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City Council,

I think this is a fine project; however, it does not appear to be an allowable expense of asset forfeiture funds. Asset forfeiture can be used for community education and events, equipment purchases, and employee training but not for maintenance or construction projects. In the past, the City improperly used asset forfeiture money relying on staff to make supportable recommendations and it came back to bite the City in the rear. This appears to be another such issue. It seems to me that we already budgeted money for the greater PD project and we should just use that funding rather than trying to rely on asset forfeiture funding and saving the allocated funds for the future project. Moreover, the budget amendment document appears to be incorrect because it includes moving a bunch of money between CDD and the PD associated with code enforcement. I think the wrong document (or an erroneous document) was uploaded.

Don't make a mistake like a prior council did when they improportly used asset forfeiture funds for inappropriate expenses. Councilmembers were even accused of being "felons" for doing that and we don't want any more reasons for the public to doubt the integrity of the City of FB.

Regards,

--Jacob