MAYOR LICASTRO: I'll call the meeting to order and ask Ms. Cooks to call the roll, please.

MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?

MS. BURKE-JONES: Here.

MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?

MS. HOEFLING: Here.

MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?

MS. HUFFMAN: Here.

MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?

MR. MCDONALD: Here.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?

MR. TAYLOR: Here.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. And I'll ask for approval of the minutes from last month as offered.

MS. HUFFMAN: So move.

MR. MCDONALD: Second.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Discussion? All in favor of the motion?

Ayes: 5.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Anyone opposed? Thank you.

We have a real treat tonight. We have Kelly Coffman from the Cleveland Harbor Eastern Embayment Resilience Study. It's hard to create acronyms. It's hard to do that. I'm sorry, I forget your name.

MR. McDERMOTT: Sean McDermott.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Sean McDermott. This group has been working diligently for months and months to enhance lakefront access for residents of Cleveland and surrounding communities. This particular concept is just west of Bratenahl in the area just west of Gordon Park. And I've had the opportunity to be on this, involved in this process and seen it, so I thought it would be nice to share with residents.

So the floor is yours, please.

MS. COFFMAN: Great. Thank you so much, Mayor and Council, for the opportunity to share this. Sean and I are with Cleveland Metroparks. And we're just excited to share this study with you and the community. And I love that you explained the acronym. It's a lot easier to say CHEERS than the Cleveland Harbor Eastern Embayment Resilience Study, but that's what we're talking about today.

This graphic shows the study area, which as you mentioned begins just west of Bratenahl at the Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve and extends along the shore approximately over to Burke Lakefront Airport. We'll be using this vantage point, so it's a little different working from out over the lake.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Those in the back row, if you want to move up so you can see, go ahead.

MS. COFFMAN: So the study is a partnership between Cleveland Metroparks, the City of Cleveland, the Ohio Department of National Resources, the Ohio Department of Transportation, the Port of Cleveland and Black Environmental Leaders Association, which is a state-wide nonprofit. So I think that's another kind of underlying strength of this work that you'll see tonight, is it's not just one organization putting forth a vision of the lakefront.

I think anyone who's lived in Bratenahl for a few years knows that the lakefront has changed over time. Particularly, this stretch of the lakefront. We've been building kind of out into Lake Erie for a number of years. This is the current configuration of the lakefront, but...
it really used to look like that darkest green color on that image. So over the years we built out for various efforts. And what we're left with is really kind of an engineered hardened edge. So it's kind of grass, steel bulkhead, water. And what the study is really trying to do is make that kind of a much more dynamic and enriched etched in stone.

So that lakefront, as I mentioned, the grass and steel bulkhead doesn't really provide a lot of habitat opportunities. We know that I-90 is critical infrastructure that is repeatedly impacted by waves coming off the lake. Has anyone ever witnessed that one? And you know, we're fortunate to have some trails along the lakefront, but that experience is less than ideal. The times you have waves crashing on one side and interstate traffic directly adjacent.

And then just the condition of that lakefront with all the energy coming off the lake and the hardened edge.

So the other opportunity we really see in that study area is the lake is such an underutilized asset that we think if we make improvements, they're going to deliver benefits to the community. That's what really kind of an engineered hardened edge. So it's kind of grass, steel bulkhead, water. And what the study is really trying to do is make that kind of a much more dynamic and enriched etched in stone.

The Department of National Resources is completely on board with expanding habitat. ODOT obviously has Interstate 90 and want to protect the infrastructure. Cleveland Metro Parks expand the parks. Black American Leaders increasing access and equity. The Port of Cleveland, you know, part of their role with overseeing the maintenance of the federal ship channel, that results in dredge every year. And that dredge material needs to have a place where it can be placed. And so this plan actually will accommodate beneficial use of dredge material.

Really the correspond of the plan has been the community. We've done extensive community engagement and really wanting to hear not just what our ideas are for the lakefront, but what the community would like to see. So that work is going to really focus in, again, the

And over the length of the project, we had kind of, you know, four grounds of engagement. And that included community surveys. We posted videos on our website. We really look to use tools that were kind of accessible at home and online and then we did some in-person engagement. And that was probably some of the most rewarding. We advertise tours, we register folks, and have people wear masks and socially distance because during COVID, but just had some one-on-one conversations and hear ideas.

