairman Crooks asked because, they didn't get done?

Councilman Piteo replied, right.

Councilman Narduzzi added, some of these were lower on the totem pole in importance for 2008.

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied, yes.

Chairman Crooks replies, are they of importance in 2009? Is this a need?

Councilman Narduzzi replied, the problem is not going to go away on its own, but is it important.

Vice Mayor Riley replies, I guess maybe with this five year plan is this going to continue to be our policy when anyone has problem in their backyard with water to fix it.

Mayor Kurtz replied, it will be a case by case basis. A lot will be determined if the City is responsible. If there was some action that was taken by the property owner through landscaping or some type of improvement, that we didn't approve or didn't participate in, I don't believe that it is the City's responsibility.

Chairman Crooks asked, is that the case for Oakwood and Beechwood to, that the City did something?

Mayor Kurtz replied, I have to look at the situation. We have to look at the specifics.

Chairman Crooks replied, can we take a look at it and bring it back?

Mayor Kurtz replied, sure. We'll get that together. We'll look at it.

Dave Snyderburn replied, we did fix a few problems on Beechwood.

Chairman Crooks stated, last item we have on here, we've got Stone Road drainage. Don, it looks like you penciled in here.

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm replied, that is the Chapek and Putka issue down on the bend. This is an issue that needs to be addressed. It's high on the list.

Mayor Kurtz responded, but Novak won't allow us an easement through her property so we haven't done anything.

Several people speaking at once.

Vice Mayor Riley stated, that's been for probably ten years.

Councilman Klepacz stated, for the seven years I've been on.

Chairman Crooks replied, so it is not likely that we will do this project?

Mayor Kurtz replied, no.

Engineering Coordinator Don Ramm stated the thought was that we can do something in the road, run some finger drains back between the houses and at least have catch basins at the rear of the properties. So, that if anything at least got up to the point from their houses, it would drain, but not actually go back in the wetland area.

Chairman Crooks replied, okay, here is what we need to do, based on the discussion that we had today the updates on the streets, the updates on the sanitary, the storm water and the work that people have to do, Dave and Don, to get some more accurate figures, I will let John Veres have the final word here. Let's try to pencil these numbers back in and we will have an updated sheet

on Friday for this. Then he and I will work together to figure out what the next step is. We still got some more work to do members of the Committee.

Vice Mayor Riley stated, at the next meeting we have to do some utilities issues, streets issues, maybe make it a Workshop.

Chairman Crooks stated, that's fine. Let's make it a Workshop. We would have to do it a week from tonight.

Vice Mayor Riley replied, I am saying that. Instead of having a separate Streets meeting, separate Utilities meeting and a separate Finance meeting, have a Workshop and that way we can move forward on it and have everything addressed.

Mayor Kurtz replied, let's play it by ear. Dave Grendel isn't going to be here.

Chairman Crooks stated, let's figure it out and I'll send an e-mail out to Council.

Finance Director Veres stated, I'll revise everything and have it in packets on Friday.

Mayor Kurtz stated, I have a couple of quick issues.

Based on what I heard today the Administration is going to have to look at the sanitary sewer maintenance program. And if I heard correctly, we have to look at the equipment, manpower and training to be able to look at preventative and predictive maintenance. We'll put that together. Dave Snyderburn and Don Ramm are going to review the Dalebrook area and put the map and the cost breakdown for the various items that need to be addressed in that area.

Switching gears now, we now have Piekarczyk on the lower Brookside. We held off that repair because of the possibility of doing something different, i.e. acquiring the property in lieu of repairing the property. We were asked to put together a summary of the properties in question. I believe that Ron White has that summary. We will make that available for Council to look at. Once you have had a chance to look at that then we can discuss it at the Workshop or the next meeting. You get a flavor for what the options are and then we will also look if there is something that needs to be on a more immediate basis. I did get a call from Mrs. Piekarczyk and I told her Sunday that I will be in contact with her. So, Ron White will distribute that and we will be able to discuss that at another time.

And last but not least, for this meeting, we have been approached, I am not sure but I thought I told everybody. We have been approached by New Heights about the possibility of acquiring his assets and hiring him and being able to do the work in-house rather than a contract basis. What I am giving everyone is what we spent for tree services over the past eight, nine years, ten years. Two things, we spent over a million dollars for the service. We upgraded that earlier this year. I believe that although we did have to invest some time, money and effort in the storm recently, I believe that as a result of this program, we didn't get nearly the damage that we would have sustained had we not had this program in place. We were very fortunate considering the extent

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of the storm that went through. On the agenda this evening, is one of the reimbursables to New Heights for the damage that was done during the storm. I bring this up because the Service Director has indicated to me, and I have met with New Heights, that if this is something that makes sense to the City to invest in both equipment wise and manpower wise, and we can define the benefit of not having to pay for the outside service, we will put that analysis together. We will present it sometime in the future. At my recent meeting with Service Director and New Heights' representative I explained to him the situation the way it is, I am not sure that we are going to expend the kind of money next year that we traditionally spent, and that they will have to present an overall strategy that we can put in play for 2009. The Service Director has assured me that he is going to put that together. I bring this to your attention just because I want you to be aware of the thought process of doing some in house work and converting some of this work in house. It would give us more flexibility and a number of different benefits outside of the traditional tree service. So look at this. When the Service Director has his information available, Mr. Chairman, I would like to add this to one of the next agendas.

We also will be presenting some evidence and information on the prosecutor's proposed raise or increase to see the competitive nature of it. In discussing it with the Finance Director, he suggested that we don't do anything to affect this budget, but we will work on it for 2009, so it will be part of our discussion for next month.

Chairman Crooks asked, is there anything else?

Vice Mayor Riley replied, on that prosecutor issue, I think one of the higher courts ruled something about prosecutors for municipalities. If they are a city prosecutor, they cannot practice criminal law. Can you check into that, because that could come into play on what that will cost us in the future for prosecutor if they have to give up their private practice?

Law Director O'Brien replied, I am familiar with that. It is not giving up private practice. It has to do with which court that they are allowed to practice in. I think what you are referring to is regarding county prosecutors trying to do criminal defense work in their county. I have to check that case. I just saw a blurb on it.

**Moved by Crooks, seconded by Grendel, to adjourn the Finance Committee Meeting.  
Voice Vote: 3 yes/0 no; motion carried.**

There being no further business to discuss, the Finance Committee Meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m.