

## COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

**April 15, 2008**

**6:00 PM**

Chairman Garrity called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Garrity, Gatsas, Shea, O'Neil, Smith  
Alderman Lopez

Messrs.: C. DePrima, S. Maranto, B. Sanders, K. Sheppard, P. Goucher, P.  
Martineau, T. Arnold

Chairman Garrity addressed item 3 of agenda:

3. Communication from Charles DePrima, Acting Director of Parks, Recreation & Cemetery, proposing to plant a 25'-30' fir or spruce tree in Stanton Plaza to serve as a permanent tree to eliminate the need of a donation every year. Mr. DePrima further proposes spending \$6,500 from the Park Improvement Cash Account (CIP #511408) to hire a company that has the capability to harvest a tree of this size and transplant it at Stanton Plaza.

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Shea, it was voted to discuss this item.

Alderman O'Neil asked Chuck, has there been a definite determination that the tree can no longer go at City Hall Plaza? I know there are challenges with it.

Mr. Chuck DePrima, Acting Director of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery, responded yes, for safety reasons, and given the event that happened two years ago.

Alderman O'Neil asked but have we investigated what corrections would need to be made so that event would not happen? I just know that in other communities they have them in windy spots and they don't seem to fall over like we do. Have we investigated what other things need...before we commit to Stanton Plaza, have we investigated what would need to be done?

Mr. DePrima responded not from an engineering standpoint, no.

Alderman O'Neil asked do you have a proposed vendor that could supply the tree or would you have to go out for a bid or an RFP?

Mr. DePrima responded we've done some research. Since it's a very specialized operation, we did find a vendor. The name escapes me right now, but we did find a vendor in Hudson that possesses the equipment, the oversized tree spade and the trailer attached to it that can transport the harvested tree to the site.

Alderman O'Neil asked have we located a tree?

Mr. DePrima responded we haven't yet. If the funding is approved, my urban forester and I will go down there and select a tree from their property.

Alderman O'Neil asked can we explore...and I'm not looking to start world war three all over...is there a possibility that a tree exists somewhere on City property, either at the cemetery, at the Water Works? Have we explored that possibility at all? Have we talked to the Water Works forester?

Mr. DePrima responded I have had conversations with Tom Bowen. It's his feeling that the trees out in the woods, like in the water shed area, don't have the full form that a tree that's exposed to sun on all four sides has.

Alderman O'Neil stated but your forester has not had a discussion with their forester.

Mr. DePrima stated no, he has not.

Alderman O'Neil stated my recommendation would be that should happen before we commit any funds, with the hundreds of acres that they have.

Chairman Garrity asked Chuck, where did we get the trees from previously? Is it Water Works?

Mr. DePrima responded no, traditionally they were donated to us from private citizens all over the City. Typically we would advertise in the paper. We solicited donations of a tree, and someone would usually call us, at which point we would send our forester up there to survey the tree, to look at it and make sure it's nice and full, suitable for City Hall. Then we send our tree crew up there with the bucket truck and the Highway crane to harvest the tree. Then we bring it down to City Hall and erect it there.

Alderman Lopez stated I think the most important thing is the time element of going and getting the tree, bringing it here and putting it up, and the equipment and everything else, where it's been recommended to put a tree there permanently. Six thousand dollars isn't very much money to do something. I think the will of the Board will...if they want to continue asking someone to donate a tree, I'm sure Parks will continue doing the obvious of trying to find a tree and putting it there. When I was a commissioner, I got three or four people to donate a tree. There is always somebody around who might donate a tree, but it might not be the right tree. That's what they look for is something that's going to look good in the City.

Chairman Garrity asked and Chuck, you do have the existing funds to cover the cost?

Mr. DePrima responded yes I do.

Alderman Smith asked Chuck, now with everything going down to Stanton Plaza, are you going to have room? Those monuments are going down there, and you have a nativity scene there during Christmas time. It seems like a very small area.

Mr. DePrima stated if you're referring to the Gold Star Mother statue, that is going to be in the south quadrant of Stanton Plaza. The tree will be planted on the mound on the north, right behind the nativity scene.

Alderman Shea stated in view of the fact that we do need a tree there, and the fact that obviously you explored through a vendor, I would make a motion that we approve this item. The motion was duly seconded by Alderman Smith.

Alderman Gatsas asked you're going to get those \$6,000 of funds out of this year's budget?

Mr. DePrima responded yes, they currently exist in a cash account that I have.

Alderman Gatsas asked isn't there a freeze on all spending?

Mr. DePrima responded it's a CIP account.

Alderman Gatsas asked isn't there a freeze on all spending by the Mayor?

Mr. DePrima responded that's why I'm here asking for authorization, permission to use it.

Alderman Gatsas asked what is the CIP fund that we're taking it from? What is the balance in that account right now?

Mr. DePrima responded I'm not sure what the balance is right at this second. I believe there's close to twenty or thirty thousand dollars.

Chairman Garrity asked Sam Maranto if he knew the balance.

Mr. Sam Maranto, CIP Manager, stated that the balance was \$31,000.

Alderman Gatsas asked Sam, is there any way to transfer that money anywhere else other than in that account? Why is it in that account?

Mr. Maranto responded that is a cash account fund for specific items of that nature, unanticipated issues that come up during the course of the year. It's a cash account.

Alderman Gatsas asked is there any way to transfer that \$31,000 out of that account to the General Fund?

Mr. Maranto responded if the Board made that decision.