Again, focusing those ideas in kind of these three buckets of environment, economy, and community. This is just a little bit about the overall process where we really cast a wide net of a lot of different ideas and had the community vote and help us prioritize. And then we took those priority features and really fitted them to the site and worked through a couple of different layouts to result in the current design.

So, again, this is the current condition. This is what CHEERS proposes, which is roughly about a 75-acre expansion of park space north of I-90 into the lake. And by configuring it in this manner, we're able to create a protected cove where it will be quiet. There won't be huge waves crashing across the interstate or prohibiting people from interacting with the lake. And it really benefits in multiple areas.

So I'll show a few more images. Showing the access, the north/south access from communities to the lake, but another real focus is that east/west access from the lakefront to downtown and really building on that. So this is one area we're calling the Gordon Hills where it will be built up and can accommodate year-round activities.

There's our habitat loop with taking advantage of that protected shoreline by the outer aisle, we can really create wetlands,
dynamic habitat, boardwalks, get people really
out over the lake and have some thriving aquatic
interest habitat, creating kind of a rocky shore
where you can walk along the edge of the water
and really engage more with the lake; can
accommodate paddle sports. Really just some
breathing space out along the water.

We see just crazy demand at our other
lakefront parks. We do see a lot of demand at
these existing parks and we just know that people
love to get out close to the water. The views
back toward downtown are cool and dynamic as
well. Fishing is a use that we see a lot of.

Any time you go out to the lakefront parks, there
are usually folks out there fishing, so we wanted
to listen to that demand and continue to
accommodate.

We're starting to look into how we build
it. This is a cross-section that shows where
some of that expanded habitat would be and just
highlight some of the natural resource benefits.

And we're just digging into the next
phase. Between all the partners, including the
Port, we were able to obtain nearly $4 million in
to the next stage of design.

So we'll be looking at more technical
requirements. And really getting this project
shovel ready so that piece by piece it can be
implemented. And it's going to be probably a 15
to 20-year endeavor. And we're just excited to
be this far in the process. And that was really
our intent from the beginning, that it's not just
a pretty picture, it's something that can be
built and can really serve the community.

In the meantime, we've been making other
improvements. Last summer we had a ribbon
cutting for a new comfort station along the
Cleveland lakefront bikeway along East 72nd.
It's a very high quality restroom with an
overhang and a tramp head. We are developing
contests for our community sailing center that
would occur somewhere in this project center.

This tremendous interest art, the media
was -- it was really exciting to see when the
plan was complete last June just the response
from the community and just the carried interest
and articles. And we had some ongoing engagement
where we had community popup events in the parks
this summer. And, again, we're still listening.

We're going to continue that engagement through

this next phase of design and really just look
forward to seeing these improvements take place.

So that's really all I had. And Sean
and I are here to answer any questions or to
listen to any comments.

MAYOR LICASTRO: So the reason I reached
to Kelly and asked her to give us a
presentation is threefold. I wanted Bratenahl to
be informed, I wanted them to be engaged, and I
want them to be supportive. One thing that's
lacking to all of us who live in Cleveland, is
lakefront access. You've been to Chicago, they
embrace the lakefront. It doesn't really happen
here in Cleveland. This is a bold concept. It
will take a few years to implement, but I think
it's a great opportunity to get people down to
the water and enjoy the water in a manner in
which they can now not do.

I've seen way more of this than any of
you. Any questions from Council members first?

MS. COFFMAN: What's a comfort --

MS. COFFMAN: Comfort station? That's a
fancy name for a restroom. It serves as a trail
and has some signage and benches, so it's a
little more than an restroom.

MAYOR LICASTRO: It's easier to market
it than as a comfort station. What about funding
for this, Kelly, how is it being funded?

MS. COFFMAN: So far it's commitments
from the six partners. We're able to leverage
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant. So
the combination of those two funding sources was
nearly two million. And then the Port of
Cleveland was able to obtain maritime assistance
funds to match that, so that's how we got to
nearly four million.

We're really just keeping our eyes open
for any potential infrastructure funding, habitat
funding. We're really, you know, hoping to bring
in outside funding to help a lot of this happen.

MAYOR LICASTRO: So if the concept
happens as pictured, what's the approximate cost?

