

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

November 20, 2023 at 5:15 PM

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

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

Messrs: A. Aldenberg, J. Belanger, F. McNeill

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

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

2. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$4,796.04 for CIP 212124 Oral Health Program.

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

3. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$50,000 for CIP 212224 School Based Dental Program - Medicaid.

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

4. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$1,134,000 for CIP 212324 STD/HIV Prevention, CIP 212424 Lead Poisoning, CIP 212524 TB Prevention, CIP 212624 Immunization Grant, and CIP 212724 COVID 19 Immunization.

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

5. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$3,750 for CIP 212824 Rotary Club Award - Manchester Youth Council.

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

6. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$999,618 for CIP 411324 STOP School Violence Grant.

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

7. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$40,000 for CIP 411424 Intelligence Liaison Officer Program.

Alderman E. Sapienza asked does anyone have more information on this.

Allen Aldenberg, Chief of Police, stated that is a part-time reserve police officer that will serve as a liaison with the intelligence center up in Concord. It will assist with the information sharing of intelligence back and forth from the state to the local level and from us up to them as well. It is an active program that provides the city with a lot of intelligence in regards to crime trends across the state and New England. In particular, when you have the type of incident we had on Friday up in Concord, that allows us to receive intelligence in real-time because we have somebody there in case there is any impact to the City of Manchester. None of this \$40,000 comes out of our budget. It is a grant from the state to be a part of the program.

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

8. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$15,432.10 for CIP 411524 SWAT Search and Rescue Equipment.

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

9. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$537,124 for CIP 411624 Smart Policing Initiative.

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

10. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$254,695 for CIP 411724 Justice Assistance Grant.

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

11. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$93,000 for CIP 411824 STOP Violence Against Women.

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

- 12.** Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$635,715 for CIP 411924 2023 Hazmat Allocation, CIP 412024 2023 Hazardous Substance Detection, and CIP 412124 2023 Infrastructure/Crowded Places Hardening.

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

- 13.** Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$338,000 for CIP 412224 2023 EOC Grant Award.

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

- 14.** Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for the acceptance and transfer of funds in the amount of \$290,441 for CIP 510424 Park Playground Replacement and Retrofitting.

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

- 15.** Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$240,000 for CIP 610923 Family Place First Floor Renovation Project.

Alderman Heath asked is this for Families in Transition.

Jeff Belanger, Planning & Community Development Director, replied that is right.

Alderman Heath asked they are closing the project but they are retaining the funds. Why is the project closing? Was it too expensive? The project costs were too expensive?

Director Belanger answered right.

Alderman Heath asked is there something else in the works. Will we spend this money in a timely fashion so we don't lose it?

Director Belanger stated this is a companion to item 22 on your agenda. What we are recommending is taking the funding that would come back to the city and doing a one for one swap with another project so we wind up with more flexible funds when the dust settles.

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

16. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorizations providing for the acceptance and transfer of funds in the amount of \$666,422.89 for CIP 710723 CMOM Study, Design and Construction - Sewer Bond and CIP 710524 CMOM C-6 Study, Design & Construction.

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

17. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorizations providing for the acceptance and transfer of funds in the amount of \$1,117,071.10 for CIP 710819 WWTP Emergency Power Upgrade - Study, Design and Construction and CIP 710524 CMOM C-6 Study, Design & Construction.

Alderman Heath asked can we have a quick update on how this is going. You have a lot going on. You are moving money around. Can you give us an update on how things are going and if you are happy with what is going on?

Fred McNeill, Chief Engineer, stated we do have a lot of things going on. As Alderman Stewart can attest to, we have been working in his ward for the past two years and we just started another project. So, we have a twenty-year, \$300 million program. We are in year three of twenty. We have about \$136 million in various contracts. We have work going on at the wastewater treatment plant. We have work going on in ward 2. We are about to bid another contract for a sewer system around the city. Things, generally, are going very well. We face the same challenges everyone else does: a shortage of qualified labor and difficulty getting some of the supplies. That hasn't gotten better. Finding qualified labor across the board, professionally with construction firms, is a huge challenge.

