

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

December 6, 2021 at 5:15 PM

Chairman Cavanaugh called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

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

Messrs.: C. Naczas, L. LaFreniere

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

*On motion by **Alderman O'Neil**, 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 \$40,000 for CIP 212922 Asthma Home Visiting Program.

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

3. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$238,800 for CIP 412122 2021 Homeland Security Grant Program-Network Hardening.

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

4. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorizations providing for the transfer and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$250,000 for CIP 611122 Helping Hands - 140-142 Central Street Renovation Project.

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

5. Communication from Leon LaFreniere, Planning & Community Development Director, requesting project extensions for various CIP projects.

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

6. Communication from Andre Parent, Fire Chief, requesting permission to apply for an AFG grant to purchase an ambulance which, if awarded, would require a City match of approximately \$43,636.36.

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

7. Communication from the property owner of 385-387 Belmont Street requesting subordination of a City lien in the amount of \$70,870.
(Note: The property owner is no longer requesting cash out from the refinancing.)

***Alderman A. Sapienza** moved to approve. **Alderman Roy** duly seconded the motion.*

Alderman Roy stated I want to thank the individuals who are applying. They came before us last time and were going to take money out. That isn't our normal practice so they revamped the application and are not taking any money out so it falls in line. I thank them for doing that.

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

8. Communication from the Manchester Housing Authority requesting subordination of a City lien in the amount of \$650,000 for 600 Maple Street.

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

Alderman Roy asked is there anyone here.

Alderman O'Neil stated yes the Director is here.

Alderman Roy stated I have a few questions. You are taking cash out when you are doing this correct?

Catherine Naczas, MHRA Executive Director, stated it looks like cash out alderman but all the cash that we are asking for is being reinvested for must do repairs. The way I look at this is we have an existing loan and we are borrowing more money. All of that money will go into major repairs such as the roof, windows, security, safety, and some heating. All of it will be reinvested.

Alderman Roy stated I read all of that in the packet, thank you. These are HOME funds. Do we know how much of the HOME funds we have paid back in the last 15 years?

Ms. Naczas replied I do not have that information alderman.

Alderman Roy stated it looks like there hasn't been any money paid back on the HOME loans.

Ms. Naczas replied the Mary Gale repayments are out of any net cash and we run a pretty substantial supportive services program there. All of our residents come to us who are homeless and in need of services. Usually what happens is the Housing Authority is putting in money on the operating budget to make it break even.

Alderman Roy asked does Leon have those numbers.

Leon LaFreniere, Director of Planning and Community Development, stated the original loan was \$650,000 and it is now \$615,897.

Alderman Roy asked is the money you want to take out matching funds for a grant.

Ms. Naczas replied no this is additional debt.

Alderman Roy stated didn't I read in the paperwork that you are getting a grant.

Ms. Naczas replied yes we are also getting a grant. What is going to happen is we are going to roll the existing loan into the additional debt and will have a new loan. We will also have a grant which will all be invested into the property.

Alderman Roy stated I thought I read you had to come up with an additional \$40,000 for that grant as some kind of match.

Ms. Naczas replied no.

Alderman Sapienza stated it's a wonderful project. Thank you.

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

Alderman O'Neil stated Cathy you don't need this reported to the board tomorrow do you?

Ms. Naczas replied actually if possible that would be good. We are trying to close by mid-December.

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

A True Record. Attest.



Clerk of Committee