

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

November 18, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Chairman Morgan called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Morgan, Terrio, Kantor, Long

Absent: Alderman Burkush

Messrs.: Mayor Ruais, P. Croasdale, C. Dobbins

1. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorizations providing for the transfer and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$100,000 for CIP 611124 Brook Street Shelter Operations.

Alderman Kantor: I was just wondering, is this new money, the ARPA money?

Mayor Ruais: Dollars for ARPA are allowed to be transferred between existing partners. When I was looking for a solution for the challenge that we have with Beacon on Brook, I spoke with Planning and they said that they had come under the grant and that the grant that they have that they were using those dollars for within the department was coming way under budget. So, they had these additional dollars that we could shift over for this purpose, because Beacon on Brook is something the city has supported in the past.

Alderman Kantor: Oh, yes, and I definitely support them as well. I was just wondering if it was new ARPA money. And why didn't they already receive it, since it was already accounted for?

Mayor Ruais: These aren't new dollars. These are dollars that no longer need to be expended for that project within Planning.

Alderman Kantor: Excellent. And then another question about women. It's women and children only. Is this for biological women only?

Mayor Ruais: Yes.

Alderman Kantor: Yes. Perfect. I just want to make sure, because protecting women is one of the most important things that we have to do.

*On motion of **Alderman Long**, duly seconded by **Alderman Terrio**, it was voted to approve.*

It was requested this item be reported to the Board the same evening.

2. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorizations providing for the transfer and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$2,800,000 for CIP 710723 CMOM Study, Design & Construction - Sewer Bond; CIP 710824 Secondary Clarifier Design and Construction; and CIP 710125 MS4 FY25 Construction - Enterprise.

*On motion of **Alderman Long**, duly seconded by **Alderman Terrio**, it was voted to approve.*

3. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorizations providing for the transfer and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$497,402.14 for CIP 710723 CMOM Study, Design & Construction - Sewer Bond.

*On motion of **Alderman Long**, duly seconded by **Alderman Terrio**, it was voted to approve.*

4. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$30,000 for CIP C070040126 Domestic Violence Prosecutor.

*On motion of **Alderman Long**, duly seconded by **Alderman Terrio**, it was voted to approve.*

It was requested this item be reported to the Board the same evening.

5. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorizations providing for the transfer and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$140,000 for CIP C160060826 Hope for NH Recovery Wilson St Emergency Recovery Housing.

*On motion of **Alderman Long**, duly seconded by **Alderman Terrio**, it was voted to approve.*

It was requested this item be reported to the Board the same evening.

6. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$80,000 for CIP C330041326 MPD DetectaChem Spectrometers.

*On motion of **Alderman Long**, duly seconded by **Alderman Terrio**, it was voted to approve.*

7. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$45,000 for CIP C330041426 FY25 ILO Program.

*On motion of **Alderman Long**, duly seconded by **Alderman Terrio**, it was voted to approve.*

8. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$14,826 for CIP C330041526 Eight (8) Handheld Lidars.

*On motion of **Alderman Long**, duly seconded by **Alderman Terrio**, it was voted to approve.*

9. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$23,600,000 for CIP C500071126 Pearl Street Parking Garage.

*On motion of **Alderman Long**, duly seconded by **Alderman Terrio**, it was voted to approve.*

10. Amending Resolutions and Budget Authorizations providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds for the following projects:
- CIP C650050926 Manchester Skate Park at Lally Sullivan Complex in the amount of \$2,500,000;
 - CIP C650051026 Al Lemire Field Lighting (Derryfield Park) in the amount of \$400,000;
 - CIP C650051126 Pony League Baseball Field Lighting in the amount of \$250,000;
 - CIP C650051226 Livingston Park Field Lighting Improvement in the amount of \$150,000.

***Alderman Long** moved to approve. **Chairman Morgan** duly seconded the motion. Chairman Morgan called for a vote. The motion failed with Aldermen Morgan and Long voting yea; and Aldermen Kantor and Terrio voting nay.*

*On motion of **Alderman Long**, duly seconded by **Alderman Terrio**, it was voted to table.*

11. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$35,000,000 for CIP WCA24.2026 Administration Building and Vehicle Storage Garage.

