

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

October 4, 2021 at 5:00 PM

Chairman Cavanaugh called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Cavanaugh, A. Sapienza, Roy, E. Sapienza

Absent: Alderman O'Neil

Messrs.: S. Wickens, T. Fleming

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

On motion by Alderman A. Sapienza, duly seconded by Alderman Roy, it was voted to approve.

2. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$23,334 for CIP 212022 Oral Health Program.

On motion by Alderman Roy, duly seconded by Alderman A. Sapienza, it was voted to approve.

3. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$1,503,370 for CIP 411022 Assistance to Firefighters Grant-SCBA.

On motion by Alderman Roy, duly seconded by Alderman A. Sapienza, it was voted to approve.

4. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$41,984 for CIP 410922 Highway Safety Grant.

On motion by Alderman E. Sapienza, duly seconded by Alderman A. Sapienza, it was voted to approve.

5. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorizations providing for the transfer and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$98,981.10 for CIP 411122 Radiological Emergency Preparedness Program.

On motion by Alderman E. Sapienza, duly seconded by Alderman Roy, it was voted to approve.

6. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$26,000 for CIP 411222 ALS Response Program.

On motion by Alderman Roy, duly seconded by Alderman E. Sapienza, it was voted to approve.

Chairman Cavanaugh stated may I just hold up for a second on item 3. We have to identify the funding source.

Alderman A. Sapienza stated we do not need to do that today do we.

Sharon Wickens, Finance Director, stated the match can be bonded. We did the exact same thing for a previous grant and we bonded \$197,000 back in 2008 for this exact same purpose.

Alderman Roy stated we can either pay for 10% or 100%.

7. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$9,990 for CIP 411322 Police Academy Cadre.

On motion by Alderman E. Sapienza, duly seconded by Alderman A. Sapienza, it was voted to approve.

8. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$500,000 for CIP 411422 Substance Abuse Reduction Initiative.

On motion by Alderman Roy, duly seconded by Alderman A. Sapienza, it was voted to approve.

9. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorizations providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$2,538,601 for CIP 610722 HUD HOME-ARP Housing Initiatives and HUD HOME-ARP Planning and Administration Support.

On motion by Alderman A. Sapienza, duly seconded by Alderman E. Sapienza, it was voted to approve.

10. Communication from the property owner of 182 Notre Dame Avenue requesting subordination of a City lien in the amount of \$38,700.

Alderman Roy stated our past practice was that we will stay in the same position if no more money is taken out. As in this case and the next one coming up we stay in the same position but both are taking money out. To me it does not meet the criteria.

Alderman A. Sapienza moved to receive and file.

Chairman Cavanaugh stated could we maybe have Leon or Todd come up. Could you just give us a rundown of what is going on here?

Todd Fleming, CIP Coordinator, stated I believe one of them is taking cash out to improve their property. I believe in the past that type of subordination has been approved by previous committees. The other one is a little bit different. The owner basically stated as a result of COVID-19 they ran up a lot of debt and were looking to cash out.

Chairman Cavanaugh asked the Notre Dame one is a refinance right. They are taking the cash out?

Alderman Roy stated correct. 182 Notre Dame wants to stay in the same position but they want to take out an extra \$58,000. As I've said in the past...well at least I haven't voted for something like this.

Alderman A. Sapienza stated my concern is if we open the door we will get a flood of these. These properties have increased dramatically in value. If they want to take \$57,000 out they can take another \$38,000 and pay off the lead base hazard reduction fee and we can apply that money to another property. That's how it works isn't?

Mr. Fleming replied yes it would be used for another lead project.

Chairman Cavanaugh stated I'm sure it's helping them. I'm sure it will drop the interest rate quite a bit with how the rates are now.

Alderman Roy moved to deny the request. Alderman A. Sapienza duly seconded the motion. Chairman Cavanaugh called for a vote. The motion carried with Chairman Cavanaugh being duly recorded in opposition.

11. Communication from the property owners of 426 E. High Street requesting subordination of a City lien in the amount of \$20,000.

Chairman Cavanaugh stated this looks like the same or a little different. A loan amount of \$189,935 with the appraisal at \$315,000.

Alderman Roy stated I don't have those numbers in my packet.

Chairman Cavanaugh stated I will have the Clerk hand out the information I have. I don't think it should be sent out to everyone but shared with the Board and committee yes.

Alderman A. Sapienza asked what is the loan amount now.

Alderman Roy stated the lien owed to the city is \$20,000 and they are taking out an extra \$22,000 if this passes.

Alderman E. Sapienza asked are there are any restrictions with the cash they are taking out. Is there any follow up?

Mr. Fleming stated I talk to the banks and sometimes they will include in the documentation what the money will be used for. In this case, the owner said they don't have anything from the bank but it was their word in the letter that they provided.

Chairman Cavanaugh asked do you know what they are financed at now.

Mr. Fleming stated I believe it was on the last page. The existing loan balance was around \$162,000. The new loan amount would be there on the first page and the cash out is the figure on the bottom of the first page.

Alderman Roy stated if I am reading this right, it states that they owe \$163,000 and the new one would be \$190,000. It is appraised at \$278,000 and they will receive almost \$22,000 in cash.

Alderman A. Sapienza moved to receive and file. Alderman Roy duly seconded the motion. Chairman Cavanaugh called for a vote. The motion carried with Chairman Cavanaugh being duly recorded in opposition.

12. Communication from Steve Hoeft, Business Service Officer, requesting an extension of the following three Police Projects through 9/20/2022:

- CIP 410220 Project Safe Neighborhood
- CIP 410619 ACERT Program
- CIP 411319 Brass-Trax Program

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

13. Communication from Andre Parent, Fire Chief, requesting the renaming of CIP 411517 Safe Station to SUD Response Project and extending the project through December 31, 2023.

*On motion by **Alderman Roy**, duly seconded by **Alderman A. Sapienza**, it was voted to approve.*

*There being no further business, on motion by **Alderman E. Sapienza**, duly seconded by **Alderman A. 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