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## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

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August 24, 2020

To: Mayor and City Council Members

From: Mark F. Miller, City Manager  
Robert J. Bruner, Assistant City Manager  
Beth Tashnick, Office Manager

Subject: City Council Agenda Questions & Answers – 08.24.2020

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***The following are communications that City Administration would like Council to be made aware of. In order to ensure that all questions are received and answered, all City Council Questions should be sent to the CITY MANAGER DISTRIBUTION GROUP e-mail address.***

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**From: Edna Abraham**  
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 8:36 AM  
To: City Manager Distribution Group <[CityManager@troymi.gov](mailto:CityManager@troymi.gov)>  
Subject: Questions on the 8/24 Regular Council Meeting Agenda

Good Morning Mark and CMO Staff,

Please see below for my questions on tonight's agenda.

Thanks,

Edna

### **I-04 / Hazard Pay**

- Has the State responded to the City's request for reimbursement for first responders?

**Answer: Jeanette Menig, Human Resources Director and Mark F. Miller, City Manager**

An automatic reply that acknowledged receipt of our application was received, but nothing has been received yet regarding the status of the application.

#### **I-05 / Firefighters Memorial**

- If the budget amendment were approved tonight, what is the new timeline for the construction to be complete?

**Answer: David Roberts, Fire Chief**

The timeline for the memorial is dependent on several variables but likely spring-summer of 2021 is realistic for start and completion, or in essence, a one-year delay from what was originally planned. Variables include the state of the Coronavirus pandemic and any associated executive orders affecting this kind of work; availability of the subcontractors, or in this case, New Era; and weather, to name a few. In addition, the site must be surveyed, but can't be surveyed too soon before any ground work is done, or concrete is poured. It may also not be desirable for the concrete to be poured too late in the season, and then remain exposed to the elements over the winter. With that in mind, New Era may decide to wait until the spring of 2021.

#### **J-04a / Holiday Lights**

- Do the holiday lights not extend east of Rochester due to electrical infrastructure reasons?

**Answer: Kurt Bovensiepe, Public Works Director**

Correct. The current street light poles do not have 110v electrical outlets like the poles west of Rochester. For this reason, holiday lights are not extended in this area.

#### **J-05 / Bid Waiver - Awning Walls**

- In light of the current Covid social gathering restrictions, is the patio being used today?

**Answer: Elaine Bo, Director of Recreation**

Current COVID restrictions apply to gatherings both outside and inside, the patio allows us to adhere to outside gathering guidelines. Those guidelines limit outside gatherings to 100 people, which is advantageous for Sanctuary Lake as many other facilities do not have outside gathering areas and have to adhere to a much smaller guest maximum. As a result we have won events which have historically been held at competing facilities.

- If this were approved tonight, when would the new awning walls be installed? How long would the installation take?

**Answer: Elaine Bo, Director of Recreation**

According to the awning company, 6-8 weeks in production and the installation would take a full day.

**P-02b / Library Millage Engagement Plan**

- What is the content of the postcard mailer going out this week? Is it just the ballot language?

**Answer: Robert J. Bruner, Assistant City Manager**

The content of the postcard has not yet been finalized. City staff is working with the City Attorney to ensure it complies with the Michigan Campaign Finance Act. The postcard will likely be finalized later this week and mailed next week or as soon as possible thereafter. In any event, it will be shared with City Council as soon as possible.

- Can the infographic to be used in the Troy Today, social media channels, etc. be shared with council?

**Answer: Robert J. Bruner, Assistant City Manager**

City staff intends to use the content of the postcard (infographics, etc.) in the Troy Today, social media, and websites. It will be shared with City Council too.

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**From: David Hamilton**

Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 8:01 PM

To: City Manager Distribution Group <[CityManager@troymi.gov](mailto:CityManager@troymi.gov)>

Subject: Agenda

**J-04B - SPR2 REPLACEMENT PISTOLS - POLICE DEPARTMENT**

On Pg. 2, in the description, there's a typo, Sig Sauer P210 Traget Pistol should be Target pistol.

**Answer: Beth Tashnick, Office Manager**

This error has been corrected.

**J-07 – CITY OF TROY 2020 TRANSPORTATION ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Is there a transportation management plan that RCOC provides that includes our county roads, and MDOT has that includes our state owned roads?

**Answer: William Huotari, City Engineer**

RCOC is part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of agencies to submit. The RCOC plan is to be submitted by October 1, 2021. MDOT is not listed in the schedule as the Federal Highway Administration provides oversight of TAMPs coming from state transportation departments, therefore MDOT is not subject to this PA 325 requirement.