MS. COFFMAN: We don't have a really
detailed cost estimate, but it is in the range of
$300 million, which is equivalent to other major
regional projects.

Sean, you're better at the numbers off
the top of your head than I am.

MR. McDERMOTT: So if you look at the
cost that's been invested in the interbelt
13 projects, they dwarf what we're proposing here at CHEERS by several hundreds of millions of dollars. Most recently the opportunity corridor, nearly the same in terms of cost. When you look at the west Shoreway, between West 73rd and the connection that was made and then downgrading of the west Shoreway, that's about 90 million.

So we really feel that this project has regional significance and bears -- not only does it deserve the funding, but what it does for neighborhoods and lakefront access is a huge regional asset.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Realistically we'd like to have it happen tomorrow, but $3 million investments take time. I applaud your team and the partners to think creatively and come up with a concept really that's not seen anywhere in the Cleveland area. I think it's really exciting.

Again, I'm glad I can define the acronym. I won't do it again. But I think it's really an opportunity to get people down to the lake and enjoy the lake that they really have not been able to do prior. Joyce.

MS. BURKE-JONES: It's very exciting.

Thank you so much for making the presentation.

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14 Thank you for having this presentation made for us, Mayor.

And we can access more information on your website to get into the details of all this?

MS. COFFMAN: Yes. Thank you, I was going to mention that.

Clevelandmetroparks.com/CHEERS. And it has the full study. There's a contact us form, but please feel free to reach out. It really does come to my e-mail box if you make a comment.

MS. BURKE-JONES: I'm sure there's a lot more involved than what you had a chance to tell us. I look forward looking at the website.

MAYOR LICASTRO: And they consider things like how does it change wave action? Everything -- it's very thorough study, but I think if that happens, when it happens, I think it will be a wonderful thing.

Any other questions from Council?

FEMALE VOICE: I'm trying to get a handle of where this is. Is this going to be connected down by where the dike is, dike 14?

MS. COFFMAN: With this illustration kind of that triangle in the foreground is the

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1 Wastewater Treatment had their little cove area.
2 My family has lived right next door to it and
3 know that come the nice summer days, it is
4 jam-packed with boats. That would be something
5 that I think would be a deterrent in that area.
6 MS. COFFMAN: We're really kind of going
7 to be looking into the details and trying to, you
8 know, as in everything with Cleveland Metroparks,
9 there's always a balance we try to look for. And
10 we may try it one way and if it doesn't work, go
11 back to the drawing board.
12 MAYOR LICASTRO: I'd recommend you
13 prohibit jet skis.
14 MR. KESSELEM: Seriously. They will
15 come. You know that they will come.
16 MAYOR LICASTRO: What Mr. Kesselem is
17 talking about is the old White City Beach, which
18 is really an outfall for Northeast Regional, but
19 it's a breakwall and boaters find it. Even
20 though they shouldn't be there after a rain
21 event, they find it. So if that's built, boaters
22 will be looking for it.
23 Is there another question? Yes, Keith.
24 MR. GALESTOCK: Mine is much on the same
25 vein. What kind of aquatic traveler are you

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18 allow through there? How deep do you anticipate
2 that cove will be, the depth of water?
3 MS. COFFMAN: The lake off East 72nd due
4 to that previous filling activity is already
5 about 20 feet deep. So that's one reason we're
6 not showing a swimming beach, is there a
7 significant drop.
8 MR. GALESTOCK: And the Coast Guard will
9 be anticipated to patrol that cove?
10 MS. COFFMAN: That's a great partner to
11 bring into our discussions. We do have a marine
12 patrol of Cleveland Metroparks, but definitely
13 the broader support would be good.
14 MAYOR LICASTRO: I'm sure ODNR will be
15 in the meeting as well.
16 MS. COFFMAN: Yes.
17 MAYOR LICASTRO: The disposal area you
18 see is the land. That's what will be defined
19 disposal.
20 MR. GALESTOCK: I have another question.
21 Are you adding docks in this proposal? Are there
22 any docks being added?
23 MS. COFFMAN: This proposal does not add
24 docks, but it doesn't take any docks space away.
25 MR. GALESTOCK: Does it allocate space

