

Memorandum

To: Councilmembers Stacy Mungo, Al Austin, Suzi Price
CC: City Clerk
From: Raman Vasishth
Date: 2/11/2019
Subject: Budgetary Suggestions for FY20 per your request dated 2/11/19

I am responding to Stacy Mungo's request to provide residents inputs regarding the budget. I would like to thank you for taking my advice over the past 2 years to asking residents to provide their input to the budget as something you has refused to do during your stint as budget chair, during your term the deferred maintenance backlog has increased by over \$200M, based on the city's own records, to a historical CD5 record of 770M. The deferred maintenance backlog is also at a record \$2.8B. We ask for a 10 year plan to resolve this risk and pay the deferred maintenance down.

During the 4 years of your last term, there was no notable improvement in dealing with the maintenance of CD5 parks. As a result, about 50% of park trees have died as well as animals that depend on our parks.

- 1) **Water budget:** We have seen the water budget for CD5 parks go from 36% of what was needed and required to 0 and them after massive resident backlash in which they when to the 8 other councilmembers and the Mayor, residents say other councilmembers put additional water the City Council agenda city to properly fund the water. This also came after your office ignored a CD5 petition and after the Mayor publically stated he thought the condition of the parks was the worst in city history and nobody previously came to him to ask for help.
We would like to see the water kept to 100% of what they require and never go below that and not have you fiddle with the figures and reduce the water budget again.
- 2) With the water budget normalized, it should be noted the CD5 deferred maintenance **backlog of irrigation & piping** continued be allowed to grow to a \$112M in which virtually all the backlogged piping you have chosen to defer is now beyond their life expectancy. Waiting for the pipes to explode is no way to run a city and we wish for the entire budget for the piping to be funded. We also wish for the complete overhaul of landscaping and irrigation systems for all CD5 parks to that they have proper drainage systems and where water covered all areas of the park.

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- 3) Resident protesting you handling of Heartwell Park, redirected city money for landscaping and irrigation system of the center park parcel of Heartwell. That project is expected to begin in a few months. This is the same parcel your office refused to turn over results of the outreach that it issued. We would like to see this same thing occur with the East and West parcels of Heartwell Park as your office promised was in the budget in FY17.
- 4) We ask that any and all measures to watered and to care for all grass and trees in all center divider medians for CD5 to maintain the beauty and assets of the city rather than be left to die in many cases.
- 5) The **roads** in all El Dorado Parks need to be replaced and are way past due as residents have been explaining to the CD5 office during your entire term. The worst roads are in El Dorado Park 3 and the Duckpond of Studebaker Rd. That later was a road you incorrectly told residents was under construction for FY18. The El Dorado Park3 road and Duckpond has been a serious safety concern during your entire term. We ask for funding to address the CD5 park roads.
- 6) Seals for 3 lakes repair, the Park Lakes maintenance contract and another maintenance contract were included in the FY18 budget, we ask that the work be completed and the funding to remain as well as increasing the new maintenance contract by an additional \$1M.
- 7) We ask for complete repair of the **CD5 Park bathrooms** with specific attention paid to Heartwell Park east parcel and El Dorado park 3 bathrooms closest to the train and all El Dorado Park 2 bathrooms with specific attention being paid to the closest bathroom to the dog park. Please note we would like to see baby diaper changing facilities added to each bathroom as a city standard in all men's and ladies bathrooms.
- 8) Although the budget was approved last year, we ask the **roof on the current ranger station** be put on.
- 9) We ask for a **sound wall between the freeway and El Dorado Park 3.**
- 10) We ask for the **resurrection of all drinking fountains in CD5 parks** that have been cut down by the city (many during you term) and taken out of service. We ask the 2 drinking fountains in El Dorado Park 3 already requested be either fixed or replaced. For El Dorado Park 2. Many of the drinking fountains at or near the bathrooms have been cut down to the ground and need to be fixed or replaced.
- 11) We ask for the bathroom area at **Golden Cove is allowed to be used as a concession stand for events to increase revenue for the park.** This is the area opposite of the bathroom is where concessions were originally sold. We also ask for the drinking water machine be put back in working order and maintained.

- 12) There are many **park benches** in CD5 parks that need to be replaced and fixed. Some will need to be replaced by concrete benches. These need to be fixed and addressed in all CD5 parks.
- 13) **Bathrooms:** There are many bathrooms that need to be fixed and repaired. Ones that require them most are in El Dorado Parks 2 & 3 and addition to all bathroom included in Hartwell Park and El Dorado Park West. The nearest bathroom to the park 2 entrance, closest to the dog park requires extensive rebuilding including electrical work.
- 14) We ask that the **sinks on the West side of the events area in Golden Cove** in El Dorado park 3 be repaired and fixed. Rebar has been sticking out during your term and has not been addressed.
- 15) **Drinking fountains:** As I have mentioned to you earlier, we have seen numerous drinking fountains cut down and not replaced or maintained while you were in office. These include 2 in El Dorado 3, including one near a picnic area for the train that I fought to keep and another by the former ranger station that needs to be condemned. There are numerous other drinking fountains that have been cut down that are located near all bathrooms.
- 16) **El Dorado Park Senior Center**, residents have been telling you during your entire term that a **new roof** needs to be installed as well as **stage and building is in need of major upgrading**.
- 17) **Tennis courts lighting** – lights need to be turned down and modified so as to reduce lights pollution to nearby neighborhoods. Neighborhoods in the Ranchos and Plaza Emerson have been complaining during your entire term.
- 18) The **Park sidewalks along the lakes needs in El Dorado 2, 3 and the duckpond** needs to be removed and replaced in many locations.
- 19) **Parks Lake Maintenance** contract was budgeted for FY19. We ask for this to be extended to FY20.
- 20) **Lake Seal repair** of 3 lakes promised for FY19 not done needs to be carried over to FT 2020.
- 21) We ask for upgrading the **Heartwell Park activity center to include multimedia** usage, air condition and rehabbing needed due to lack of funding for maintenance.
- 22) We ask for **paving of alleys**, you promised residents last year that have been damaged due to heavy city vehicles.
- 23) Bollards need to be removed in Studebaker RD and inside Lakewood Village. Residents have already provided the city with a petition of over 1,000+ CD5 residents to not have any bollards along Studebaker Rd.

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- 24) While you claim there is a \$40M maintenance backlog for city streets and sidewalks in CD5, residents are finding the actual number is much higher. We ask additional maintenance funding of \$10M be moved into addressing the CD5 backlog.
- 25) Every year, regardless of how much the budget grows, the city sets aside a General fund budget of only \$500M. We ask that the General fund is doubled from last year