

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Freeport City Council

FROM: Dave Blommel, PE (Lic. MN)

DATE: August 25, 2023

RE: Council Update

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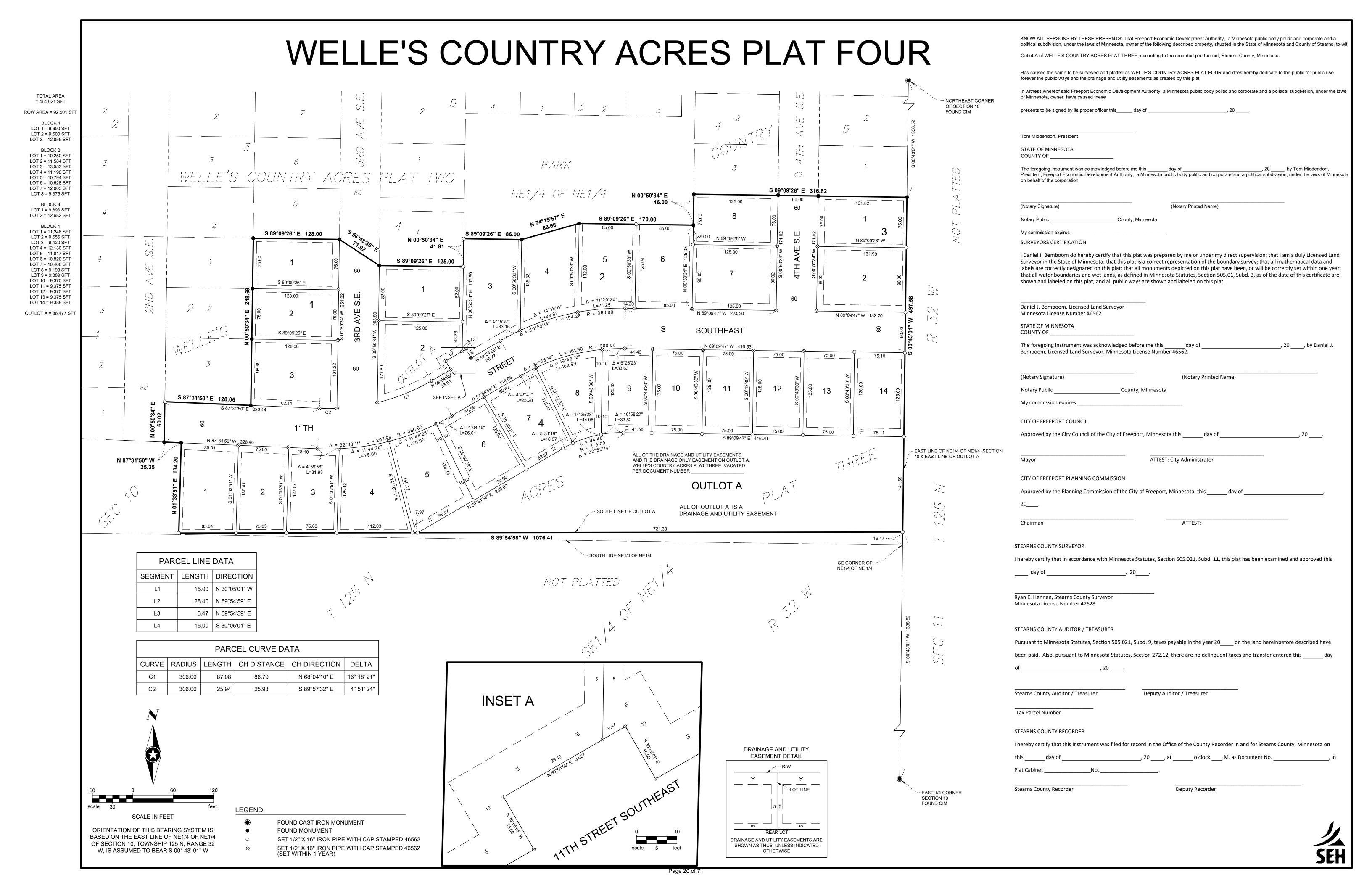
