

Capital Budget Request Form			
Agency Number	200	Department Name	City Council
Project Name	City Council Chamber Phase II Upgrades	Department Priority Ranking	1
Project Type	Renovation	Is a Land acquisition needed? (Y/N)	No
Will this project be a permanent immovable improvement?	Yes	Does the request meet the General Obligation Bond requirement?	Yes
Project Address	1300 Perdido St, City Council Chamber	Council District	B
Detailed Summary: Include Scope of work, parking requirements, landscaping, etc.	This is a capital budget request for coninued capital improvements to the New Orleans City Council Chamber, the primary public gathering space for Council, Board and Commission hearings and meetings for the City of New Orleans. The 2013 Capital Budget appropriated funds for lighting and sound (electrical) improvements, and an RFP for that phase is currently underway with CPA. The 2016 request is to build upon those improvements in order to make the chamber an effective public gathering space for the next generation in City Hall. The total request of \$240,00 was prepared in consultation with CPA, and is as follows: Replacing 278 seats - \$100,000; Repair and painting of walls and ceiling - \$50,000; Remove and replace sound attenuating curtains - \$50,000; Remove and replace all carpet in Council Chamber and antechambers - \$20,000. Purchase and installation of 2 digital video projectors - \$20,000.		
Five Year Summary	Completion of the first two phases of improvements for the City Council Chamber will go a long way in making the Chamber an effective public meeting space for the next generation. Additional foreseeable improvements in the future beyond the scope of this request include audio/visual equipment upgrades and voting machine equipment improvements.		
Has an Architect or Engineer prepared drawings for this project?	No	If Yes please explain how this was funded and current status	NA
Will this project increase your department's current operating expenses? (i.e. require additional staff, maintenance, utilities)	No	Please provide estimate of increase or decrease operating costs.	Unlike the first phase, which should improve the Department of Property Management's budget by cutting a \$20,000/yr cost for new bulbs, this phase will not cut costs. The changes will mostly add to the comfort level of users of this important public space.
Estimated Cost of Project: (include Design, Construction, Testing, Contingency, etc.)	\$ 240,000.00	Proposed Funding Source	FEMA City Hall PW, or Bond Funds.
Does this project fall in line with the current Zoning requirements	Yes	If no please list required change	NA
Please discuss how the project conforms to objectives and recommendations of the Master Plan:	This project directly addresses the need implicit in the question posed in the Master Plan: how do we rebuild our infrastructure? Though we often think of substreets and streets, public safety, recreation and parks facilities as the most critical elements of our built infrastructure, the public gathering places -- where meetings and hearings are held -- are absolutely critical components of the City's constructed infrastructure and central to the functioning of our representative democracy. Years of neglect of City Hall broadly, and the Council Chamber, specifically, have led to a critical need for investment in this important public asset as the seat of our city's democratic process.		
Does the project improve runoff water quality or reduce the impacts of flooding? If yes, please explain how this is achieved, describing the area that is impacted. If no, please describe any negative impacts, and the area impacted.	There is no impact, positive or negative, on water runoff, or impact of flooding foreseen in this project.		
What Benefit(s) will be provided to Public from this project?	The primary purpose of this request is to benefit the public to make their experience in the City Council Chamber more comfortable. The chairs, which were installed in the 1980s, are long overdue for an upgrade, and all of the cosmetic improvements are designed to make a member of the public's experience in the seat of government more comfortable.	For what year are you requesting the Project? 2016,2017, 2018, 2019, or 2020? Enter	
		2016	\$240,000
		2017	\$ -
		2018	\$ -
		2019	\$ -
Is the surrounding infrastructure(i.e. utilities, road network) sufficient to support the intended use of the project?	It is possible that electrical improvements would be necessary in order to accommodate the digital projectors. Further analysis would be required to see if this is a need.	If no please discuss required improvements and estimated costs	

**Capital Budget Request Priority Rating Form**

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Categories	Rating	Score	
Public Health and Safety	1	3	
External Requirements	1	3	
Protection of Capital Stock	4	12	
Economic Development	1	3	
Operating Budget	1	3	
Life Expectancy of Project	4	12	
Percent of Population Served by Projects	4	12	
Relation to adopted Plans	4	12	
Intensity of Use	4	12	
Scheduling	4	12	
Benefit/ Cost	2	6	
Potential for Duplication	3	9	
Availability of Financing	1	3	
Special Need	1	3	
Energy Consumption	3	9	
Timeliness/ External	1	3	
Public Support	2	6	
Environmental Quality and Stormwater Management	2	3	
TOTAL Ranking	43	123	