Why is the long term goal 20% good, 40% fair, 40% poor?

**Answer: William Huotari, City Engineer**

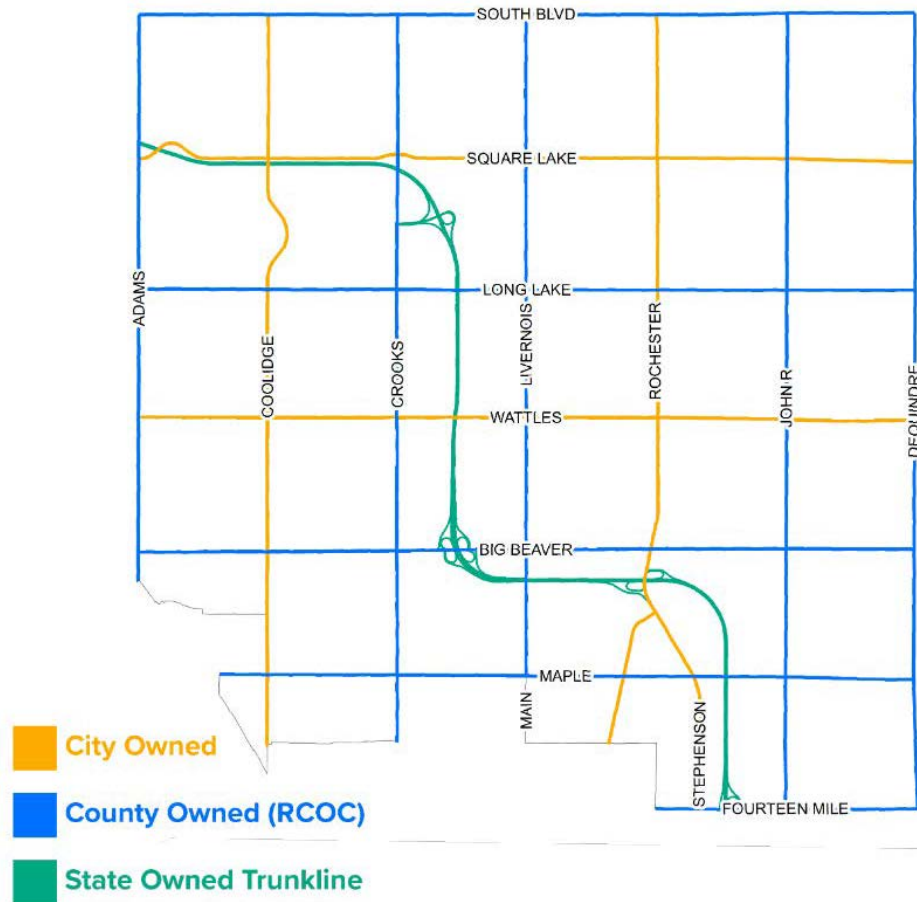
It is just a target based on the statewide average and funds available. Not all poor roads require immediate attention (i.e. a PASER rating of 4 is much better than a PASER rating of 1 and most users

would not recognize that a PASER rating of 4 would or should have some remedial pavement action taken as the condition is not one that would necessarily be viewed as “poor”).

Pg 92 - Are Adams and 14 Mile considered City Major roads? Or are they county roads?

**Answer: William Huotari, City Engineer**

Adams and 14 Mile are County roads. See attached map showing road jurisdiction.



Pg 95 - To bring the major and minor roads to 20% good, 40% fair, 40% poor, if I'm interpreting this correctly, would require 3 times our current annual level of spending (\$9636500) for pavement asset management?

**Answer: William Huotari, City Engineer**

We believe it would be in the neighborhood of 2x to 3x the level of spending. The software selections of the mix of fixes and estimated costs can fluctuate greatly based on treatment scenarios and time frames.

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**From: Ann Erickson Gault**

**Sent:** Sunday, August 23, 2020 11:32 PM

**To:** City Manager Distribution Group <CityManager@troymi.gov>

**Subject:** Library Millage Community Engagement

A Troy resident reached out to me asking for information on Troy's financial management. She is hearing from residents that they believe the proposed millage is a "cash cow" that the City can use to spend frivolously in other parts of the general budget.

Would it be possible to include in the public presentations and community engagement information about Troy's tax rates, bond rating, and other financial measures as compared to other communities?

**Answer: Robert J. Bruner, Assistant City Manager**

Yes. Information about how Troy's taxes compare to other communities will play a prominent role in the community engagement plan.