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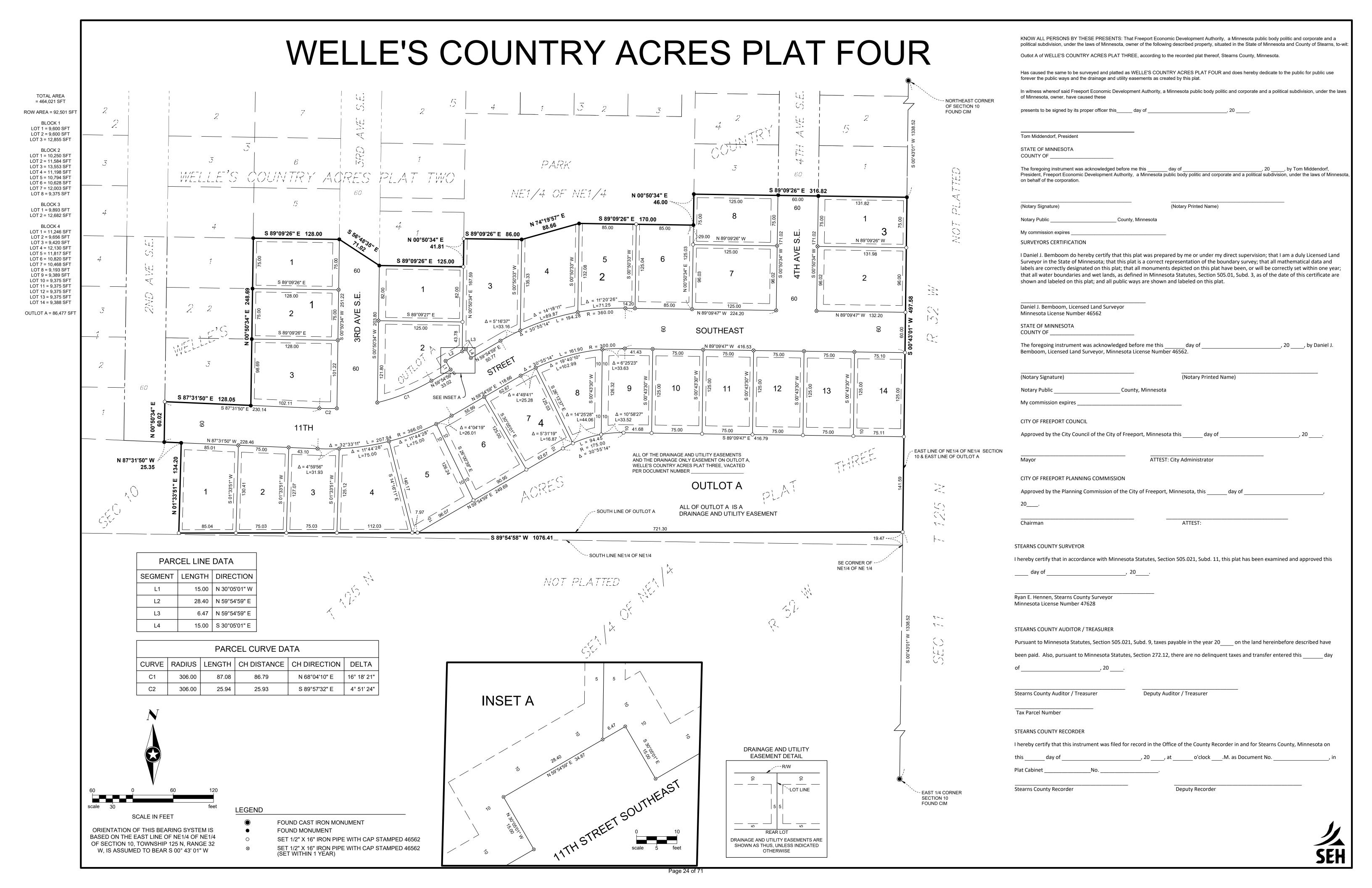
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408 Main Street East, Unit 5 PO Box 127 Melrose, Minnesota 56352 Telephone (320) 256-4205 Fax (320) 256-7201

