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To: MEisler@cityofpt.us
Subject: RE: Capital Facilities Plan
Date: Monday, August 1, 2022 9:17:32 AM

Hi Melody! Happy Monday.

Thank you for sending this last week. This is super helpful as I learn how things operate here.

Have a great day!

From: Melody Eisler <MEisler@cityofpt.us>
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2022 10:28 AM
To: Michael Todd <mtodd@cityofpt.us>
Subject: RE: Capital Facilities Plan

Hi Michael,

I have always been under the impression that the library levy could not be used for capital as clearly outlined to me and the previous finance director, city attorney, and public works team by the city manager who over saw the levy in 2008. However, Debbie Jahnke challenged that notion last year from some of the language used during the 2008 campaign- some of the documents she cited where not created by the city but one was a resolution that did state it was for capital- I attached it. We were not able to find the actual ballot measure to confirm her findings but I do have the resolution that Council adopted and it does say capital. I have been researching this again for you and did not find a definitive answer- Heidi has dug into this as well and it is complicated because we weren't sure if the ballot language matched the resolution. Other libraries do use their tax dollars for capital and save for big projects. However, our levy was setup slightly differently. I want to make sure we are honoring the true intent of the levy and the will of the voters. I have a call into Heidi. I tried to get clarity once and for all around this last year to no avail. Since no new direction was issued we have kept to the past practice of not using library dollars for capital.

Regardless of the semantics here, that I hope to get crystal clear clarity on, the library levy is fully used for operations at this point and does not have room for a capital budget if that is allowable. I did a Library Level of Service Study in 2018 to keep library funding sustainable and one of the recommendations was researching alternative funding for library capital projects and for the city to have a capital facilities plan for the library and really all city buildings. The former city manager thought we could do a capital bond like what was done for Mountain View to get a new HVAC, elevator etc- we have not pursued that idea.

The library does have support from the Library Foundation for smaller capital projects, we have written grants in the past and have a pending library capital grant with the Department of Commerce that I sent you, and we do have extra money in our fund balance from 2020 as property taxes came in at the amount they should have that year. We received a donation for about $40,000 that was put into the fund balance for the library director to designate- I would like to apply those funds to the Pink House exterior restoration. We still have the ARPA money and the existing bond

refinance money for the bathrooms and the window project and hopefully we get that Commerce grant.

Let me know if I can get you additional info.

Does this help?

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From: Michael Todd <mtodd@cityofpt.us>
Sent: Wednesday, July 27, 2022 4:43 PM
To: Melody Eisler <MEisler@cityofpt.us>
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Great! Thank you so much. Doesn't have to be lengthy just a brief line or two.

From: Melody Eisler <MEisler@cityofpt.us>
Sent: Wednesday, July 27, 2022 4:39 PM
To: Michael Todd <mtodd@cityofpt.us>
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Hi Michael,

I will work to get you that by the end of the week.

Thanks!

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Subject: Capital Facilities Plan

Hi Melody,

Steve and I are working on the Capital Facilities Plan and I was hoping you could provide me a quick line describing what we talked about last week on why the library operating levy is not eligible for capital funding and describe the fund-raising efforts through the foundations.

Thank you kindly,

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