Chairman Morgan: What is the expected water rate for this new expenditure?

Phil Croasdale, Water Works Director: I'm projecting the effect that this project will have on water usage rates would be about 2.5%. For fiscal year 2027, 1%, fiscal year 2029, 1%, and fiscal year 2031, 0.5%, but that's down the road. It could be nothing depending upon additional revenue we get from development coming in over the next 3 to 5 years, which is expected to be substantial. Right now we'd start with an effective rate, 1% in 2027, 1% in 2029.

Alderman Terrio: So that's specifically for this building that you want to build. But we also have the pipe project which is well over \$100 million. We have other things going on that are going to affect our rates, correct? Water and sewer rates because we pay them together.

P. Croasdale: This would affect the water rates only. The sewer department is another department that it wouldn't affect the sewer rate. It would just affect the water rate.

Alderman Terrio: But we we pay our bills together.

P. Croasdale: What we do is we combine the bill. You have water usage. The water department charges you a rate for water usage and a service charge. The sewer department charges you a service charge and a rate for the amount of water that you use based on their rate. So, one doesn't affect the other. We do combine the bill.

Alderman Terrio: Do you see any other increases on your part on the water side besides this building?

P. Croasdale: Every year we look at our income, our expenses, our anticipated expenses, any increase to expenses. So, I can't sit here and say no. You know, we have been raising the rates approximately 3% a year. I know people think that that's a lot. But if you look at it right now, the rates are \$2.02. So 3% would roughly be 6 cents per CCF increase. And that's expected for the next several years. We're just trying to catch up with our existing costs. For example, we're anticipating to have to do something about the PFOs over the next couple of years. We're not sure exactly how that's going to affect us operationally. All I can tell you is this project by itself is only going to affect the rate 2% over the next five years.

*On motion of **Alderman Long**, duly seconded by **Alderman Terrio**, it was voted to refer the item to the full Board for consideration without recommendation, and further that there be a presentation from Water Works to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.*

12. Communication from Ryan Cashin, Fire Chief, requesting permission to apply for the FY25 Hazmat Grant in the amount of \$33,000.

*On motion of **Alderman Terrio**, duly seconded by **Alderman Long**, it was voted to approve.*

13. Communication from Caleb Dobbins, Highway Chief Engineer, requesting permission to bid the Cilley Road/Jewett Street traffic signal installation project.

*On motion of **Alderman Terrio**, duly seconded by **Alderman Long**, it was voted to approve.*

14. Communication from the Highway Chief Engineer requesting that CIP C500070626 Household Hazardous Waste Collection be closed.

Alderman Terrio: This is not permanent, is it?

Caleb Dobbins, Highway Chief Engineer: This is for the household hazardous waste. Typically, what we do is we create a CIP in advance of the acceptance of the grant. But apparently, when the grant was actually awarded, a second CIP was created. And that's where the funds were put into. So, this is simply closing this CIP that was created at the beginning of the fiscal year.

Alderman Terrio: So, it's just administrative.

*On motion of **Alderman Long**, duly seconded by **Alderman Terrio**, it was voted to approve.*

- 15.** Communication from Whitney Dade, MPD Grant Coordinator, requesting an extension for CIP 410325 Police ShotSpotter Gunshot Detection to December 31, 2026.

*On motion of **Alderman Long**, duly seconded by **Alderman Terrio**, it was voted to approve.*

- 16.** Petition to discontinue a portion of Groveland Avenue.

*On motion of **Alderman Long**, duly seconded by **Alderman Terrio**, it was voted to refer the petition to a road hearing to be scheduled by the City Clerk.*

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

A True Record. Attest.



Clerk of Committee

Meeting Start Time: 6:00PM
Meeting End Time: 6:11PM
Minutes Prepared By: Michael Intranuovo