

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: FEBRUARY 22, 2001
TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL
FROM: PHILIP SUNDERLAND, CITY MANAGER *PS*
SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION OF RECOMMENDED CAPITAL PROJECT
ALLOCATIONS AND PLANNED EXPENDITURES

ISSUE: City Council authorization of the recommended capital project allocations and planned expenditures.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council:

- (1) authorize the capital project allocations and planned expenditures for the capital projects as detailed in the Capital Improvement Expenditure Summary (Attachment 1).
- (2) delegate to the City Manager, or his designee, authority to award contracts to the lowest bidder for Slater's Lane improvements

DISCUSSION: This docket item provides a summary of Capital Improvement Program planned expenditures (Attachment 1). All projects are reflected in the City's Fiscal Year 2001 Capital Budget, approved by City Council on April 27, 2000 or approved in capital budgets prior to FY 2001. A project title listing appears on the next page and a detailed summary of each project appears in Attachment 1.

Allocations are recommended for the following projects:

Schools

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| Francis Hammond Middle School Expansion | \$4,825,000 |
| George Washington Middle School Expansion | \$4,225,000 |
| Lyles Crouch Elementary School | \$ 250,000 |

Recreation Facilities Improvements

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| Recreation Center Renovations (Ramsay Recreation Center) | \$ 250,000 |
| Public Pools (Chinquapin Indoor Pool) | \$ 100,000 |
| Recreation Center Renovations (Athletic Fields) | \$ 80,000 |

Recreation and Parks

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| Parkland Acquisition (Open Space Planning) | \$ 200,000 |
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Park Improvements

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| ADA Requirements for Parks | \$ 25,000 |
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Traffic Improvements and Rapid Transit

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| Alexandria Transit Company (bus replacements) | \$2,668,324 |
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Street and Pedestrian Improvements

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| Slater's Lane Improvements (developer contribution) | \$ 250,000 |
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Storm Sewer Reconstruction and Extensions

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| Oronoco Outfall | \$ 250,000 |
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Renovation of Existing City Facilities

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| Capital Facility Maintenance Plan | \$ 150,000 |
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Systems Development (Information Technology Plan)

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| Alexandria Justice Information System (AJIS) | \$ 820,000 |
| Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) | \$ 120,000 |

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1 - Capital Improvement Program Planned Expenditures

STAFF:

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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PLANNED EXPENDITURES
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This attachment provides summary information on capital improvement program projects for which work will be initiated and expenditures incurred during the upcoming months. Funding for all of the projects discussed below is included in the City's Approved FY 2001 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget or in prior year capital budgets.

| Project Number Index Code/ Sub-object | Project Title | Approved Funding Available | Planned Expenditure Amount | Budget Document Page Reference |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Project 001-163 Account No.200998 Sub-object 2121 | Francis Hammond Middle School Expansion | \$4,825,000 | \$4,825,000 | Page 43 of the City's Approved 2001 CIP Budget Document |

This allocation will provide funding for Phase I of the Middle School Expansion project at Francis Hammond Middle School. This phase of the project will address the addition of new classrooms, a new auxiliary gymnasium and the complete renovation of the existing middle school facility to reorganize the building based on the Middle School Blueprint for Education approved by the School Board. Construction is scheduled to begin in Spring 2001 and is projected to be completed by Summer 2002. Phase II of the Middle School Expansion is proposed to be funded in the School Board's Proposed FY 2002 Capital Improvement budget. (Fund Source: Bond Proceeds - FY 2001 Funds)

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Project 001-192 Account No.200980 Sub-object 2121 | George Washington Middle School Expansion | \$4,225,000 | \$4,225,000 | Page 43 of the City's Approved 2001 CIP Budget Document |

This allocation will provide funding for Phase I of the Middle School Expansion project at George Washington Middle School. This phase of the project will address the addition of a new library, administrative office and classrooms and the complete renovation of the existing facility in accordance with the Middle School Blueprint approved by the School Board. Site work is scheduled to begin in Fall 2001, with building construction scheduled to start in Spring 2002. The project is projected to be completed by Summer 2003. Phase II of the Middle School Expansion is proposed to be funded in the School Board's Proposed FY 2003 Capital Improvement Program. (Funding Source: Bond Proceeds - FY 2001 Funds)

