

**CITY COUNCIL QUESTIONS/COMMENTS - STAFF RESPONSES
FOR SEPTEMBER 12, 2011 CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
AS OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2011 AT 12:09 AM**

Councilman: Anderson

Item 7E: Consent Agenda- "Analysis of One bid for 2011 Pavement Preservation and that the technically be waived"

Question/Comment: "Could this material be used in the downtown area?"

Staff Response: The Public Works Department has been making an effort to find effective maintenance techniques beyond just resurfacing and permanent pothole patching. While these are good and effective, it is our goal to extend the pavement's life through intermediate means. This pavement preservation technique is best utilized on newer pavement placed within the last few years. A second application should be done within four to five years after the initial application. It is intended to rejuvenate the asphaltic material in the pavement and extend the end of the pavement life by 5 to 10 years. The City has been using this pavement maintenance technique successfully over the past few years and believes the results, research and references justify expanding the program.

Councilman: Mwilambwe

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Question /Comment: "By how much (actual or claimed) does this product improve the life expectancy of the asphalt?"

Staff Response: It is intended to rejuvenate the asphaltic material in the pavement and extend the end of the pavement life by 5 to 10 years. More detailed response above.

Councilman: Anderson

Item 7G: Consent Agenda- "Analysis of Request for Proposals for the Miller Park Zoo Master Plan"

Question/Comment: "Make sure that the Miller Park Zoological Society knows we appreciate their consideration in paying for the majority of this study."

Staff Response: Staff agrees that our sincere appreciation should be shared with the Miller Park Zoological Society. Additionally, representatives from the Society may be present at tonight's meeting, which would be an opportunity for the Council to verbalize their appreciation.

Councilman: Anderson

Item 7H: Consent Agenda- "Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Clark Dietz, Inc. for the Locust Street Combined Sewer Overflow Elimination and Water Main Replacement Project Phase 1 Design"

Question/Comment: "Those costs, less the twenty-five percent principle forgiveness, will then be added to the IEPA loan balance?"

Staff Response: That is correct.

Councilman: Mwilambwe

Item 7I: Consent Agenda- "Professional Services Contract for the Bloomington Center for Performing Arts"

Question/Comment: "I am unsure as to what the \$30,000 is paying for?"

Staff Response: The contract price covers the performing artist fees for a Tony and Emmy winning theatrical performance coming to the BCPA in October. For proprietary and competitive advantage reasons, we do not mention the acts by name in the staff back up report.

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Item 7M: Consent Agenda- "Petition from Hershey Grove, LLC Requesting Approval of a Final Plat for Brookridge Apartments, 6th Addition"

Question/Comment: "This is the same development for the Hershey Road Addition of \$3 million?"

Staff Response: That is correct.

Councilman: Anderson

Item 7N: Consent Agenda- "Petition from Robert J. Vericella Requesting Approval of a Final Plat with a Waiver of Preliminary Plan for the Pheasant Run Development Subdivision"

Question/Comment: "Just so I understand clearly. The Petitioner is building at this location single family homes?"

Staff Response: The plan is for four (4) single-family homes of similar design and scope of the existing homes.

Councilman: Fazzini

Item 7R: Consent Agenda- "Sale of City owned Vacant Land located at Evergreen Lake Road"

Question/Comment: "In the Consent Agenda under 7R, why would CBEC pay \$13,000 over the appraised value of the land?"

Staff Response: Corn Belt Electric is paying the appraised value for 1.5 acres of land. The value per acre, per the appraisal, is \$26,000 per acre. In this case, we are selling Corn Belt Electric 1.5 acres so the extended price for the land is 1.5 acres multiplied by \$26,000 per acre, which equals \$39,000.

Councilman: Fazzini

Item 9C: Regular Agenda- "Appeal to City Council for Review of an Administrative Determination by the Zoning board of Appeals (ZBA)"

Question/Comment: "In the Regular Agenda under 9C, could we fine the Contractor (IFFT) for misleading the resident by allowing the construction of a 5' fence knowing the code allowed only up to a 4' fence? I ask this because of the history of this Contractor of doing this sort of thing. This might send a message that the Contractor, too, has some responsibility to help the Homeowners follow code rather than violate code and need to ask forgiveness after the fact!"

Staff Response: This contractor has received citations in the past for ordinance violations. Currently, this fence issue is being reviewed by the City's Legal Department. If the contractor is found in violation, a citation will be issued per the City's Codes and Ordinances. If this contractor continues to not follow the City's Codes and Ordinances, he will continue to be cited.

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