

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

November 15, 2021 at 5:00 PM

Chairman Cavanaugh called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Cavanaugh, O'Neil, A. Sapienza, Roy, E. Sapienza

Messrs.: J. Hopkins, K. Clarke

1. Amending resolution and budget authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$313,017 for CIP 211522 Public Health Preparedness.

On motion by Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman A. Sapienza, it was voted to approve.

2. Amending resolution and budget authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$260,000 for CIP 212522 Health Center Infrastructure Support-ARPA.

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

3. Amending resolution and budget authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$8,000 for CIP 212622 I Care NH.

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

4. Amending resolution and budget authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$450,000 for CIP 212722 STD Workforce Development.

On motion by Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Roy, it was voted to approve.

5. Amending resolution and budget authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$211,331 for CIP 411522 Justice Assistance Grant.

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

6. Amending resolution and budget authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$93,000 for CIP 411622 STOP Violence Against Women.

On motion by Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Roy, it was voted to approve.

7. Amending resolution and budget authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$100,000 for CIP 411722 NIBRS Crime Statistics Software.

On motion by Alderman A. Sapienza, duly seconded by Alderman O'Neil, it was voted to approve.

8. Amending resolution and budget authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$24,530 for CIP 411822 2019 Hazmat Grant.

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

9. Amending resolution and budget authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$378,711 for CIP 411922 2021 Homeland Security Grant.

On motion by Alderman O'Neil, 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 \$30,000 for CIP 412022 Domestic Violence Prosecutor.

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

11. Amending resolution and budget authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$10,000 for CIP 811622 Document Preservation Project.

On motion by Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman A. Sapienza, it was voted to approve.

12. Communication from Andre Parent, Fire Chief, requesting a budget authorization line item adjustment for CIP 410422 ARPA-Emergency Management Coordinator.

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

13. Amending resolution and budget authorizations providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$617,000 and the extension of the following projects through 12/31/2023:
 - 211322 Immunization Grant
 - 211422 Lead Poisoning
 - 211722 STD/HIV Prevention
 - 211822 TB Prevention
 - 212822 COVID-19 Immunization

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

14. Amending resolution and budget authorizations providing for the transfer and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$214,992.53 for CIP 611022 1269 Cafe - 456 Union Street Fire Escape Renovation.

Matthew Normand, City Clerk, stated I believe that number should be corrected to \$136,517.00

On motion by Alderman A. Sapienza, duly seconded by Alderman O'Neil, it was voted to approve.

15. Bond resolution providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$124,161 for CIP 411022, Assistance to Firefighter's Grant-SCBA.

On motion by Alderman Roy, duly seconded by Alderman O'Neil, it was voted to approve.

16. Communication from Leon LaFreniere, Planning & Community Development Director, requesting approval to commit HOME funds as follows:
 - \$450,000 for CIP 610822 MHRA-Kelley Falls New Development (Phase I)
 - \$1,500,000 for CIP 610922 NeighborWorks Southern NH - Renew II
 - \$361,256 for CIP 611921 Waypoint 298 Hanover Street Renovation Project

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

17. Communication from Jonathan Hopkins, Central Fleet Services Director, requesting authorization to issue an RFP and enter into a contract to purchase a Fire Department Engine before the start of the 2022/2023 fiscal year.

Alderman O'Neil asked how much did the last fire truck cost.

Jon Hopkins, Director of Fleet Management, stated the one we are looking at costs about

\$650,000.

Alderman O'Neil stated you and I had a discussion about electric fire trucks. I had just read an article not too long ago and it was \$1.2 million.

Mr. Hopkins stated I've looked at other vehicles. Mack makes a side loader truck like we have now. We paid about \$375,000 for that truck. To buy an electric truck will be about \$600,000 or almost double. The price of electric trucks hasn't come into range yet with what we can afford to pay.

Alderman O'Neil stated you mentioned some kind of light duty truck.

