

less that what the library design would have cost. This was all a public matter, the designs were posted to the City's website and the library board was aware of those designs. At a study session - open to the public - the council opted for the design that is currently being completed.

Yes, the library pays the city a rent cost to cover expenses but this year it was not possible to pay over \$1 M for a parking lot as well as pay for a new HVAC system. It would have depleted the fund and would have left very little money to use if something major occurred and needed repair. Sure, we could have gone out and borrowed money if needed, but that is not a wise use of taxpayer dollars.

There is a council member who thought the city should do nothing more than asphalt the entire area, stripe it, and be done. The current design is derived from the library original design and will add aesthetic beauty to the area.

I understand that on certain days when the attendance at the library is greater, some employees may be required to pay to park across the street at the parking garage. This is not an argument that holds water for me. Currently, I pay \$24 a month to park and then walk 5 blocks to work. If I wanted to be closer to work (2 blocks) I could pay \$40 a month. I made the decision based on what my budget could afford. Much like the decision I made for the library parking lot and the HVAC replacement.

I use the library. I like the library. My parents use the library. I've taken my grandchildren there. The library adds value to the community.

The parking lot decision is not a negative reflection on the value of the library - it has to do with what the city could afford using taxpayer dollars.

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