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17 for future docks?
18 MR. McDERMOTT: East 55th Marina just to
19 the west of here, we do have the ability to add
20 an additional slip. And we have anticipated that
21 for sometime. At the eastern end of the basin of
22 East 55th Marina, we have space to add one more
23 dock, so if you wanted to in the future.
24 MR. GALESTOCK: Are you anticipating any
25 additional parking needs?
20 MR. McDERMOTT: Yeah, we will go through
21 an entire parking analysis as part of CHEERS.
22 Keep in mind we're years away from building the
23 surfaces. We'll plan for parking like we did at
24 Edgewater and East 72nd.
25 MR. GALESTOCK: I live at the far west
26 end. And it's interesting in the summertime the
27 noise level as the western winds bring that
28 across Bratenahl, you know when it's a Saturday
29 night. So I'm hoping you'll be cognizant of
30 making sure that there's plenty of law and order
31 in your proposal.
32 MR. McDERMOTT: That will be the
33 expectation.
34 MS. COFFMAN: The plan does propose
35 continuation of Lake Shore Boulevard across the
36 north side of Interstate 90. So if you're
37 visiting one area of the park, you no longer have
38 to get on the highway to get to the next area of
39 the park. So I think it's going to feel like a
40 much more -- even though 75 acres is significant,
41 it's going to feel even larger because it will be
42 connected.
43 MAYOR LICASTRO: We're at the table with
44 this, so we will be engaged.
45 MS. COFFMAN: Yes, very much.
46 MAYOR LICASTRO: We'll make sure that
47 Bratenahl's interests are well represented.
48 MR. KESSELEM: Is this in conjunction
49 with demolition of the CEI plant?
50 MS. COFFMAN: That was a separate effort
51 that was undertaken and it's really under the
52 City of Cleveland's bailiwick. They have a
53 couple of concepts for potential reuse of that
54 site, but that's involved with the First Energy
55 situation.
56 MAYOR LICASTRO: Okay.
57 MS. COFFMAN: Thank you again.
58 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. It's
59 exciting stuff.
of the team here from DS Architects. Jeff, Eric,
good to see you again. We had our first
visioning meeting yesterday. And Jeff will be
here on an ongoing basis month to month and keep
Council and public informed of what is happening.
Yesterday's meeting was pretty much for staff
with citizens as well and others.

Go ahead, Jeff give us a quick recap.

MR. MEYERS: Just a little bit of an
update. Kind of something I'll remind everybody
at the beginning of every update is the
feasibility study is looking at the four pillars
of the architectural project as a whole. That's
the budget, schedule, program, what will be in
the facility and the quality of materials and
design.

So we're trying to balance those four
pillars, make sure this project is feasible so
when we're ready to go forward, we know it will
got done. It's a reoccurring theme that was
talked about yesterday at the initial meeting was
this needs to move forward. We don't want it to
be another study that we put on the shelf and
don't move forward with.

At the end of that it's our job as the
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1 design lead to give a professional recommendation
on what is the ideal situation for the future of
the Bratenahl municipal building, be the admin,
the Community Center, police station, where those
are going to be located. We're looking at three
sites, which is what our proposal was for.
This site, the city administration
police site and then what we're calling Bratenahl
Center, which is where the old high school is
located. Those are the three sites we're
studying. There's no predetermined. We haven't
even started talking about which site are going
to work for which example. So that's a wide open
discussion.

There was a lot of debate yesterday
about which location for what reasons. They all
have merit. So it's our job to study those and
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10 develop a way to analyze the different options
and make that recommendation.

MAYOR LICASTRO: By the way, we're also
looking at what it would cost to restore the
existing structure. Right now everything is on
the table. Go ahead, Jeff.

MR. MEYERS: Everything is on the table.

When I say this site, I mean this building and

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1 site or the site without the building. We're
looking at every option. So what we've done
since I met with you last is we went through all
the existing reports and studies.

We harbored, gained all the information
that we could from those as a very initial
starting point to a conversation. It's great
that those are done. We want to make sure we
don't lose that information, but it's important
we use that information to propel the team
forward.