August 23, 2023

Jon Nelson City of Freeport 125 Main Street East Freeport, MN 56331

BY ELECTRONIC MAIL

Re: Monthly Legal Report

Dear Mr. Nelson:

During the period from July 19, 2023 through August 23, 2023, we have given significant attention to the following projects on behalf of the City of Freeport:

• **Interim Ordinance** – Prepared proposed ordinance establishing a moratorium on cannabis businesses, together with a notice of hearing on the ordinance.

Respectfully submitted, Dymoke Law Office, P.A.

Scott C. Dymoka by Scott E. Dymoke

cc: M. Eveslage

## Memo

From: Jon Nelson, Clerk-Treasurer

To: Freeport City Council

Date: 08/24/2023

Re: LMCIT Insurance Visit – Hail Damage

LMCIT claims adjuster Chris Otto has wrapped up his visit to Freeport. He said that everything he inspected has damage and we will need to determine what we want to replace. If we claim more than \$175,000 in repairs, we will need to go through the sealed-bid process. We may end up being close to that number.

I am expecting to have a list of what he found to hand out before the meeting.

#### **BUDGET MEMO**

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

FROM: ABDO FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS, LLC

**SUBJECT:** PRELIMINARY 2024 BUDGET

**DATE:** AUGUST 29, 2023

#### Introduction

Upon your request, we have summarized some of the key items for consideration in this years' budget. This is the DO NOT EXCEED preliminary tax levy that needs to be certified to Stearns County by September 30th. The City will continue to work on the budget and tax levy until the final is adopted in December.

#### **Budget Format**

The 2024 Budget included the Council approved priorities for each department. These will continue to be reviewed and updated as needed in the 2024 budget.

Key items in this year's budget:

- The 2024 tax rate is proposed to increase 0.39% to 68.64%
- The total 2024 tax levy is proposed to increase \$47,162 or 8.22% from 2023
  - The general levy increased \$17,162 or 6.73%
    - Factors relating to this increase include an increase in the audit expense, a long term plan expense and a 3% COLA increase.
  - The debt levy shows no change.
    - The debt service on the 2021 Street Improvement (Fire/Mill) Bonds is not known at this time since the project has not been completed. At the recommendation of David Drown and Associates (the city's municipal advisor), \$175,000 has been included for debt service on the 2021 Street Improvement (Fire/Mill) Bonds and \$31,000 for professional services related to this project. This will be updated once we have finalized information from the city engineer.
  - The capital levy stayed the same overall, however, this document shows a decrease in the street light levy from \$60,000 to \$20,000 and the establishment of the sidewalk capital fund in the amount of \$40,000.
- Staffing
  - The preliminary budget shows a 3% increase for COLA.

## **Tax Levy Summary**

Overall, the property tax levy includes levies for general operations, EDA, capital equipment and improvements, and debt service. The 2023 actual and 2024 proposed property tax levies are listed below:

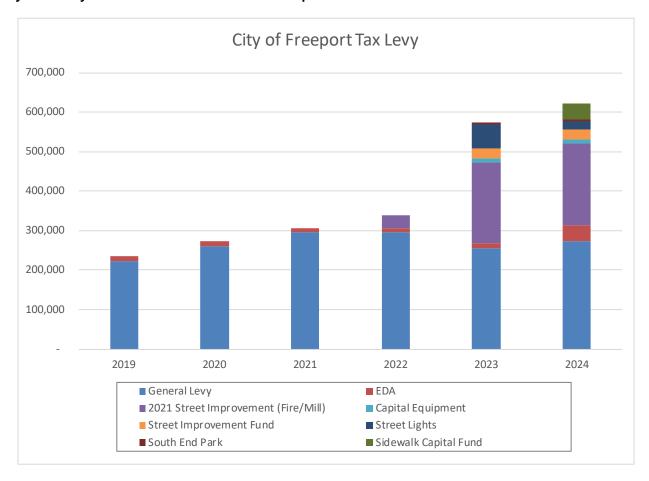
			Pro	posed 2024	([	Decrease)	Percent Change
	2	023 Levy		Levy	f	rom 2023	from 2023
General Levy	\$	254,968	\$	272,130	\$	17,162	6.73%
EDA Levy		12,000		42,000		30,000	250.00%
Capital Levy							
Capital Equipment		10,000		10,000		-	0%
Street Improvements		25,000		25,000		-	0%
Street Lights		60,000		20,000		(40,000)	-66.67%
Sidewalk Capital Fund				40,000		40,000	100.00%
South End Park		6,000		6,000		-	0%
Debt Levy							0%
2021 Street Improvement (Fire/Mill)		206,000		206,000		-	0%
Total	\$	573,968	\$	621,130	\$	47,162	8.22%
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Tax Capacity	\$	841,009	\$	904,957	\$	63,948	7.60%
City Tax Rate*		68.25%	1	68.64%		0.39%	

The impact of the proposed 2024 City of Freeport tax levy and tax rate is shown below:

