

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

December 7, 2021 at 7:30 PM

Mayor Craig called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Cavanaugh, Stewart, Long, Roy, T. Sapienza, S. Sharonov, O'Neil, Levasseur, Terrio, E. Sapienza, Shaw, Barry

Absent: Aldermen Gamache and Hirschmann

Resolutions:

1. "Amending the FY2022 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Three Hundred Seventy Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy One Dollars (\$378,771) for the FY2022 CIP 411922 2021 Homeland Security Grant."

"Amending the FY2022 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Twenty Four Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$24,530) for the FY2022 CIP 411822 2019 Hazmat Grant."

"Amending the FY2022 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for FY2022 CIP 411722 NIBRS Crime Statistics Software."

"Amending the FY2022 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Ninety Three Thousand Dollars (\$93,000) for FY2022 CIP 411622 STOP Violence Against Women."

"Amending the FY2022 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Two Hundred Eleven Thousand Three Hundred Thirty One Dollars (\$211,331) for the FY2022 CIP 411522 Justice Assistance Grant."

"Amending the FY2022 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000) for FY2022 CIP 212722 STD Workforce Development."

"Amending the FY2022 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) for FY2022 CIP 212622 I Care NH."

"Amending the FY2022 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and increasing funds in the amount of Three Hundred Thirteen Thousand Seventeen Dollars (\$313,017) for FY2022 CIP 211522 Public Health Preparedness."

"Amending the FY2022 Community Improvement Program, authorizing, appropriating and increasing funds in the amount of Six Hundred Seventeen Thousand Dollars (\$617,000) for the FY2022 CIP 211322 Immunization Grant, CIP 211422 Lead Poisoning, CIP 211722 STD/HIV Prevention, CIP 211822 TB Prevention and CIP 212822 COVID-19 Immunization."

"Amending the FY2022 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Two Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$260,000) for FY2022 CIP 212522 Health Center Infrastructure Support-ARPA."

"Amending the FY2021 & FY2022 Community Improvement Program, authorizing, appropriating and transferring funds in the amount of Two Hundred Fourteen Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Two Dollars and Fifty-Three Cents (\$214,992.53) for the FY2022 CIP 611022 1269 Cafe-456 Union Street Fire Escape Renovation and the FY2021 CIP 811421 CARES Act Support Fund - ESG-CV and ESG-CV2 Activities."

"Amending the FY2022 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) for the FY2022 CIP 412022 Domestic Violence Prosecutor."

"Amending the FY2022 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the FY2022 CIP 811622 Document Preservation Project."

"Amending the FY2021 & FY2022 Community Improvement Program, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Three Hundred Sixty One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Six Dollars (\$361,256) for the FY2021 CIP 611921 Waypoint 298 Hanover Street Renovation Project."

"Amending the FY2021 & FY2022 Community Improvement Program, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) for FY2022 CIP 610922 Neighborworks Southern New Hampshire - Renew II."

"Amending the FY2021 & FY2022 Community Improvement Program, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000) for FY2022 CIP 610822 MHRA - Kelley Falls New Development (Phase I)."

"Amending the FY2022 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) for the FY2022 CIP 212922 Asthma Home Visiting Program."

*On motion of **Alderman Roy**, duly seconded by **Alderman Long**, it was voted to waive the reading by titles only.*

***Alderman Long** moved that the Resolutions ought to pass and be Enrolled. **Alderman Cavanaugh** duly seconded the motion.*

Alderman Levasseur stated on the issue of the Waypoint 298 Hanover Street Renovation Project, I read through the 38-page attachment and I was curious on what the definition of emergency shelter is concerning that 9,200 square feet. They need \$361,000 to build three studio apartments for three individuals. I was wondering about the size of that property because three studios sounds small but then I noticed that 9,200 square feet is being reserved as an emergency shelter. What is the definition of emergency shelter in regard to this property? Is it the same type of emergency shelter that we have at New Horizons or is it different?

Leon LaFreniere, Planning & Community Development Director, replied it does provide similar services but their population is for youth homeless. It is not the same population being served.

Alderman Levasseur stated so it is a different age group. There are three studio apartments and 9,200 square feet for cots like we have at the other shelter?

Mr. LaFreniere answered I believe the configuration is a bit more segregated than that because of the population but that portion of the project is for emergency shelter beds. It is not for permanent supportive housing.

Alderman Levasseur asked is it year-round emergency sheltering or only January through March.

