

Finance Committee-Budget on 2021-11-03 10:00 AM - VIRTUAL FINAL BUDGET MEETING

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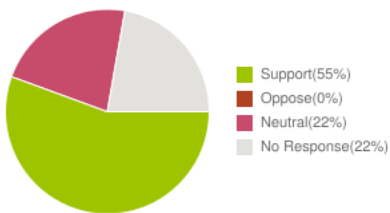
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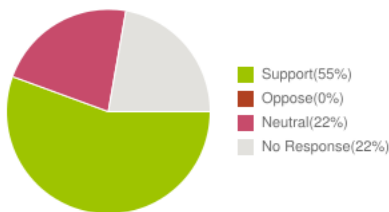
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11-03-21 10:00

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1 21-920 From the County Executive, submitting the 2022 Recommended Budget.	5	2	0	2
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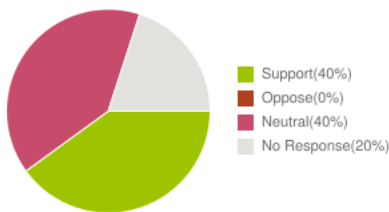
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Agenda Item: eComments for 1 21-920 From the County Executive, submitting the 2022 Recommended Budget.

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Daniel Benson
Location:
Submitted At: 12:38pm 11-03-21
Testing ecomment

Andy Kleist
Location:
Submitted At: 8:18am 11-03-21

As part of the County’s budget proposal, I support fully funding a comprehensive sound study for The Rock

Sports Complex as was required, promised, and contractually agreed to since 2016. There needs to be a scientific analysis of the noise from The Rock, which hosts 150 events each year and broadcasts noise for multiple hours a day. This public nuisance destroys the quality of life for taxpayers within 2 miles in every direction of this location. The facility should not be able to broadcast noise above 50 decibels across the property line as noted in Franklin ordinance 15-3.1107, which is the ordinance that County staff James Tarantino testified at the County Finance meeting on 9/20/17 would be a part of the mitigation plan for this development. That ordinance is not being followed.

The noise pollution from this facility has been going on for 9 years now, which is referenced in several County documents and agreements. The noise from this facility requires scientific study and analysis to create a mitigation plan. The County enabled this project by not following the testimony of the professional staff, not following contracts, and not mitigating the noise issue that the County was aware of for years before the stadium was even built. The noise has only increased with other entertainment activities being added and even more are planned. This is a public nuisance for the parks and residents around this facility. It is unreasonable what has been forced upon citizens for nearly a decade for hundreds of events for 4 to 6 hours each day. Even the City of Franklin Planning Director indicated in a 2020 report that 50 decibels are not being followed for this district, which is part of the 15-3.1107 zoning table for residential districts. The Comprehensive Sound Study needs to be completed. Enough is enough. The spirit and intention of abating the noise and mitigating the adverse impact on families must be completed.

Exhibit C, the light and noise addendum only protects the developer and this facility. It does nothing for the taxpaying residents surrounding this nuisance. Does establishing a 79-decibel level surrounded by residential areas protect me, my family, and neighbors? Does allowing the 79-decibel level to be exceeded for up to 30 minutes three times a year before it is considered a violation protect me, my family, and neighbors? Do three sound monitors, none of which were placed using scientific data, seem like enough protection on a 150-acre development? Why are only a select few sound ordinances from Franklin in Exhibit C and not ALL of them? County officials and staff testified at meetings that Exhibit C would be a "benefit to the neighbors". I don't see any benefits in Exhibit C for the residents in Greendale and Franklin. Was this the spirit and intent of Exhibit C?

Corporation Counsel testified at numerous meetings that more could be done to help the citizens if noise continued to be an issue. Corporation Counsel also testified that the County would have further recourse if noise complaints continued. Noise continues to be an issue and has never stopped being an issue. The County has always been fully aware of this and needs to address it now. We are tired of waiting for the County to do what should have been done years ago.

The County can solve this problem. Now more than ever they need to step up on behalf of the residents their decisions are affecting. The County helped create this public nuisance and needs to be a part of the solution and perform a comprehensive sound study.