The initial visioning session, which was
yesterday, was a lot of fun. It was three hours.
It was very engaging. We take a very simple
approach to visioning. We sit down with the
group. I believe there were nine from Bratenahl
there, be it community members, the Police
Department, administration. And we basically
just ask describe the project in your own
thoughts. And it was a very dynamic, open
discussion with lots of points of view, which is
what we want. So that gave us a big picture.
And then I challenge everybody, which
somewhat difficult, it sounds simple, but come up
with one word that you know when this project is

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The other topics we talked about the
history of Bratenahl. We talked about the
difference between needs, what these different
parts of the community need versus what they
want. We're going to take them both into
account. They're going to help us come up with a
range for construction cost. What it does to the
and then we'll be able to do an analysis of which
are the ones we can actually have and which ones
we don't. We know what we need to have.

We talked about the schedule. Right now
we're shooting to be done with our study come
July, early July. So that's the progress we're
going there. That will allow us, if you choose,
to put it on the November ballot. If that's what
you choose, it will give us enough time to do
that.

The next steps is we're going to start
in more in-depth programming study with all the
different city stakeholders. And actually Friday
we're meeting with the police, Community Center
and Sue and we're meeting with the Building
Department, also. So we're going to sit down,
spend an hour with each, really dig into what
spaces do they currently have and we're going to
challenge them to think about what spaces they
might want. And we'll do that with a bunch of
existing analysis and information and knowledge
that we have.

We'll be challenging the Police
Department in particular have you thought about
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what this means. One of the big things when you
think about the Police Department is it does not
currently meet state code. It is grandfathered in,
but the way they have to operate does not
meet state code. So it's not safe for the
officers. We talked about it yesterday, but
sometimes there's been wrestling with detainees
in a four-by-four space. You have a public
dispatch person six feet away from the detaining
center. That's one of the things, many of the
things we'll decide in these programming
sessions.

Next Thursday we're meeting with the
administration. We're going to discuss the
Mayor's court and the fiscal. I think that's all
the different departments that we'll be meeting
with.

Our next meeting with that group as a
whole once we get all the programming done and
the next week we're going to take a week and a
half, two weeks to digest that, compile it, then
we're going to meet with that group again,
depending how that goes, however it goes, I'll be
giving an update next month at the Council
meeting on the progress that we're making.

That's my update.

MAYOR LICASTRO: So let me add a couple
of things. Certainly we have to find out what
the needs of the departments are. That's the
focus now. Council will be engaged on a monthly
basis. They'll get more engaged as we get closer
to completion. And yes, the public will be
involved, because eventually if we renovate, if
we build new, we have to go to the ballot box.

We're talking about millions of dollars we don't
have in the bank.

So we'll take every opportunity, town
hall meetings, red light, green light where they
put various options on the board. Some are
preferred, some are not, but the public will be
engaged in this thoroughly because it basically
comes down to your decision.

But without data, we can't ask you to
make an educated decision unless we have more
information. We're gathering information now.

I've been to many of these vision sessions and
sometimes after an hour you're like can we please
go home. This was very different. It was
engaging, it was exciting. Everybody spoke,
eye & looking at it from multiple different
locations than the other. There's no preconceived
total of where this is going to end up. I think
that's important. We're coming in with fresh
ways.

Any questions from Council? Yes, Joyce.

MS. BURKE-JONES: So again, you're
talking about all our departments are involved.

MR. MEYERS: Yes, all the departments.

And it's not a foregone conclusion new,
renovation. It's not a foregone conclusion
they'll all be together. One department, one --
we'll break it up into admin, police, Community
Center. One of them might be in a separate
location than the other. There's no preconceived
notion of where this is going to end up. I think
that's important. We're coming in with fresh
eyes and looking at it from multiple different
ways.
MAYOR LICASTRO: I did caution the group on want versus need. University Heights did a study on a new police station and fire station. Everybody talked about what they wanted and they came up with a $50 million price tag. And now they're going back to square one to be more reasonable for costs.

We understand what comes out of our pockets is limited, so we have to make sure it is affordable. That was my first word offered and said he shot me down and said no, Mayor, you can't say that word.

MR. MEYERS: Critical success factor.

MAYOR LICASTRO: I did mention enhancement. It would enhance the function of our employees and departments, the function of the Police Department. It would enhance the Bratenahl community with the enhanced aesthetics.

I think that's the word you allowed me to use is enhancement.

MR. MEYERS: I think it's important to add on to that. We don't self-negotiate as a team right now. We throw everything out on the table because if you don't throw it out now, it will never get discussed. We throw it out there and we have to.

Going to be making decisions, because we need to on what we do with these facilities, hopefully by the end of this year. So like it or not, we're going to be making decisions, because we need to and we have to.

Anyone else from Council? Mr. Matty.

MR. MATTY: So that Council knows, Jeff and I have talked and you passed an ordinance for $31,300. The agreements that have come to me are going to be at $31,300. However, if Jeff and his team needs money because they are looking at something that was not within the original scope, Jeff or somebody from the team will be coming to you asking that before it's spent. So you have a $31,300 amount on this now, but as it develops, if it goes higher, Jeff will ask you in advance before they take action.

MR. MEYERS: The simplest example would be we'd like you to study a fourth site. We're happy to do. There will be a cost to do that.

We'll present that cost to you before we even start.

MR. MATTY: Correct. That's how it's structured financially. Thank you, Mayor.


MS. HUFFMAN: So I understand if I listen, everybody will get a chance to participate in some form or fashion. I want to make sure that the community has ample time.

Like we all had three hours on the first meeting. I would hope that, you know, the community has that same type of time over the course of a couple of meetings or engagements or town halls so that they can express their feelings about what's been proposed to that point.

My other point is even though I'm part of Council, I'm still a resident, too. So I would like to be informed or know about when some of these things are happening where you can come and sit in on, you know, you all's sessions if you have some time to just be afforded that opportunity to see what's going on and hear about it, as well.

MAYOR LICASTRO: It will be more than sitting there. You will be an active participant. We want feedback from residents. Does this make sense? Does that make sense?

What do you prefer? You've seen they put it on the board, everyone gets a red dot and a green dot. Don't like these, love these. Again, we need to engage the residents, because this is a building where we'll all participate and employees, residents as well. Trust me, if we don't involve the residents, it's never going to resonate and pass. So trust me, we're going to involve everybody as much as you want to be involved.
1 involved.
2 Initially this has to be done. We're starting off with baby steps, but down the road if you look at the timeline, town hall meetings, engagement meetings, vision meetings are all part of the process.
3 Anyone else on Council? Anyone else from the audience? Patty.
4 PATTY: I would like to be involved. I don't know if you're going to communicate, unless you already have and I dropped the ball, to be involved to be in on some of these meetings and give my opinions. How is that going to be communicated to the resident?
5 MAYOR LICASTRO: So we put together what's called the initial committee, the steering committee. It's already 13 people. We can't get much bigger than that because it becomes unwieldily. Down the road we'll be looking for other residents to participate as well in this initial discussion and otherwise. So thank you for volunteering. Be careful when you volunteer, because we will take advantage of that.
6 PATTY: I know.
7 MR. MEYERS: The reason it hasn't been communicated yet is it's really hard to pick a date when we're starting this. It's a fluid process. We want to get the process to a point where there's a lot of movement still, but we can actually suggest this is where we're going so far so we can get a reaction and comments. So that's why a date hasn't been set yet. We're likely to set that date coming up in the next couple weeks for the initial meeting, which as an architectural firm, if the Mayor came to me, we had a nice conversation before we were hired, came to me and said I don't want the community involved, I would say we're not the architect for you.
8 We only have successful projects with community. I'm going to knock because there's wood here, I've never been here where the levy did not get passed. Sometimes it's been two times, but I've never been on it. And that's because the Mayor says the community has to be engaged from the beginning. They have to become champions of it. And in order to do that, the project has to speak to the community from the community.
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10 MR. GALESTOCK: Are you the company that is the firm that is also looking at the previously compiled numbers for renovation? Will those be updated as part of this?
11 MR. MEYERS: Yeah, those will be updated. We will also at a very high level talk about what happens if one of the sites is not selected and it could be a potential private development. And we'll develop some ranges in what that impact might be. We'll also be looking at, you know, sometimes we do a stand-alone police station as an for example, and it's an existing 5,000 square feet and we're going to do a brand-new high energy efficient building, but it's 10,000 square feet. Well, it might actually take more to operate that facility than the old facility, so we'll be talking about what the operational costs are of the building.
12 MR. GALESTOCK: You'll talk about the need, any building is an asset and an expense.
13 MR. MEYERS: Yes, exactly.
14 MAYOR LICASTRO: Not only construction cost, but soft costs will be included as well.
15 Cost this much to build, cost this much to buy tables, chairs, desks, whatever. I'm confident
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17 once we're done with this, we will have all the data compiled and we'll be able to share it with you. And we hope to have every question answered before it's asked. We're going to be that thorough and they certainly won't leave anything unturned.
18 Keith, did you have another question?
19 MR. GALESTOCK: I have two. One, can I ask you personally a commitment to make sure that no matter what happens, whatever decision is made, that there will always be sufficient free space of Bratenahl at the historical society?
20 MAYOR LICASTRO: Absolutely. And by the way, Keith has stepped into the breach. As you all know, the Beckenbachs are leaving Bratenahl.
21 And Keith has stepped forward and offered to over as the president of that organization. Thank you for doing that, Keith.
22 MR. GALESTOCK: Thank you. I'm interim until our annual meeting. The president of the historical society would love to be one of the stakeholders whenever it's advisable in the discussion.
23 MAYOR LICASTRO: Trust me, everyone will be engaged.
MR. GALESTOCK: My last question is what kinds of thoughts have you had about if this was to go on a levy proposal, what millage are you comfortable putting before the Village? What's your maximum millage you think would float the votes?