Mr. LaFreniere replied it is year-round.

Alderman Levasseur asked what is the maximum capacity. I know that the plans have already been done and the permits have been pulled or are close to being pulled. What is the capacity for the 9,200 square foot shelter on Hanover Street?

Mr. LaFreniere responded I would have to get back to you.

Alderman Levasseur asked can you guess. Is it 100?

Mr. LaFreniere answered I don't think it is that high.

Alderman Levasseur stated and you are saying they need to be segregated differently than they would be at New Horizons. I think New Horizons has a mixture of every different age group.

Mr. LaFreniere responded that may be but this is specifically for an entire population of youth homeless that are particularly vulnerable to being exposed to a broader population.

Alderman Levasseur asked will it have a cafeteria like New Horizons.

Mr. LaFreniere stated it is not a soup kitchen type of environment. There are services that will be provided for the residents though.

Mayor Craig stated they have a drop-in facility right now in the city that they are moving from where it is now to Hanover Street as well. Right now, we are talking about the three apartments.

Alderman Levasseur asked so we are putting this closer to downtown and next to a park and around the corner from a school and it is going to be a drop-in shelter on the same level with a much younger group of individuals than the one on Manchester Street.

Mr. LaFreniere answered that was taken into account when they went through the approval process which included Zoning and Planning Board review. I think that

Waypoint did take pains to explain how they would administer the facility and protect the neighborhood and their residents. As the Mayor points out, this particular aspect of the funding is for the apartments themselves.

Alderman Levasseur stated I understand that. The question is has Waypoint ever managed an emergency shelter before? I know they have managed units but this is a little bit different.

Mr. LaFreniere responded they have had the drop-in shelter for a number of years.

Alderman Levasseur asked where.

Mayor Craig answered over by Gill Stadium.

Alderman Levasseur asked how many beds in that one.

Mayor Craig replied it is not an overnight shelter. It is a day facility. We have approved funding already to help Waypoint buy this building.

Alderman Levasseur stated well this Board did but I didn't vote for it.

Mayor Craig called for a vote. The motion carried with Alderman Levasseur being duly recorded in opposition to the \$361,000 for CIP 611921 Waypoint 298 Hanover Street Renovation Project.

Bond Resolution:

2. "Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of One Hundred Twenty Four Thousand One Hundred Sixty One Dollars (\$124,161) for the 2022 CIP 411022 Assistance to Firefighters Grant-SCBA."

On motion of Alderman Roy, duly seconded by Alderman T. Sapienza, it was voted to waive the reading by title only.

*On motion of **Alderman Roy**, duly seconded by **Alderman Cavanaugh**, it was voted that the Bond Resolution ought to pass and layover.*

CIP Budget Authorizations:

3. 211322 Immunization Grant
- 211422 Lead Poisoning
- 211522 Public Health Preparedness
- 212522 Health Center Infrastructure Support-ARPA
- 212622 I Care NH
- 211722 STD/HIV Prevention
- 211822 TB Prevention
- 212722 STD Workforce Development
- 212822 COVID-19 Immunization
- 212922 Asthma Home Visiting Program
- 410422 ARPA-Emergency Management Coordinator
- 411522 Justice Assistance Grant
- 411622 STOP Violence Against Women
- 411722 NIBRS Crime Statistics Software
- 411822 2019 Hazmat Grant
- 411922 2021 Homeland Security Grant
- 412022 Domestic Violence Prosecutor
- 610722 HUD HOME-ARPA Housing Initiatives
- 610822 MHRA-Kelley Falls New Development (Phase I)
- 610922 Neighborworks Southern NH-Renew II
- 611021 COVID-19 Shelter Decompression
- 611022 1269 Cafe-456 Union Street Fire Escape Renovation
- 611921 WayPoint-298 Hanover Street Renovation Project
- 810121 Affordable Housing Initiative
- 810122 HOME CHDO Set-Aside
- 810221 CHDO Set-Aside
- 810222 Housing Initiatives
- 811421 CARES Act Support Fund - ESG-CV and ESG-CV2 Activities
- 811622 Document Preservation Project

*On motion of **Alderman T. Sapienza**, duly seconded by **Alderman Long**, it was voted that the budget authorizations be approved subject to the final adoption of related resolutions.*

*There being no further business, on motion of **Alderman Shaw**, duly seconded by **Alderman Barry**, 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