Kim Johnson

Location:

Submitted At: 8:14am 11-03-21

I am unable to attend this virtual meeting, please read my comment during the meeting. The study for the noise at the Rock was approved 2 years ago by the County Board but has not been completed. The budget needs to include the full funding for this study. The previous approval by the Board is acknowledgement that there are noise issues at the Rock that need to be addressed and a sound study is required. A plethora of documents at the County report years of concerns by the public and County Supervisors about noise emanating from this development. The County's lack of understanding of the cost of a professional sound study certainly does not dismiss the issues that were created by the County in partnership with this development. Nor dismiss the previous County Board approval that this location requires a sound study. The impact on families and other visitors to the area that want to enjoy a quiet walk in Whitnall, Wehr, the Conservancy of Healing, or even play golf without the noise intrusion deserve a remedy. What is the economic impact on residential property values around this facility that broadcasts noise for hours? Where is the economic benefit promised? What is the public perception of the County to participate in this development that damages communities for years? What if your home was in the Village or Franklin to be exposed for countless hours of events? Concerns brought up by the public and even supervisors at meetings about the impact of noise needs to be addressed. The noise carries for miles around this facility into Greendale, Hales Corners and Franklin. Why would the County tolerate this

damage to quiet enjoyment and the right of equal protection under the law for the tax-payers that live and visit this area? The sound study needs to be completed. Years of sleep deprivation, stress and disruption have already been forced on citizens in several communities. People should be able to choose to attend events at the Rock, not be forced to partake in activities for 6 months of the year though being forced to listen to it. The study of the noise is requested to be included in the County budget. Citizens have been complaining for years and deserve relief.

Bernard Carreon

Location:

Submitted At: 1:04am 11-03-21

On behalf of my myself and two young children, who are most affected by this budget amendment, I am requesting that the Comprehensive Sound Study for the Rock Sports Complex be included in the budget. My children have been kept awake during the Milkmen Baseball Games and other events, due to the sound being projected out of the stadium and at our home. We are 1/2 mile away and my son and daughter can clearly hear the announcers and other noise projected with their windows closed. This has even happened on school nights past 12 pm. When the land was sold to the developer, we were promised by Milwaukee County that there would be protections from sound. This has not been the case.

I have lived near stadiums before and this is NOT normal. The sound study should be fully funded to have scientific analysis of the noise from the Rock for the 150 events each year that broadcast noise for multiple hours a day.

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The Comprehensive Sound Study needs to be completed. The spirit and intention of abating the noise and mitigating the adverse impact on families must be done.

Joy Draginis-Zingales

Location:

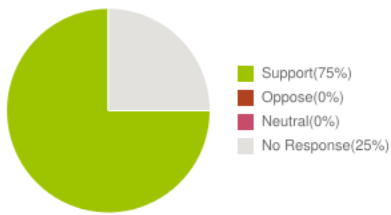
Submitted At: 8:47pm 11-02-21

Please read this into record:

I am strongly requesting the Comprehensive Sound Study for the ROC/BPC be included in the 2022 budget. This Comprehensive Sound Study was a stipulation and guarantee of the land sale for this development, with numerous reassurances from Corporation Council and the developer to that fact. After 9 plus years of noise issues coming into our neighborhoods and homes from the ROC/BPC development with absolutely no help from the City of Franklin, no follow through from the developer and little documentation of the numerous noise complaints, it is time this Study be done so we can put this issue to rest. The surrounding neighborhoods deserve the right to peace and tranquility in our homes just as others do, as well as receive equal representation under the law. We must have the noise issues addressed and rectified through non bias eyes. This can not and simply will NOT be done without an independent Comprehensive Sound Study. Those Supervisors who have taken the time to visit our homes and neighborhoods have heard first hand how loud and disruptive the noise from the ROC/BPC is, and understand the absolute need for the study.

Again Thank you for all of your time, attention and hard work, Joy Draginis-Zingales

Overall Sentiment



Bao Chau Nguyen

Location:

Submitted At: 8:27am 11-03-21

I support the recommended 2022 budget, particularly to fund the sound study of Ball Park Commons to help mitigate the terrible noise pollution occurring over the last 3 years to the adjacent residential neighborhoods in Franklin and Greendale. A sound study was a condition of the land sale contract to the developer and the fact that it has not been performed is a breach of contract. The land should have never been sold if the sound wasn't going to be properly mitigated. The existing sound ordinance in place is not sufficient and my kids cannot go to sleep during the Milkmen games, even with all windows closed. The existing sound ordinance that the developer thinks is "sufficient" allows a violation to occur only if 30 continuous minutes of 78 decibels occurs. 78 decibels is above the normal sound violation in Franklin, and the fact that you need 30 continuous minutes of noise for a violation pretty much allows anything to happen at Ball Park Commons. Something else needs to be done and the county needs to enforce the conditions of the land sale contract as promised to protect the adjacent neighborhoods. Asking for this is no way unreasonable or NIMBY activity as the developer wants to dismiss this as. I just don't want my kids to be kept awake at 10:30 at night.

