

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

April 5, 2022 at 5:30 PM

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Stewart, Trisciani, E. Sapienza, Cavanaugh, Heath

Messrs.: L. Hynes, T. Clougherty

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

Alderman Heath asked do we have criteria that we use for these. Is this the normal procedure?

Chairman Stewart stated I am not sure if we have staff here to speak to the particular criteria but we do have some.

Lisa Hynes, EPD, stated we do have criteria. One of them is it has to be over 250% of their average consumption in order to qualify. There is a time limit as to when they can file for the abatement. We do ask for receipts if they can provide those. Most of the abatements we get are for toilet leaks and that is usually just a little part that they buy at the hardware store. However, sometimes we get plumber bills.

*On motion of **Alderman Heath**, duly seconded by **Alderman Cavanaugh**, it was voted to approve the abatement requests.*

2. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$33,333 for CIP 412422 Intelligence Liaison Officer Program.

*On motion of **Alderman Cavanaugh**, 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 \$305,760 for CIP 412522 Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-Based Program (COSSAP).

*On motion of **Alderman Heath**, duly seconded by **Alderman Cavanaugh**, it was voted to approve.*

4. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorizations providing for the transfer and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$55,000 to CIP 611222 1269 Cafe-456 Union Street Heating System Upgrades.

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

5. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorizations providing for the transfer and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$23,475.53 for CIP 611322 The Light House Operational Support.

*On motion of **Alderman Trisciani**, duly seconded by **Alderman Heath**, it was voted to approve.*

6. Amending Resolutions and Budget Authorizations providing for the transfer and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$1,098,677 to CIP 212322 ARPA-Community Health Worker Program (Budget) and \$1,144,000 to CIP 811422 ARPA-Revenue Replacement (Budget.)

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

7. Communication from the Police Department requesting line item adjustments to CIP 410222 ARPA-ACERT Program.

*On motion of **Alderman Heath**, duly seconded by **Alderman Cavanaugh**, it was voted to approve.*

Alderman Heath stated I just want to say it is a wonderful program.

8. Communication from Leon LaFreniere, Planning & Community Development Director, requesting a line item adjustment to CIP 811522 HUD Home-ARP Planning and Administration Support.

*On motion of **Alderman Trisciani**, duly seconded by **Alderman Cavanaugh**, it was voted to approve.*

9. Bond Resolutions and Budget Authorizations for two FY23 CIP projects that the Public Works Department is asking be approved before final adoption of the budget:
 - CIP 710123 Mill Girl Stair Replacement in the amount of \$650,000
 - CIP 710023 FY23 Roadway Program in the amount of \$2,300,000

***Alderman Cavanaugh** moved to approve. **Alderman Heath** duly seconded the motion.*

Alderman Heath asked why is the amount in the memo over \$3 million but the item on our agenda has it listed as \$2.3 million.

Tim Clougherty, Deputy Public Works Director, answered that is correct. There were some communication errors between us and the Planning Department. The total amount proposed in the Mayor's CIP is the \$3.6 million. We thought it might be easier to exclude the bonded portion but since the Mill Girl Stairs is bonded as well, we decided to bring the whole thing forward so the \$3.6 million is the accurate number.

Chairman Stewart asked for the record can you explain why this request is coming in in advance of the budget.

Mr. Clougherty replied we have taken in bids on the Mill Girl stairs and this is the second year in a row we have accepted bids because of the expanded cost from last year. The bids are predicated on a certain starting construction date which is probably in the next four weeks or so. The traditional process that CIP follows could have us waiting until the middle of the summer. So if there are projects that are presumed to be approved by the Board, it is our preference if we have a necessity from a timing perspective to bring them forward so we can start construction sooner. It is the same situation with the road program. We spent a lot of money last year and got a lot of work done and we are afraid that we might run out of money before July 1 comes if we were to wait for the traditional process. We appreciate the Board indulging us with these early start-ups.

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

*There being no further business, on motion of **Alderman Cavanaugh**, duly seconded by **Alderman E. 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