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THE need for more community halls and upkeep of playgrounds in the Ampang Jaya municipality were the top issues discussed during Ampang Jaya Municipal Council's (MPAJ) Townhall Budget 2019.

Some 200 representatives from residents associations, Kawasan Rukun Tetangga as well as NGOs took turns to highlight problems in their respective areas at the annual session.

Sports and Recreation Club of Taman Melawati president Zulkifli Mohamed said there was a need for more sports infrastructure in the area.

"We only have one football field now, compared with four previously which have been taken over for development.

"Due to the high usage of the football field, it would be better to upgrade the turfing," he suggested.

Several other participants also echoed this sentiment, saying more



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Abdul Hamid (centre) during the MPAJ JKP Townhall Budget 2019.

recreational parks should be set up and the existing ones upgraded.

Other issues raised were damaged infrastructure, lack of public facilities and amenities, and unkempt public areas.

MPAJ allocated RM175mil for next year's Budget, a drop by 5.13% compared with this year's estimated expenditure.

Waste collection took up a huge chunk of funds in development, at approximately RM49mil.

MPAJ expects to collect RM148mil next year from assessment taxes, non-tax income and licences and permits. Council president Abdul Hamid Hussain said they would look into the proposed suggestions during the session.

"We have a yearly maintenance schedule for recreational areas, but if there is a report of vandalism or urgent upgrading, we will address them," he said.

He added that the yearly session was to obtain input from resident groups, and readjust the Budget according to the council's and residents' needs.