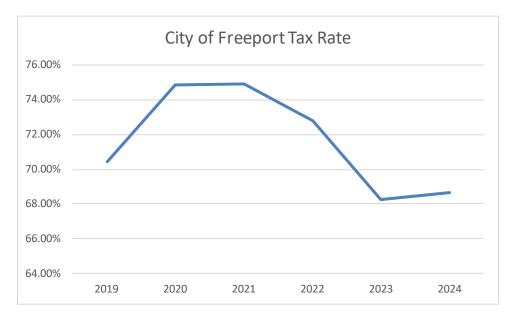
Property Type	Ma	rket Value	Taxable rket Value	 23 Taxes ayable	 4 Taxes ayable	(Decre	rease ease) in ty Taxes
Residential	\$	100,000	\$ 71,800	\$ 490	\$ 493	\$	3
Residential		200,000	180,800	1,234	1,241		7
Residential		300,000	289,800	1,978	1,989		11
Residential		400,000	398,800	2,722	2,737		16
Commercial		500,000	500,000	6,313	6,349		36

Note: no change in market value has been assumed

Tax Levy Summary 2019 to 2023 Actual and 2024 Proposed



Tax Rate 2019 to 2023 Actual and 2024 Proposed



## **General Fund Budget Summary**

	Ac	tual	Actual	YTD Budget		Budget		Mount	Percent	
	20	)21	2022	8	/23/2023	2023	2024	C	Change	Change
Revenues	,									
Property taxes	\$ 29	2,974	\$ 296,539	\$	134,123	\$ 254,968	\$ 272,130	\$	17,162	7%
Other taxes		6,082	6,543		-	3,000	5,000		2,000	67%
Licenses and permits	1	3,244	15,886		18,110	13,400	14,900		1,500	11%
Intergovernmental	12	26,063	128,589		64,645	130,503	130,595		92	0%
Charges for services		202	101		100	150	150		-	0%
Fines and forfeitures		373	650		747	1,000	1,000		-	0%
Interest earnings		3,337	3,535		1,911	4,000	4,000		-	0%
Miscellaneous	1	5,926	100,542		10,703	2,700	3,500		800	30%
Other financing sources	9	0,500	90,500		45,250	90,500	 90,500		-	0%
Total Revenues	\$ 54	8,701	\$ 642,885	\$	275,589	\$ 500,221	\$ 521,775	\$	21,554	4%
	Ac	tual	Actual		YTD	Budget	Budget	Þ	mount	Percent
	20	)21	2022	8	/23/2023	2023	2024	C	Change	Change
Expenditures										
General Government	\$ 3	1,228	\$ 132,735	\$	80,581	\$ 152,450	\$ 161,000	\$	8,550	6%
Legislative (Council/Board)		3,889	5,394		2,133	5,151	4,776		(375)	-7%
Executive (Mayor/Manager)		1,580	2,614		1,099	3,248	3,248		-	0%
Clerk	8	5,948	79,936		43,427	85,145	90,287		5,142	6%
Elections		1,730	4,650		-	4,400	4,400		-	0%
Auditor		4,875	14,589		18,746	15,400	20,000		4,600	30%
Assessor		4,816	4,770		4,847	4,900	4,900		-	0%
Planning and zoning		46	-		46	750	750		(200)	0%
Building Official Fire & Rescue		3,737 4,070	2,643 43,107		375 22,403	4,300 44,805	4,000 46,687		(300) 1,882	-7% 4%
Civil Defense	4	4,070	1,940		22,403	44,003	40,007		1,002	4% 0%
Public Works	8	2,785	93,714		103,840	92,012	94,467		2,455	3%
Highways, Streets & Roads		0,266	109,676		19,460	54,910	55,910		1,000	2%
Street Lighting		1,408	54,317		12,308	21,200	21,700		500	2%
Parks	1	7,591	134,141		4,609	11,550	9,650		(1,900)	-16%
Total Expenditures	\$ 45	3,969	\$ 684,226	\$	313,874	\$ 500,221	\$ 521,775	\$	21,554	4%
Excess Revenues (Expenditures)	\$ 9	4,732	\$ (41,341)	\$	(38,285)	\$ -	\$ -	\$		

