

**TOWN OF CROMWELL
PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024 – 4:15 P.M.
TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Demetriades opened the Public Hearing at 4:18 p.m. and read the legal notice below into the record:

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF CROMWELL**

The Town Council of the Town of Cromwell, Connecticut will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 4, 2024 at 4:15 p.m. in the Cromwell Town Hall, Council Chambers, located 41 West Street, Cromwell, CT regarding the proposed 2024-2025 (five year) Capital Improvement Program. Citizens may direct comments regarding the proposed Capital Improvement Program to mayor@cromwellct.com.

A copy of the Capital Improvement Program, in its entirety, is available for public inspection at the office of the Town Clerk, 41 West Street, Cromwell, Connecticut and will be posted online at www.cromwellct.com.

Dated at Cromwell, Connecticut this 22nd day of February 2024.

James Demetriades, Mayor
For the Town Council

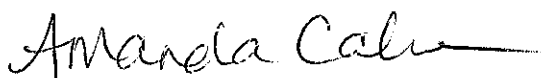
Mayor Demetriades then asked if anyone from the public would like to speak. No one from the public requested to speak.

Mayor Demetriades then read the attached email from Matthew Brown into the record.

MOTION made by J. Henehan and **SECONDED** by P. Luna and was unanimously approved to close the Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing closed at 4:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Amanda Calve
Secretary

Calve, Amanda

From: Calve, Amanda on behalf of Mayor
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2024 10:59 AM
To: James Demetriades (jdemetriades@cromwellct.com)
Subject: FW: Legal Notice - Capital Improvement Program

From: Matthew Brown <matthew.w.brown@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 24, 2024 8:07 PM
To: Mayor <mayor@cromwellct.com>
Subject: Re: Legal Notice - Capital Improvement Program

Hi James,

I will try to make it to the meeting, but I don't think I will be able to as I'm flying out early the next morning for a work trip. I have some questions about the proposed "Capital Plan" below:

1. If this is part of a five-year plan, the other four years of plans should be included, so we can see any anticipated future expenses, for example if 2025-2026 is going to be an expensive year, we should try to know that now to try and even out the spending if possible. Without that, it's hard to see if these are all the expenses that make sense to be included this year. Additionally, if some spending is sequentially planned like preliminary work this coming year that leads to additional projects in the future, it would be good to know that if something is deprioritized, it will impact future years' work as well.
2. The list includes prioritization of 1s and 2s. What are the requirements for a 1 or a 2? Could there be a priority of 3 or 4 items or is it only 1 or 2 priorities? Should we assume things that are not recommended are priority 3 or 4 as those non-recommended items were not prioritized? Are the priorities assigned by the Town Manager or the department heads?
3. One item not on the recommended spend is a \$970K "Engineering Design" request and it doesn't have a priority. What is that for? Without details, how can we as citizens help determine if this was an ask worth considering or if this is just something the Town Engineer included as a general funding request? If it isn't done this year, will it be on the list for next year? Will it impact any future engineering work?
4. I think you mentioned months ago that updating the technology in the council chambers was on the capital plan, but it doesn't look like it was requested. Why wouldn't that be included on the list? Even if it wasn't "recommended" or given a priority 2, it is still surprising it isn't included. Is that already part of this year's capital spending, is that why it isn't included?
5. Speaking of technology, it looks like some digitalization was recommended to be pushed out another year. If we are trying to bring our Town Hall operations to the 21st century, shouldn't some more of the digitization projects be prioritized?
6. Besides the council chambers, are there additional capital plan items not on this list that should be considered like guest wifi for the town hall (it might exist, but I can think of the library) or adding technology to other meeting rooms like the one next to the council chambers that doesn't even have a telephone w/ microphones or any screen sharing options.
7. I thought there was a concern about needing vans for the senior center. Is that sorted out with sharing from Portland? Is there still a need for a van for the seniors? If so, why would that not be on the list, even if it isn't recommended for spending this year?

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks!
Matt Brown

On Thu, Feb 22, 2024 at 3:48 PM Town of Cromwell CT <cmsmailer@civicplus.com> wrote:

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Matt Brown