Alderman E. Sapienza asked is this the sewer overflow project.

Mr. McNeill stated that is correct. The crown jewel of that is a large tunnel that we are going to construct called the Cemetery Brook Drain Tunnel. That is about \$200 million of it. That is going to start just south of the Queen City Bridge on the east side of the Merrimack River and it's going to go about 2.25 miles northeast and pop out of the ground on Mammoth Road at the old CVS which is across from the new CVS. That's really the biggest project. We had a meeting with DOT today about subterranean easements, and we have a contractor workshop on December 14, because this is highly specialized work and we are recruiting contractors nationally for this project.

Alderman E. Sapienza asked at the CVS, is that water coming in or out.

Mr. McNeill stated that is water that starts at Stevens Pond. It is the main drainage basin for the city. It starts at Stevens Pond. Alderman Cavanaugh knows it comes down the seventeenth hole at Derryfield and goes under the East Side Plaza and pops out at various spots. It is called Cemetery Brook, and it is the main drainage basin for the city.

Alderman E. Sapienza asked is this wastewater.

Mr. McNeill stated no. It is stormwater. It originates at Stevens Pond. This is a drainage tunnel. We are, essentially, building a new drainage system for the city.

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

18. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorizations providing for the acceptance and transfer of funds in the amount of \$700,000 for CIP 711222 CSO Optimization/Controls.

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

19. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$10,000 for CIP 810224 Document Preservation Project.

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

20. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$5.64 for CIP 810524 Planning and Administration.

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

21. Communication from Jeff Belanger, Planning & Community Development Director, regarding a request from the New Hampshire Musculoskeletal Institute for supplemental CEAG funding in the amount of \$9,727.60.

Alderman Trisciani stated in the past when a request like this had come to us, we were outside of the application process, and I know the committee had denied the request. My understanding on this one is they have an active application and this is within the provisions to come to the Board. If Director Belanger can give us an update on that.

Director Belanger stated this is the fourth round of CEAG funding. With each round there is a staff committee that reviews the applications and makes recommendations to this committee. The staff makes all the applicants aware that there is a staff-level cap of \$10,000, but if any applicant wants to go above that it can be brought to this committee and the full Board for approval. That is what is happening here. Most applicants stick with \$10,000 or less, but in some instances, applicants will come before you to ask for more.

Alderman Trisciani stated they submitted their application and got their first \$10,000.

Director Belanger stated yes. This is part of the process.

Alderman Heath stated I want to say thank you to them. I have had five grand-children that have received good services from them. I appreciate what they have done.

Director Belanger stated they are here tonight if there are any questions for them specifically.

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

- 22.** Communication from the Planning & Community Development Director requesting a revision to CIP 610823 Residences at 351 Chestnut Street (Merrimack St. Parcel) to adjust \$240,000 from HOME funds to HOME-ARP funds in the "Other" budget line item.

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

- 23.** Communication from Lisa Drabik, Human Resources Director, requesting line item adjustments to CIP 810924 Compensation Study.

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

- 24.** Communication from Jonathan Hopkins, Central Fleet Services Director, requesting authorization to issue a request for proposals and enter into a contract to purchase a Fire Department ladder truck to replace Truck 7 in the 2025-2026 MER.

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

- 25.** Communication from Steve Hoeft, Police Department Business Service Officer, requesting line item adjustments to CIP 410122 ARPA - Law Enforcement Support for Violent Crime Reduction/Prevention.

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

- 26.** Communication from Caleb Dobbins, Highway Chief Engineer, requesting CIP 711418 FY18 Alleyway Repair be extended to December 31, 2023.

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

- 27.** Communication from the Highway Chief Engineer requesting various CIP project extensions.

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

TABLED ITEM

- 28.** Communication from Bryce Kaw-uh, Chair, Manchester Planning Board, requesting one-time funding in the amount of \$150,000 to hire a consultant to draft an updated Bicycle Master Plan.
(Note: This item was referred to the Committee on Community Improvement by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen at their meeting held on September 5, 2023; the item was tabled on October 3, 2023.)

This item remained on the table.

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

A True Record. Attest.

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Clerk of Committee