## Summary Budgets for All Other Budgeted Funds

		Actual		Actual		YTD	Budget			Budget
		2021		2022	8/23/2023		2023			2024
AFSA Fund										
Revenues	\$	200 560	Φ	250 172	Φ	1 17 171	Φ	105 020	Φ	207 442
	Ф	,	Ф	250,173	Ф	147,471	Ф	195,030	Ф	207,442
Expenditures		265,979		129,974		51,711		129,064		139,980
Net Revenue Over			_		_				_	
(Under) Expenditures	\$	43,581	\$	120,199	\$	95,760	\$	65,966	\$	67,462
EDA										
Revenues	\$	12,265	\$	12,323	\$	33,374	\$	12,160	\$	42,200
Expenditures	Ψ	7,223	Ψ	5,727	Ψ	7,636	Ψ	12,000	Ψ	12,000
Net Revenue Over		7,220		0,72.		.,000		12,000		.2,000
(Under) Expenditures	Φ	5,042	\$	6,596	\$	25,738	\$	160	\$	30,200
, , ,	Ψ	3,042	Ψ	0,390	Ψ	25,730	Ψ	100	ψ	30,200
Water										
Revenues	\$	155,579	\$	595,969	\$	101,882	\$	142,200	\$	140,200
Expenditures		184,692		183,071		107,925		222,107		225,052
Net Revenue Over										_
(Under) Expenditures	\$	(29,113)	\$	412,898	\$	(6,043)	\$	(79,907)	\$	(84,852)
								<u> </u>		
Waste Water										
Revenues	\$	135,811	Φ	860,002	\$	83,062	\$	137,500	\$	142,700
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Expenditures		124,961		125,839		60,790		167,187		145,650
Net Revenue Over	•	400=0	•		•		•	(00.00=)	•	(0.070)
(Under) Expenditures	\$	10,850	\$	734,163	\$	22,272	\$	(29,687)	\$	(2,950)

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		Actu	als		Current Budget	% Rec.	Prelim. Budget	Budget Change	Final Budget	% Old Budget
Account	2020	2021	2022	2023		2023	24	24	24	24
101 General Fund										
31000 General Property Taxes										
31000 General Property Taxes	259,663	292,974	296,539	134,123	254,968	53%	272,130		_ 272,130	106%
Group:	259,663	292,974	296,539	134,123	254,968	53%	272,130		272,130	106%
31800 Other Taxes										
31810 Franchise Fees	7,052	6,082	6,543		3,000	0%	5,000		5,000	166%
Group:	7,052	6,082	6,543		3,000	0%	5,000	1	5,000	166%
32100 Liquor Licenses										
32100 Liquor Licenses	6,990	7,920	8,075	8,110	8,100	100%	8,100		8,100	100%
Group:	6,990	7,920	8,075	8,110	8,100	100%	8,100	1	0 8,100	100%
32200 Special Events										
32210 Building Permits	4,487	4,329	6,521	7,765	4,300	181%				127%
32225 Rental Permits	1,230	525	375	1,685						125%
32230 Zoning Permit	375	250	550	325		130%				
32231 Pet License	90	20	65	75	50	150%	50		_ 50	100%
Group:	6,182	5,124	7,511	9,850	5,200	189%	6,600		6,600	126%
32300 Gambling Licenses										
32300 Gambling Licenses	225	200	300	150	100	150%	200		_ 200	200%
Group:	225	200	300	150	100	150%	200		0 200	200%
33400 State Grants & Aid/PERA										
33400 State Grants & Aid/PERA	1,697				410	0%				100%
33401 LGA (Local Gov't Aid)	121,497	125,186	127,312	64,645	129,243	50%	129,335		_ 129,335	100%
33402 HACA (Homestead Credit)	880	877	1,277		850	0%	850		_ 850	100%
Group:	124,074	126,063	128,589	64,645	130,503	50%	130,595		130,595	100%
34000 Charges for Services										
34000 Charges for Services	820	202	101	100	150	67%	150		_ 150	100%
Group:	820	202	101	100	150	67%	150		0 150	100%
35100 Fines										
35100 Fines	1,113	373	650	747	1,000	75%	1,000		1,000	100%
Group:	1,113	373	650	747	1,000	75%	1,000	1	1,000	100%

