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## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

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August 30, 2021

To: Mayor and City Council Members

From: Mark F. Miller, City Manager  
Robert J. Bruner, Assistant City Manager  
Sarah Ames, Assistant to the City Manager

Subject: City Council Agenda Questions & Answers – 8.30.21

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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: David Hamilton**

Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 9:50 AM

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

Subject: Agenda

I-04 - What is the history of us purchasing Opticom GPS Systems? How many have we purchased already?

David Hamilton  
Troy City Council Member

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**Answer: Chuck Riesterer, Fire Chief**

We have completed about 110 locations at this time. This request will pick up the last 50 locations, which will cover from Long Lake north to South Blvd., and from Adams to Dequindre.

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**From: Ellen C Hodorek**

Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 11:14 AM

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

Subject: Agenda Questions

I-07 BUDGET AMENDMENT AND SPR4 H-GAC COOPERATIVE PURCHASE - STORM WATER GLOBAL PUMP

I realize this is hard to know/predict, but I feel a responsibility to ask: is one more additional pump enough?

**Answer: Scott Carruthers, Streets and Drains Operations Manager**

At this point, one additional pump is enough. We have seen instances where we could potentially need two pumps but have not seen a situation where we needed more than two yet. We will continue to evaluate the City's needs moving forward.

**I-10 AWARD SPR8 BEST VALUE AWARD - RETREAT FACILITATOR**

After reading through the backup materials, it seems this is essentially contracting a strategic planning team to lock arms with city management on a short-term basis. Correct?

In the past, the strategy discussions produced a list of projects to focus on for that particular budget year, but missing from the deliverable for our residents/stakeholders were the overall/implied ongoing vision/mission/objectives those "strategies" were connected to and supporting. Will the scope of this - the final printed deliverable - comprehend those overarching strategic plan components that were missing before?

**Answer: Bob Bruner, Assistant City Manager**

It is probably easier to discuss this tonight than answer in writing, but I'll do my best. I think your questions focus on the scope of work and how the new process will differ from the old. The short answer is that the facilitation team plans to meet with each City Council member to learn about what you want accomplish during the retreat before they develop the agenda.

In general terms, we are beginning a new process and I emphasize this is just the beginning. City Council could decide to engage in a visioning process or a comprehensive planning process resulting in a vision and mission statement. That may take more time than the current scope of work allows. Initiating such a process might be an objective for the coming year. Alternatively, City Council could decide to focus on the coming budget year or do some of both. In an event, this the beginning of a process City Council gets to define.

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