

Memorandum

December 8, 2017

To: Raton City Commissioners

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City Manager

Subject: Request for Capital Outlay Project Funding
2018 Session of the New Mexico Legislature

The New Mexico State Legislature will convene in regular session on January 16, 2018 for a 30 day session. I will be preparing requests for Capital Outlay Funding from the City of Raton to our legislative delegation and to Legislative Council Service prior to the session. Several capital needs from prior years, including funding of new police vehicles, improvements to the Water Filtration Plant, and the Solid Waste Transfer Station projects, have been funded through other sources and are not the priority for capital outlay requests during the 2018 session. Raton Water Works is also currently finalizing the revised Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for future work necessary for Lake Maloya Dam, and funding requests for that will be determined once that process has been completed.

The current recommendations for Capital Outlay Funding detailed below are based on the Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) process completed earlier in the year and approved by the Raton City Commission. I have attached the current ICIP and Criteria for Legislature to Evaluate Local Projects. I have listed projects in the order of priority per my recommendations to the City Commission.

Based upon the planning efforts and the status of projects on the ICIP, my recommendations for Capital Outlay requests are as follows:

1. **Public Works Equipment Replacement** – This request shall be intended to purchase new equipment dedicated to public works maintenance activities of the City of Raton. Equipment purchase would replace existing equipment that has exceeded it's service life and is non-functional, substandard and unsafe. Replacement equipment needed consists of wheel loader, snow removal equipment, street maintenance equipment, haulage equipment and multi-purpose truck. I would recommend to the City Commission that public works equipment replacement is currently the highest priority due to the poor condition of existing equipment and the expense of repairs and maintenance

Recommended Capital Outlay Request - \$200,000

2. **City Street Improvements** – We have aggressively implemented street improvement projects in the past three years to meet one of the community's chronic needs. The ICIP lists street improvements and street reconstruction as the top priority capital improvement for the City of Raton during the current planning period. My recommendations include continuation of street improvements in the downtown business area with emphasis on Park Avenue and Cook Avenue, major streets such as Whittier Street, Martinez Street/ East Fourth Street, South Fifth Street, Moulton Avenue and Red River Road. I also recommend that we continue a general residential street reconstruction program. We plan to continue seeking funding from all available sources, including NMDOT grant programs.

Recommended Capital Outlay Request - \$500,000

3. **Drainage System Improvements and Reconstruction** – Raton has an extensive drainage system, which has been under-maintained and under-funded for an extended period. The drainage system in the original townsite is an extensive system of pipes and channels constructed from mortared sandstone. The system is approximately 75 years old, and has extensive reconstruction needs. During the past year, the City of Raton has completed 9 drainage improvement projects using city crews or contractor services. These completed projects included several phases to the Park Avenue/ Cook Avenue project to alleviate flooding at downtown businesses.

I recommend that we request Capital Outlay funding to continue replacement of storm drain inlets and manhole lining on First Street, Rio Grande Ave, Apache Ave, Pecos Ave, Clark Ave and Savage Ave.

Recommended Capital Outlay Request - \$250,000

4. **Solid Waste Transfer Station and Recycling Center** – The City of Raton has matching funds available through loan proceeds and plans to construct this project during 2018. The project would significantly improve the efficiency of both the transfer operation and the recycling operation.

Recommended Capital Outlay Request - \$250,000

I would request action to approve all Capital Outlay requests for Raton by the City Commission at the December 12, 2017 meeting in order to allow the time to complete documentation, submittals, and coordinate the requests with legislators and Legislative Council Service. The Commission can request any project that is listed on the ICIP and meets the attached criteria. My recommendations are offered based on current priority needs, projects impact on community development and compliance, and state established criteria.

Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan FY 2019-2023

Raton Project Summary

ID	Year	Rank	Project Title	Category	Funded to date	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total Project Cost	Amount Not Yet Funded	Phases?
14788	2019	001	Street Improvements / Reconstruction	Hiways/Roads/Streets/Bridges	350,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	150,000	2,500,000	2,150,000	Yes
15247	2019	002	RWW-Lake Maloya Dam Safety Improvements	Water Supply	300,000	1,000,000	24,000,000	25,000,000	0	0	50,300,000	50,000,000	Yes
12072	2019	003	City Public Works-Equipment Purchases	Other	0	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	Yes
15480	2019	004	Drainage and Storm Drain System Improvements	Storm/Surface Water Control	200,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	200,000	1,400,000	1,200,000	Yes
18055	2019	005	RPD- Patrol Car Replacement	Public Safety Vehicles	0	100,000	100,000	100,000	0	0	300,000	300,000	Yes
18053	2019	006	Raton MainStreet Great Blocks	Economic Development	60,000	1,200,000	0	0	0	0	1,260,000	1,200,000	Yes
9814	2019	007	Transfer Station/City-Recycle Center	Solid Waste	775,000	500,000	0	0	0	0	1,275,000	500,000	Yes
30032	2019	008	Raton Senior Center Renovations	Senior Facilities	0	200,000	200,000	200,000	0	0	600,000	600,000	Yes
24243	2019	009	RWW-Filter Plant Remodel	Water Supply	50,000	2,500,000	0	0	0	0	2,550,000	2,500,000	Yes
24291	2019	010	New Medical Response Unit	Fire	0	125,000	125,000	0	0	0	250,000	250,000	Yes
28340	2019	011	Rail Line Repairs	Economic Development	0	4,000,000	0	0	0	0	4,000,000	4,000,000	No
29996	2019	012	Storm Drainage Channel Restoration	Storm/Surface Water Control	0	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	250,000	250,000	Yes
15300	2019	013	RWW-Highway 555 Lift Station/Force Main	Wastewater	0	300,000	150,000	0	0	0	450,000	450,000	No
29983	2019	014	Urban Renewal - Elimination of SLum and Blight	Economic Development	0	500,000	0	0	0	0	500,000	500,000	Yes

Criteria for Legislature to Evaluate Local Projects

The following criteria may be used as a guide in ranking a project's importance. Legislators can use the criteria as a tool in making funding decisions. The first set of criteria is related to the need of the project, and the second set is related to how well-planned the project is and its current status.

Need-Based Criteria

1. Project is on governmental entity's Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan (ICIP).
2. Project is necessary to eliminate potential or actual health or safety hazards or other liability issues.
3. Project is required by federal, state or judicial mandate.
4. Project will prevent deterioration of asset or will correct infrastructure problems of asset.
5. Project is necessary to address population or client growth, and will provide direct services to that population or clientele.

Planning Criteria

1. Project has been thoroughly planned and is ready to begin.
2. Project has received prior funding and can be completed with this appropriation.
3. Matching funds or a local share has been secured for project.
4. Operational costs of project upon completion have been identified and planned for.
5. Project has had public input and buy-in.
6. Project has been designed to be energy efficient in its operation.
7. Construction of project can be successfully phased, so that each phase will be operational.