

## John Holic

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**From:** John Holic  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 19, 2019 9:30 AM  
**To:** Edward Lavallee  
**Cc:** Judy Gamel; Lori Stelzer  
**Subject:** Vehicles

Ed,

The discussion about vehicles at our last council meeting aroused a great deal of curiosity in the data received and probably needs a much more comprehensive explanation prior to budget approvals this year.

First, if memory serves me correctly, GPS summaries were requested for the fleet parked at City Hall with the exception of police and fire vehicles. I haven't counted the fleet, but I would estimate close to 30 vehicles between City Hall and the Lord-Higel House and our summary included only eight vehicles. Although some very revealing facts were disclosed in those eight. I think we need to see the rest of the story as well.

Second, the Number of Vehicles Maintained Annually data memorandum causes some concerns as well. Is it safe to assume that the number of vehicles serviced annually on the cover sheet is a fair representation of the total vehicles owned by the COV? I would think that each vehicle we have would have at least one maintenance function performed each year, e.g. an oil change. If that is the case, then in FY 2013, we had 237 units and according to the summary sheet, we disposed of 93 or 39% of the fleet. Just as disconcerting is to see things like a 2000 GMC C3500 pickup auction off at \$92.13 and a 2001 Ford Ranger bring in \$116.71.

I am sure there is some explanation for this, but you can see why I have asked for a more thorough accounting of our disposal vehicles.

FY 2013 was not an aberration, as FY 2015 showed 223 units maintained with 54 being disposed, or 24%.

Disposal receipts were as low as \$197.29 for a 2009 Crown Victoria and \$247.30 for a 2004 Ford F-150.

FY 2018 was far more reasonable with only 12 of 239 units disposed, or 5%, but again questionable auction figures. \$60.00 for a 2004 Ford Explorer and \$90.00 for a 2006 F-350 Ford pickup raises a flag that needs explanation.

Here's the totals for the six years of disposal:

FY 2013. 93

FY 2014. 79

FY 2015. 54

FY 2016. 40

FY 2017. 27

FY 2018. 12

Grand Total 305 or 50 units more than the highest maintained in any of the six years. I did not look to see if any vehicle was replaced more than once in a six year period, but the figures would seem to indicate that there were some.

As I stated, I am sure there is some explanation, I think we need to hear it before or during the budget cycle. I hate to get down in the weeds on topics like this, but it is figures released by your department and they are figures that don't make sense from the surface. If I'm looking at this wrong, then chances are so are others. One further thing, it looks like the disposed vehicles total is added to the Grand Total, so I guess the question is; does that figure represent auction value or amount of repair to the vehicle to take it to the auction. Please assure that data like this is not just placed in our box, but rather it is presented to us in a meeting so that we are not making any faulty assumptions.

Thanks,  
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**Subject:** Lord-Higel Parking

Ed,

I stand corrected on the vehicle count at Lord - Higel parking. Although there are nearly 30 vehicles in the parking lot (observed at 4:40 a.m. today) only 18 were COV vehicles; the rest appeared to be vehicles from the area apartments. One of the spaces is taken up by a boat with a for sale sign on it. I think the boat has been brought up at least twice before, but it seems as though nothing has been done.

When I went by again at 6:30 this morning, there were still 18 cars between City Hall lot and Lord -Higel, but only about 5 other cars; it appears some apartment folks leave early in the morning for work.

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Ed,

Here's another example of figures that need to be explained.

The GPS summary given to council showed 5 vehicles assigned to Building and Code:

17-378, 17-370, 15-361, 15-364 and 372

I am guessing that the first two digits represent the year put into service followed by a 1, 2, or 3 digit vehicle identification. Although 1, 2, or 3 digits for vehicle identification on the vehicle is satisfactory, I would strongly recommend all vehicles be represented by five digits on reports. As it appears the two digit year identification did not start until 2015, this would avoid confusion of any 1, 2, or 3 digit report identification numbers we currently have. I notice also, that disposed vehicles have their vehicle identification preceded by a X.

Since we were given GPS information on 5 Building and Code vehicles, I went to the Customer Sales History and note the following discrepancies:

Of the five vehicles listed in the GPS summary, only four received maintenance during FY18. Vehicle 17370 did not receive and maintenance during FY18, which I guess is possible as during the three months of GPS data we received, the vehicle was used only 13 out of 60 work days for a total of 242 miles. Additionally, the following numbers: 373, 369, 375, 376, 16362 do not show up on the GPS summary. Since these are vehicles listed in Building and code maintenance and since building and code have only one location, where are these cars parked and why did they not show up on the GPS summary?

One further question, I go down Seaboard Ave almost daily and noticed a F350 parked out there in the same place almost every day. The truck is 18425, could we have a GPS on that one as well?

Thanks,

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Ed,

One last thing on the Building and Code enforcement. The customer sales history for FY18 shows 15378, a 2016 Ford Escape, the GPS shows it as 17378, a 2017 Ford Escape with no disposal of same during FY18. I really don't want to go through this exercise on the rest of the departments; fortunately Building and code enforcement was a relatively small one, but it really shows the need for a full explanation.

Thanks,

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