

Stephanie Meyer

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Subject: Re: Budget & Finance Commission November Meeting Planning

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Hi Stephanie:

I have been reviewing the data on the updated spreadsheet you sent us on October 8, 2025. For the completed projects, I have summarized it as shown below:

1. Initial appropriations - \$9,978,668
2. Subsequent appropriations - \$46,913,118
3. Total appropriations - \$56,891,786.

It seems the initial appropriations amounted to less than 20% of what the projects cost by the time they were completed. Please correct me if I am wrong.

If possible, I would like to get an explanation on:

- How many additional appropriations were made for each of the completed projects?
- Were all the subsequent appropriations approved by the City Council?
- If not, what is the limit for each appropriation that can be processed without getting approval from the City Council, and how many additions would fall into this category?
- Can you provide a chart (or a spreadsheet) showing more details on each additional appropriation that was not included or considered in the initial projection?
- Is it possible to get an explanation on how and why each additional appropriation was made to any of the projects initially approved?

I am sure there is a logical explanation for how and why the addition is made to every project. However, it does not appear to be very transparent. It baffles me to think of how any project can end up costing 5 times as much as what was envisioned when it was approved.

Now that you have powerful tools in AI, I have no doubt you will be able to dig deeper into the mountain of data on capital improvement projects and provide us with an explanation and justification so we can be assured of the transparency of all the transactions in CIP management.

Thank you.

Vijay

On Sun, Nov 2, 2025 at 7:35 PM Jasmine Allen <jasmine.allen2000@yahoo.com> wrote: