

Capital Needs Committee Meeting  
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6:30 p.m.

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- Powell no longer collects sufficient revenue to maintain its existing built infrastructure (streets, bridges, storm sewers, traffic signals, street lights, sidewalks, bike paths, park facilities)
  - Funding has decreased – gasoline tax, local government fund, estate tax
  - Annual cost to maintain Powell's existing infrastructure is approximately \$2 million; for several years Powell has been able to only fund approximately \$500,000 per year
  - Capital maintenance has been deferred
- Powell's most expensive capital assets are its streets
  - The Subcommittee spent considerable time reviewing the City Engineer's 14-element assessment regarding the structural integrity of Powell's various streets.
  - City does a biannual inspection of every City street, including both surface and subsurface conditions.
  - Each section of roadway is assessed utilizing the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Pavement Condition Rating System.
  - A weighted average score is calculated based upon the 14-elements and a Pavement Condition Rating (PCR) is generated. The PCR values range from 0 – 100; with 0 being the worst and 100 the best.
- Capital asset maintenance
  - Proper maintenance of infrastructure isn't just about aesthetics.
  - Regular maintenance – saves money over the long-term because it delays complete reconstruction of the infrastructure
  - Improves safety
  - Positively impacts the market value of homes and business properties
- Three foreseeable scenarios regarding capital maintenance funding:
  - Status Quo: keep deferring maintenance and our roads will generally continue to deteriorate
  - Find a way to generate the \$2 million needed every year to eliminate the deferred maintenance backlog and maintain existing infrastructure at pre-funding decrease levels
  - General sufficient revenue to allow for more frequent road resurfacing
- In addition to the necessary infrastructure maintenance and reconstruction issues noted – Powell 'needs' – the subcommittee identified a number of capital improvements projects that would improve the quality of life for a Powell resident – the 'wants'. Those projects include:
  - New bike path connectors, including a way to safely cross the railroad tracks between Murphy Parkway and Library Park; a multi-use trail through downtown
  - Recreation Center at Seldom Seen Park
  - Improving downtown streets and parking