Mr. Hopkins replied yes I priced out a F550 chassis. This is the smaller white dump truck we use around the city. I paid about \$40,000 for that chassis. Electric would cost about \$140,000. I can buy three trucks for the price of one electric. The price has not come down yet and we also need to consider that we will go there eventually. We will have to retool so we can repair as well as train all of our mechanics.

Alderman O'Neil asked are there opportunities to send mechanics for training now.

Mr. Hopkins stated we are looking at that but we haven't got the vehicles to work on. If I send them now it won't be for anything. I looked at an all-electric street sweeper. The company that manufactures it offered to bring it and train our mechanics on how to work on them. It just doesn't make any sense right now. There are some grants out there but they are very complicated and restrictive. They don't pay you up front. You have to pay for it up front and then they reimburse a percentage. Once that happens, you have to destroy the vehicle it replaced and you have to literally drill a hole through the engine block so it cannot be operable and they must witness that as well. We are better off to stay the course we are on now.

Alderman O'Neil stated I just read that Connecticut got their first all-electric school bus But the article did not state what they paid for it.

*On motion by **Alderman O'Neil**, duly seconded by **Alderman Roy**, it was voted to approve.*

18. Communication from the property owners of 21 Moody Street requesting subordination of a City lien in the amount of \$15,000.

***Alderman A. Sapienza** moved to receive and file. **Alderman Roy** duly seconded the motion.*

Alderman Roy stated once again this is another property owner that came forward. Our process for the past 10 years is we stay in the same position and they don't take money out. These people want to take money out and I don't agree with that even though from the last meeting those two reports went to the full board and were passed. I would have voted against this but if the motion is to receive and file I will vote for that.

***Chairman Cavanaugh** called for a vote. The motion carried to receive and file, duly recorded **Chairman Cavanaugh** in opposition.*

19. Communication from the property owner of 385-387 Belmont Street requesting subordination of a City lien in the amount of \$70,870.

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

20. Communication from Kristen Clarke, Traffic Engineer, requesting authorization for the Public Works Director to execute the Municipal and Project agreements with the State of NH and the Derryfield School for the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of River Road and Bicentennial Drive/Derryfield driveway.

Alderman A. Sapienza moved to approve. Alderman O'Neil duly seconded the motion.

Alderman O'Neil asked you could walk me through the simple mechanics on how this will work.

Kristen Clarke, Traffic Engineer, stated this is actually the first time we have ever done this. It will be a three-way municipal agreement and they, Derryfield School, will be paying for all portions of the project at the end of the project...

Alderman O'Neil asked is the grant from the state.

Ms. Clarke replied yes, it is from one of the grants we apply for every year.

Alderman O'Neil stated I know this has been around for a long time. Alderman Cavanaugh and I have been to meetings over the years. We are reviewing design standards and all that?

Ms. Clarke stated as part of the agreement we will participate in all stages of the project and provide oversight and design reviews.

Alderman O'Neil asked do we have anyone out there doing resident work.

Ms. Clarke replied all CMAC funded projects have to have a full time resident engineer so they would hire a consultant at that phase. We will be supporting all oversight and design reviews. We are not making a full time commitment ourselves.

Chairman Cavanaugh stated I heard overwhelming support from the neighbors and Derryfield school. Seems like a good compromise for everyone and should be a good project.

Ms. Clarke asked could this be reported out tomorrow night.

Alderman O'Neil asked why does that have to be reported out.

Ms. Clarke replied so that we could sign the municipal agreement. The sooner we sign the sooner they can issue the RFP to get a consultant on board. We had asked when we submitted the agenda.

Chairman Cavanaugh called for a vote. *There being none opposed, the motion carried.*

21. Communication from the Planning & Community Development Director requesting authorization to execute a contract in the amount of \$75,300 to cover the demolition cost for the structure at 298-302 Front Street.

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

There being no further business, on motion by Alderman Roy, 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.

City Clerk