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Account	2020	2021	2022			023	24	24	24	24
101 General Fund										
36200 Miscellaneous Revenues										
36200 Miscellaneous Revenues	8	70	6	203	0	***%			0	0%
36210 Interest Earnings	6,401	3,337	3,535	1,911					4,000	100%
36220 Rents and Royalties	1,500	1,500	1,535		1,500				1,500	
36230 Donations - Private	467	2,990	95 <b>,</b> 526	500		***%				
36240 Insurance Claims		6,074				0%			0	
36250 Insurance Dividends	1,910	5,292	3,475		1,200					166%
36280 Sale of Equipment				10,000	0	***8			0	0%
Group:	10,286	19,263	104,077	12,614	6,700	188%	7,500	0	7,500	111%
39100 Transfer From AFSA										
39100 Transfer From AFSA	3,500	3,500	3,500	1,750	3,500	50%	3,500		3,500	100%
Group:	3,500	3,500	3,500	1,750	3,500	50%	3,500	0	3,500	100%
39500 Transfer from EDA										
39500 Transfer from EDA	5,000	5,000	5,000	2,500	5,000	50%	5,000		5,000	100%
Group:	5,000	5,000	5,000	2,500	5,000	50%	5,000	0	5,000	100%
39700 Transfer from Water										
39700 Transfer from Water	41,000	41,000	41,000	20,500	41,000	50%	41,000		41,000	100%
Group:	41,000	41,000	41,000	20,500	41,000	50%	41,000	0	41,000	100%
39800 Transfer From WasteWater										
39800 Transfer From WasteWater	41,000	41,000	41,000	20,500	41,000	50%	41,000		41,000	100%
Group:	41,000	41,000	41,000	20,500	41,000	50%	41,000	0	41,000	100%
Fund:	506,905	548,701	642,885	275 <b>,</b> 589	500,221	55%	521,775	0	521,775	104%
225 AFSA Fund										
33100 Federal Grants and Aids										
33100 Federal Grants and Aids		121,381			0	0%			0	0%
Group:		121,381			0	0%	0	0	0	0%
33400 State Grants & Aid/PERA										
33400 State Grants & Aid/PERA	21,230	19,452	20,530		19,700	0%	26,000		26,000	131%
33420 State Fire Dept Aid		10,515			4,250				3,000	
Group:	22,580	29,967	23,480	11,325	23,950	47%	29,000	0	29,000	121%

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Account	-	2020	Actu 2021	als 2022	2023	Budget 2023	Rec. 2023	Budget 24	Change 24	Budget 24	Budget 24
225 AFSA Fund											
34200 Public Safety		06 244	01 102	02 260	04 775	04 77	1000	00 755		00 755	1049
34202 Fire Contract 34203 Fire Revenues		96,244 5,700	91,183 5,500	93,268 4,480	1,340	94,775 6,000					
34205 Rescue Revenues		16,064	11,998	28,088	8,350						
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(	Group:	118,008	108,681	125,836	104,465	117,775	89%	119,755	1	0 119,755	101%
36200 Miscellaneous Re	evenues										
36200 Miscellaneous Rev	renues			120	522						0%
36210 Interest Earnings		3 <b>,</b> 759		2,073	1,402			2,000		_	
36230 Donations - Priva	ate	29,511	2,800	55 <b>,</b> 557	7,354			10,000			
36240 Insurance Claims		20,675				(	0%			_ 0	0%
	Group:	53,945	5,461	57,750	9,278	8,500	109%	12,000		0 12,000	141%
39400 Transfer from Ge	eneral										
39400 Transfer from Ger		45,500	44,070	43,107	22,403	44,805	50%	46,687		_ 46,687	104%
	Group:	45,500	44,070	43,107	22,403	44,805	5 50%	46,687	1	0 46,687	104%
I	Fund:	240,033	309,560	250,173	147,471	195,030	) 76%	207,442	(	0 207,442	106%
300 EDA											
31000 General Property	7 Taxes										
31000 General Property		11,911	11,897	12,000	6,000	12,000	50%	42,000		42,000	350%
	Group:	11,911	11,897	12,000	6,000	12,000	50%	42,000		0 42,000	350%
36200 Miscellaneous Re	evenues										
36210 Interest Earnings	3	802	368	323	274	160	171%	200		_ 200	125%
36290 Sale Land/Propert	ΞY				27,100	(	) ***응			0	0%
	Group:	802	368	323	27,374	160	) ***%	200		0 200	125%
I	Fund:	12,713	12,265	12,323	33,374	12,160	274%	42,200	1	0 42,200	347%
601 Water											
31300 General Sales an	nd Use Tax										
31300 General Sales and	d Use Tax			959	563	(	) ***%			_ 0	0%
	Group:			959	563	(	) ***응	0		0 0	0%