

Tax Defeat Forces Capital Cutbacks

Cincinnati's city administration will ask for only half the usual amount of yearly capital improvement funds this year, because of failure of the proposed earnings tax increase last November.

The city's Capital Improvements Committee today is starting three days of hearings on the city's 1969 capital improvements program.

NORMALLY, \$15 million is spent for capital improvements each year. City Manager Krabach says spending proposed for 1969 will be about \$7.5 million.

The \$7.5 million consists of \$6.1 million in projects to be financed with Councilmanic bonds and \$1.4 million worth of jobs to be done with other money from other sources, including general tax funds.

The \$7.5 million program includes \$815,000 for adding a third story to the Police Administration Bldg. at 310 Lincoln Park drive, and \$900,000 for new police communications equipment. The new third floor will replace the old building in Eden Park, where Station X is now housed.

Other items in the \$7.5 million worth of proposals:

- \$1.7 million for expressways (versus \$2.7 million originally sought by James Krusling, city engineer). The \$1.7 million is required to pay the city's share of projects financed jointly by the city,

state and federal governments.

\$1.7 million for street improvements other than expressways. Originally, \$3.2 million was proposed for projects in 1969.

- \$500,000 for the Quensgate II urban renewal project.

- \$400,000 for relocation of County Municipal Court to the Aims and Doepke Building.

- \$496,000 for the Recreation Department.

- 230,000 for traffic control.

- \$240,000 for the Art Museum.

- \$170,000 for parks.

- \$288,000 for major motorized equipment (fire engines, mostly).

- \$53,000 for property maintenance.

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