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| Project 001-273 Account No.200121 Sub-object 2121 | Lyles-Crouch Elementary School | \$250,000 | \$250,000 | Page 43 of the City's Approved 2001 CIP Budget Document |

This allocation will provide funding for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) renovations at Lyles-Crouch Elementary School. These renovations will include the installation of an elevator and ramps and the renovation of restrooms throughout the facility. This project will be completed in conjunction with the construction of a new media center addition to the school. The renovation project is scheduled to be completed during Summer 2001 to minimize disruption to the normal use of the school. (Funding Source: Bond Proceeds - FY 2001 Funds)

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|---|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Project 004-179 Account No.265678 Sub-object 2121 | Recreation Center Renovations (Ramsay Recreation Center) | \$250,000 | \$250,000 | Page 88 of the City's Approved 2001 CIP Budget Document |

This allocation will provide funding for the completion of the Ramsay Recreation Center project. These funds were set aside in the Recreation Center Renovation account specifically for the Ramsay Recreation Center project due to a sharp rise in construction costs. This allocation will provide funding for the remaining work including utility work, game room lighting, shelving, wall safety mats, panic hardware for doors, and portable, protective covering for the wood gymnasium floor. Staff is currently working with contractors to complete the remaining work in FY 2001. (Funding Source: Cash Capital - FY 2001 Funds)

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| Project 004-179 Account No.267534 Sub-object 2121 | Recreation Facility Improvements (Public Pools) | \$100,000 | \$100,000 | Page 88 of the City's Approved 2001 CIP Budget Document |

This allocation will provide funding for emergency work at the Chinguapin Center indoor pool. The existing 15 year old filters are leaking, and when inspected, were determined to be beyond repair. This allocation will fund the removal of the existing filters and the purchase and installation of new filters. It is anticipated that the filters can be purchased and replaced in the next two to three months. (Funding Source: Cash Capital - FY 1998 and 1999 Funds)

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| Project 004-179 Account No.265678 Sub-object 2121 | Recreation Center Renovations (Athletic Field Improvements - 215491) | \$80,000 | \$80,000 | Page 88 of the City's Approved 2001 CIP Budget Document |

This allocation will provide funding for athletic field improvements including the irrigation, grading and re-seeding of Chinguapin Park fields 1, 2 and 3. In the Spring of 2000, per Budget Memo #12 dated April 11, 2000, City staff proposed the reprogramming of \$80,000 from the Recreation Center Renovations account (265678) to the Athletic Fields account (215491) to accommodate the accelerated irrigation and improvement schedule so as to not adversely affect the Alexandria Soccer Association (ASA) and Alexandria Baseball Incorporated (ABI) schedules. Staff is currently working with contractors and will perform the necessary work as soon as the weather allows. These fields are needed for summer play in 2001. (Funding Source : Cash Capital - FY 1999 funds (265678 to 215491)).

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| Project 004-014 Account No.215600 Sub-object 2121 | Recreation and Parks (Open Space Planning) | \$200,000 | \$200,000 | Page 76 of the City's Approved 2001 CIP Budget Document |

This allocation will provide funding for the development of an open space plan that will establish an inventory of existing public and private lands; an analysis of demographics including the amount of land in each category, existing park uses, cultural resources, national and regional trends; goals, objectives and policies for protecting resources and obtaining additional open space; and plan documents and maps. In addition, this study will identify alternative funding sources for open space acquisition and development, as well as parks and recreation restoration or rehabilitation. The study is scheduled to be completed in FY 2002. (Funding Source: Cash Capital - FY 2001 Funds)

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| Project 004-012 Account No.215806 Sub-object 2121 | Park Improvements (Americans With Disabilities Requirements (ADA)) | \$25,000 | \$25,000 | Page 84 of the City's Approved 2001 CIP Budget Document |

This allocation will provide funding for meeting Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility requirements for park play areas. This funding will continue the process of bringing existing parks and related amenities up to accessibility standards in accordance with the United States Access Board's regulations for playground accessibility. The first sites scheduled for improvements are Buchanan (children's playground) and Montgomery (play equipment and water fountain). The improvements are currently being planned and designed and will be implemented in late Winter or early Spring 2001, as weather permits. (Funding Source: Cash Capital - FY 2001 Funds)

