

**CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
STAFF REPORT**

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SUBJECT: Status Report on City's Proposed Ballot Measure to fund capital projects and operations

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RECOMMENDATION

Information only.

BACKGROUND

On August 8, 2005, the City Council approved a tax measure for the November ballot, contingent upon the School District's timing for its ballot measure. Since the School District's parcel tax was scheduled for the November 2005 election, Council delayed the City's tax measure until June. Waiting until the June election now enables the City to gather further information about specific projects, refine budgets and engage in a more extended public information process.

DISCUSSION

The following project and budget data will be developed over the next several months, and should be completed by late January:

- 1) A more accurate cost estimate for renovations to the Veteran's Memorial building, and completion of the "program use" component so that the types of programs possible in the space will be more clearly understood
- 2) A more accurate cost estimate for the Curtis-Neilson Storm drain, and a set of alternative options
- 3) A clearer understanding of the potential costs for Pierce Street Park and the timing of park acquisition and development.
- 4) A more specific plan for street paving, including both major road rehabilitation (capital costs) and street repairs (maintenance costs), and an associated cost estimate.
- 5) An updated cost for operations and programs costs at the Veteran's center
- 6) An updated cost estimate for annual maintenance costs for City parks, landscaping and other facilities, inclusive of costs for proposed new facilities
- 7) Any cost updates that the Library may wish to provide.

Based on a June election date, the public information process could be held in the winter of 2005/2006. Ballot language is due to the County Elections Office on March 17, 2006.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None