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Dana Gindt

Location:

Submitted At: 12:00am 11-03-21

The Comprehensive Sound Study of the Rock Sports Complex needs to be included in the County budget. County documents over several years indicate a noise issue that required abatement. Nearly a dozen supervisors expressed concerns in 2017 about this development and specifically issues about noise. 400 County public comment cards opposing this project were submitted in one month in 2017. Over the past 3 years noise pollution has significantly increased around this facility, residential property values have decreased from this public nuisance. The spirit and intention of the County contracts have not been followed from 2012 to present. The 9 million shortfall of TBE (August 2021 Rock Audit) when racial equity is of the upmost focus at the County should warrant further examination of this project from 2012 to present. Testimony by County staff and elected officials has been misleading throughout the history of this development. For example, 2017 staff testified Exhibit

C Noise and Light that 79 decibels is "objective and reasonable". But is not based on any scientific information. According to the EPA, an acceptable indoor noise level limit for residential areas is 45 decibels. The limit for outdoor areas with human activity is 55 decibels, and the limit of safety before hearing loss is 70 decibels. And yet the County staff indicated 79 as "these are objective standards. .We feel like it's a very strong plan for their interests and addresses a lot of their concerns. So truly, I hope that this this helps people's quality of life." The Comprehensive Sound Study needs to be approved for funding. It would involve an acoustic expert which should have been involved in the planning of this development to avoid the ongoing quality of life issues for citizens within several miles of this project. The Exhibit C has been a detriment to the citizens around this facility, there is no evidence that it has improved the noise intrusion into residential properties. Additional discussion of this development in 2017: Corp Counsel testimony "Oftentimes, I think lawyers can serve their clients best when they know when to pick up the phone and call an expert...there's been a lot of public attention. And I wanted my office to demonstrate very publicly at this hearing and others, that we take the public's concern about these environmental issues very seriously. And that when I don't have enough confidence in my expertise, or the expertise of my staff, I absolutely will go the extra step and make that expert available to you and to the public to answer the questions and concerns that you have. I think that's my duty and obligation as corporate counsel..."these questions would be submitted to you and then they could be submitted to me but again, in a public hearing to demonstrate the seriousness with which I in my office take the concerns that have been articulated by yourself and other of your esteemed colleagues, I believe it was appropriate to ask outside counsel to be here."

I request the full funding of the Comprehensive Sound Study of the Rock. What expertise does County Staff or elected officials have to establish 79 decibels as "reasonable and objective" to leave the 140 acre project? Noise pollution is environmental pollution so where was the environmental expert on acoustics since that has been an ongoing issue for numerous supervisors. The 2017 sale should have required a professional scientific expert in acoustics analysis. County staff testified that the Noise and Light mitigation plan would be a benefit to the neighbor. The County created this problem and is responsible for doing everything possible to remedy this public nuisance. The testimony made by elected officials and County professional staff was that noise would be mitigated and abated. The Comprehensive Sound Study needs to be completed. I appreciate your support in protecting my family, the communities and County parks from this public nuisance.

Suzanne Schwartz

Location:

Submitted At: 4:27pm 11-02-21

I am writing in support of the budget amendment submitted by Supervisors Logsdon and Weishan to include the Hales Corners pool, along with two other pools, to the Budget Amendment Bolstering the Park System recommended by the Finance Committee. County pools provide a healthy summer social and recreational activity for children and families of all ages and athletic abilities. Community pools have many benefits on the physical, mental, emotional, and social health of the community, and also positively impact property values. They provide jobs. People want to live in communities that have vital public assets, such as our County pools. Pools also provide the opportunity for children to learn how to swim and safe water practices. As a resident of Hales Corners, I have noticed first hand the emptiness the park has had the past two summers with the pool closed. I have heard numerous residents bemoan the lack of the pool as it reduced the opportunities for healthy summer activities for their children, especially on hot summer days. If kids are at the pool they aren't searching for other opportunities which may include less constructive activities. Pools have many benefits for all of Milwaukee County's residents and I urge you to please approve this amendment for additional funding for these three pools to serve County residents.