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| Project 010-006 Account No.240002 Sub-object 2121 | Alexandria Transit Company (Bus Replacements) | \$2,668,324 | \$2,668,324 | Page 121 of the City's Approved 2001 CIP Budget Document |

This allocation will provide funding for the scheduled purchase of ten DASH transit buses, at a cost of \$260,000 per bus; radios for the buses; and a spare engine and transmission. (Funding Source: Cash Capital - FY 1999, 2000 and 2001 Funds)

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| Project 011-011 Account No.245311 Sub-object 2121 | Street and Pedestrian Improvements (Slater's Lane) | \$250,000 | \$250,000 | These are developer contributions received in FY 2001 |

This allocation will provide funding for the planning and construction of modifications to Slater's Lane. Following the completion of neighborhood meetings and plan approvals, the construction would provide an extension of Potomac Greens Drive to Portner Road; the modification of a traffic signal at the intersection of Portner Road and Potomac Greens Drive creating a left turn lane on Slater's Lane; and the construction of a bike path adjacent to Slater's lane. This funding is provided by a developer contribution in the amount of \$250,000 which has already been received. Department of Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES) staff will obtain the services of an engineering consultant firm in late Spring 2001. The consultant will prepare a contract and hold public meetings. Upon completion of these meetings, T&ES will send out bids for construction in Fall 2001 with construction to commence in the Spring of 2002. (Funding Source: Developer Contributions)

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| Project 012-003 Account. No.250050 Sub-object 2121 | Storm Sewer Reconstruction (Oronoco Outfall) | \$250,000 | \$250,000 | Page 155 of the City's Approved FY 2001 CIP Budget Document |

This allocation will provide funding for this multi-year project to address ground contamination at the Oronoco Street Outfall and will include: a preliminary site investigation; a Site Characterization Work Plan and Risk Assessment Report; a remedial action plan and the implementation of the remedial action plan. Preliminary site work has been completed pending review by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). (Funding Source: Cash Capital - FY 1999 and 2000 Funds)

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| Project 005-020 Account No.221135 Sub-object 2121 | Renovations of Existing City Buildings (Capital Facility Maintenance Plan) | \$150,000 | \$150,000 | Page 108 of the City's Approved 2001 CIP Budget Document |

This allocation will provide funding for the scheduled maintenance needs of various City facilities. These projects will include floor covering replacement, electrical maintenance work, and gutter replacement at City Hall; painting of interior spaces in Chinquapin Recreation Center, City Hall, and Gadsby's Tavern; wind chiller maintenance in various City buildings; the replacement of elevator safety edges at the Public Safety Center; and repairs to the ceremonial gate at Fort Ward Park. Work is scheduled to begin in the near future and will continue through 2001. (Funding Source: Cash Capital - FY 2001 Funds)

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| Project 015-015 Account No.265744 Sub-object 2121 | Systems Development (Alexandria Justice Information System) | \$820,000 | \$820,000 | Page 212 of the City's Approved 2001 CIP Budget Document |

This allocation will provide funding for the continuing work towards the completion of the Alexandria Justice Information System (AJIS) in December 2002. AJIS will replace the Alexandria Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS), which is a modified version of a system developed in the 1970s which runs on Arlington County's mainframe computer. AJIS, as does CJIS now, will serve the entire justice (civil and criminal) related organizations of the Alexandria government. This allocation will carry the project through August 2001 and will include several of the tasks required to complete the AJIS project by the end of December 2002. (Funding Source - Cash Capital - FY 2001 Funds)

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| Project 015-015 Account No.265900 Sub-object 2121 | Systems Development (Criminal Justice Information System) | \$120,000 | \$120,000 | Page 212 of the City's Approved 2001 CIP Budget Document |

This allocation will provide funding for necessary modifications to the Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) due to changes by the State and City that affect data collecting and reporting. CJIS currently serves as the primary source of criminal and civil case information for the City of Alexandria and is currently operated on Arlington County's mainframe computer on an interim basis until the Alexandria Justice Information System (AJIS) is completed and comes on line at the end of 2002. These modifications will address the information management and data collections functions of the City's Victimless Prosecution and Domestic Violence Intervention Projects and are needed on an on-going basis. This project will continue until AJIS is on-line at the end of 2002. (Funding Source: Cash Capital - FY 2000 and 2001 Funds)

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