

**To: Office of Council President Pro Tem James Tate**

**From: Nick Payne, Construction and Demolition Department**

**Re: Contract 6004920-A1 Question**

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**Please see the response below regarding Pro Tem Tate's question:**

**Question:**

Please explain the unforeseen renovations to Hart Plaza that this contract will address. On October 17, 2023, City Council approved a \$6,700,00 contract for “major improvements such as upgrading the fountain, amphitheater, fire protection, plumbing, and security gates for Hart Plaza.”

**Response:**

Hart Plaza Fire Protection System repairs began 1.2023, much prior to the approval of the capital improvement project approved by City Council on October 17, 2023. The system had to be inspected, tested, repaired, and certified. We were instructed by GSD to proceed. The system was last certified in 2015. The Fire Marshal continually threatened to shut down the site if certification was not done prior to festival season.

The funds that were spent for the fire suppression repairs and certification saved funds needed for the capital repairs, leaving only the fire monitoring design build to be required in the capital project.