

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

December 6, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Stewart, Trisciani, E. Sapienza, Cavanaugh, Heath

Messrs.: L. Hynes

1. Summary of abatement requests submitted by Fred McNeill, Chief Engineer.

Alderman E. Sapienza asked is the Chief Engineer here or someone from the department. I am looking at the list in front of me. Could you just give a brief explanation? What is going on here? These folks are requesting...what do we mean by abatement?

Lisa Hynes, EPD, replied they are requesting a refund or a reduction on the sewer portion of their bill due to high usage or other various reasons. Most of these are in relation to toilet leaks.

Alderman E. Sapienza responded yes I see that on here. So they have a leaky toilet or a sprinkler let go...

Ms. Hynes interjected yes and it resulted in their sewer bill being above a certain threshold of their normal consumption.

Alderman E. Sapienza asked isn't it incumbent upon the homeowner to have those things fixed.

Ms. Hynes answered it is and for the most part the homeowners have the repair made and then request an abatement from us. We have been granting these abatements for the last 10 years or so for toilet leaks and other things when the bill is over 250% of their normal consumption.

Alderman Trisciani stated in some cases, and correct me if I am wrong, it could also be the effect of a landlord or a property owner who doesn't realize that the toilet has been running. I know in a lot of cases that seems to be the case. It is something that they just weren't aware of.

Alderman E. Sapienza stated thank you.

Alderman Cavanaugh moved to approve the abatements as presented. Alderman Trisciani duly seconded the motion. Chairman Stewart called for a vote. The motion carried with Alderman E. Sapienza being duly recorded in opposition.

2. Communication from Ryan Cashin, Fire Chief, requesting authorization to apply for an Assistance to Firefighter's Grant in the amount of \$2 million to purchase a ladder truck.
(Note: There is a 10% City match required if awarded this grant.)

*On motion of **Alderman Heath**, duly seconded by **Alderman Trisciani**, it was voted to approve.*

3. Communication from the Fire Chief requesting authorization to apply for a Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$100,000 for a security fence and gate at the Central Station.
(Note: No City match required.)

*On motion of **Alderman Trisciani**, duly seconded by **Alderman Heath**, it was voted to approve.*

4. Communication from the Fire Chief to apply for a Building Resilient Infrastructure & Communities Grant in the amount of \$150,000 to supplement the Department of Public Works' Green Streets Program.
(Note: There is a 25% City match required if awarded this grant.)

*On motion of **Alderman Heath**, duly seconded by **Alderman Trisciani**, it was voted to approve.*

5. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$59,005 for CIP 210623 Public Health Preparedness.

*On motion of **Alderman E. Sapienza**, duly seconded by **Alderman Cavanaugh**, it was voted to approve.*

6. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$494,918.65 for CIP 211723 Opioid Litigation Settlement Trust.

*On motion of **Alderman Trisciani**, duly seconded by **Alderman Heath**, it was voted to approve.*

7. Amending Resolutions and Budget Authorizations providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$12,500 for CIP 411223 2020 Swift Water Grant and \$12,500 for CIP 411323 2021 Swift Water Grant.

*On motion of **Alderman E. Sapienza**, duly seconded by **Alderman Cavanaugh**, it was voted to approve.*

8. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$75,000 for CIP 411423 Homeland Security Hazmat Grant.

*On motion of **Alderman Trisciani**, duly seconded by **Alderman Heath**, it was voted to approve.*

9. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$30,000 for CIP 411523 Domestic Violence Prosecutor.

*On motion of **Alderman Trisciani**, duly seconded by **Alderman E. Sapienza**, it was voted to approve.*

10. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$23,275.86 for CIP 411623 Police Search & Rescue Equipment.

*On motion of **Alderman Cavanaugh**, duly seconded by **Alderman Heath**, it was voted to approve.*

11. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$75,300 for CIP 610623 Dilapidated Buildings.

*On motion of **Alderman Trisciani**, duly seconded by **Alderman Heath**, it was voted to approve.*

12. Amending Resolutions and Budget Authorizations providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$250,000 for CIP 711021 CSO Study, Design & Construction and \$1.6 million for CIP 711122 CSO Cemetery Brook-Design.

*On motion of **Alderman Heath**, duly seconded by **Alderman Trisciani**, it was voted to approve.*

13. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$1,714,484 for CIP 712223 FY23 Road Program-State Block Grant.

*On motion of **Alderman Heath**, duly seconded by **Alderman Trisciani**, it was voted to approve.*

14. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorizations providing for the transfer and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$347,000 from CIP 711422 to CIP 510712 South Manchester Rail Trail and requesting that the project name and description for CIP 711422 be amended.

*On motion of **Alderman E. Sapienza**, duly seconded by **Alderman Trisciani**, it was voted to approve.*

15. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorizations providing for the transfer and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$45,195.76 for CIP 611223 The Light House Transitional Housing Program.

*On motion of **Alderman Trisciani**, duly seconded by **Alderman Cavanaugh**, it was voted to approve.*

16. Communication from Jeff Belanger, Planning & Community Development Director, requesting various CIP project extensions.

*On motion of **Alderman Cavanaugh**, duly seconded by **Alderman Trisciani**, it was voted to approve.*

*There being no further business, on motion of **Alderman Cavanaugh**, duly seconded by **Alderman E. Sapienza**, it was voted to adjourn.*

A True Record. Attest.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew Normand". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Clerk of Committee