MAYOR LICASTRO: So one thing we don't get caught up initially is budget, but to think that this community could pay for a $50 million building is not going to happen. It's just not going to happen. I come up with some of my ideas. I'm not going to share them with the group right now. I don't want to go on record with that, but less is more when it comes to a tax initiative.

We're looking at a bond issue, probably for 30 years, but what the millage is, I really can't share my thoughts on that, although I have some. It's got to be something that people can afford. And it gives us what we need to be a viable administration, Police Department. I mean, we have to be more competitive to attract and retain police officers. And police officers, the Police Department can't function without administration. We need to have a recreation facility for people who don't belong to Shoreby or Bratenahl Place.

MAYOR LICASTRO: I mentioned University Heights made that mistake. We'll be creative. I mean, if you want to name the new facility the Keith Galestock facility for a million dollars, we'll be creative with that. I have a number in mind. I'm not going to share it with the group, because I don't want to be locked into that number until we actually see what we need as opposed to what we want.

MR. MEYERS: There's two ways to go about it. Our way is to define needs and wants, develop the budget of what that would cost and then have a discussion are we going to get that? Do we need to cut more or can we add more? That's why we prefer not to start with a budget in mind.

MAYOR LICASTRO: If you want a perspective that's already on the books, the service garage cost $2 million to build. Now, probably more than that, but as far as the millage, again, if we as a Council, we as a body, we have to attest to the ballot. And nobody sitting up here will attest something to the ballot that don't think will pass.

Yes, Ms. Meade.

MS. MEADE: That was it. Thank you.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Pat, if the residents are involved, they would obviously be public meetings.

MS. MEADE: Just want it on the record.

And then who are the members of the steering committee?

MAYOR LICASTRO: It's basically staff, department heads with Roy Call and Russell O'Rourke who have done their own initial assessments of the buildings and presented to the Council.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Soft costs will be part of the estimate.

MS. MEADE: That was it. Thank you.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Any other questions?

I'm telling you, this is exciting. It's exciting to talk about. These are generational decisions for Bratenahl. Maybe it doesn't -- it's not something that really affects me. There's been three generations of Licastros in the Village.

I'm not sure how many more there will be. This is something that will help us five years, 10 years, 50 years, even 100 years. We made due with the buildings we have now since 1906 and 1916. So these are major decisions for multiple generations. Thank you, Jeff.

Roy, want to add anything?
MR. CALL: I would just say I thought the meeting yesterday was an excellent meeting. And in my 40 years in hospital management, my last nine years at Judson, I went through a lot of visioning sessions and planning and so forth. As the Mayor said, some aren't terribly productive, but I thought the one yesterday was very good. So I'm encouraged.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you, Roy. I'm glad to hear that.

Any other questions? All right. Then I'll ask for adjournment of Committee of the Whole, please.

MR. McDONALD: So move adjournment.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Do you want to call the roll?

MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?

MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?

MS. HOEFLING: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?

MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?

MR. McDONALD: Aye.

(Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.)

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