

Council Questions/Comments and Staff Responses Report for November 24, 2014
as of November 24, 2014 at 8:20 am

REGULAR AGENDA

Alderman Schmidt

Item 8A: Reconsideration and Action on Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Lots 47 & 48 in the Empire Business Park and a Cooperation Agreement with Central Catholic High School.

Question/Comment: Clarification regarding accepting \$750,000 grant regardless of where the dollars are spent. Concerns related to the state's financial challenges and directing these dollars towards something more fundamental and critical to the state's financial well-being.

Staff Response: If the Council does not accept this grant, then it is possible that either Senator Brady or Governor Quinn working through the Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO) could reallocate these funds before Governor elect Rauner is sworn in. Legislative action may be needed. This grant is part of the 2009 Capital Bill which had separate and specific revenue sources, (i.e. video gaming, etc.), funding all capital projects. DCEO officials are urging the city to either use the grant or risk losing it for failure to act in a timely manner. DCEO is willing to fast track the grant contract through the Governor's Office after Council decides to either use it to expand McGraw Park or some other park or trail project.

Alderman Fruin

Item 8A: Reconsideration and Action on Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Lots 47 & 48 in the Empire Business Park and a Cooperation Agreement with Central Catholic High School.

Question/Comment: The actual length/feet of the road that would be built under the pending proposal, (Extension of Cornelius, extension to Halls Ferry Rd. and total length of pavement built).

Staff Response: Extension of Cornelius = 500', extension to Halls Ferry Rd. = 465' and total length of pavement built = 965'.

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