Alderman Smith stated I have it right in front of me, cash projects and so forth like that, and it's under Parks Improvement Program, and it is \$31, 172.40.

Chairman Garrity stated I would remind the Committee that we're going to be discussing cash reductions that the Mayor had requested we look at under New Business. Let's not forget that we are in a deficit situation on the expense side this year.

Alderman Shea asked would the Mayor have to review this and make a judgment on it?

Chairman Garrity responded I think it's up to the full Board, once it leaves this Committee.

Alderman Shea asked well in other words, isn't this submitted to some sort of...like Mr. Sanders, and then the Mayor votes? Doesn't he have that kind of a prerogative in this case?

Chairman Garrity asked Mr. Sanders, do you manage the CIP cash accounts or is that up to the CIP staff?

Mr. Sanders responded it is up to the CIP staff.

Alderman Shea stated so the Mayor would not have any kind of control over that. Is that correct? Whether he approves or disapproves? That's not one of the prerogatives that has been set by the Board?

Mr. Sanders responded it's my understanding that the expenditures that come to my desk for approval or forwarding to the Mayor relate to their operating budgets only.

Alderman O'Neil asked Chuck, on the request for the \$6,500, does that include purchasing the tree and the moving of it?

Mr. DePrima responded that's a furnish and install price.

Alderman O'Neil stated so if we identified a tree somewhere else, possibly, would that price drop? We could hire the firm to move the tree.

Mr. DePrima stated or it could go up, depending on how difficult it is to get to the tree. If it's in a remote location, they might charge more, depending on the degree of difficulty.

Chairman Garrity asked I'm not a forester, but can a tree be planted after this fiscal year?

Mr. DePrima responded it can be but it's recommended by the urban forester that it be done very soon. We have a window opening of when it's a good time to transplant an evergreen tree.

Alderman Shea asked Chuck, what kind of a time period do you need? In other words, do you need three months, two months, eight weeks? What is the time limit that you have for this kind of a judgment?

Mr. DePrima responded probably within the next six weeks.

Alderman Shea stated so if I remove my motion, you could get back to us concerning whatever questions they might have. So I'll remove my motion at this time.

Mr. Smith stated I won't remove my second. I really think that we should make a decision tonight. It's cash projects, and the acting director says this is the best possibility, that we should go this way instead of getting a tree from the Water Works or something on a yearly basis. I won't withdraw my second.

Alderman Shea stated I want to clarify that I'm not opposed to this. It's just that the idea is that you gave us a six-week period of time. Is that what you said?

Mr. DePrima responded yes.

Alderman Shea stated so we can bring it up at the next CIP meeting when you come back. And I certainly would probably look favorably upon that at that time. That's all.

Alderman O'Neil stated Chuck, this is a tree to be re-planted and it will be there permanently. It's not harvested for one year; it's re-planted. I don't know if that's the right term.

Mr. DePrima stated transplanted, yes.

Alderman Smith asked Chuck, what's the last possible date for planting this tree? You said it has to be done right now. You can't do it during the middle of the summer. I can understand that. If there's time for another meeting like Mr. Shea suggests, I'll withdraw my second, but if it isn't I won't withdraw my second.

Mr. DePrima stated I would say the latest would probably be May 1<sup>st</sup> that I would feel comfortable doing it, to really ensure the survival of the tree.

Alderman Gatsas asked what's the guarantee on the survival of the tree?

Mr. DePrima responded we'd get a one year warrantee on it.

Alderman Gatsas stated so if it dies in the second year, we've kind of spent \$6,500 for nothing.

Mr. DePrima responded yes.

Alderman Smith asked would you be able to hold a meeting before May 1<sup>st</sup>? I would under those circumstances withdraw my second.

Chairman Garrity responded sure.

Alderman Smith stated then I withdraw my second.

Alderman O'Neil stated I would appreciate it if you would reach out to the forester for the Water Works. He manages more trees than anybody in the City, so they may have one.

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Shea, it was voted to table this item.

Chairman Garrity addressed item 4 of the agenda:

4. Communication from Charles DePrima, Acting Director of Parks, Recreation & Cemetery, requesting approval to dispose of the original wooden floor once used to cover the concrete ice rink bed at JFK Coliseum which is being stored in the garage adjacent the West Side Ice Arena parking lot.

On motion of Alderman Gatsas, duly seconded by Alderman Shea, it was voted to discuss this item.

Alderman Gatsas asked are you selling the floor or are you just disposing of it? Is it worth anything?

Mr. DePrima responded we're just disposing of it. It's been stored in a facility of ours next to the West Side Ice Arena and it's rotting.

Alderman Gatsas asked why did we take the manpower and the time and effort to move it from JFK to a storage facility, rather than just throwing it out when we were taking it up?

Mr. DePrima responded I can't answer that question. It was a decision that was made by my predecessor.

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Shea, it was voted to approve this item.

Chairman Garrity addressed item 5 of the agenda:

5. Communication from Charles DePrima, Parks and Recreation, requesting \$64,580 in additional funding to cover the City portion (25%) to complete the Bass Island Flood Restoration Project this spring/summer.

On motion of Alderman Smith, duly seconded by Alderman O'Neil, it was voted to discuss this item.

Chairman Garrity stated you have the funding source, obviously.

Alderman Gatsas asked where is the funding source?

Chairman Garrity asked does the CIP staff have a recommendation on item 5 for a funding source?

Mr. Maranto responded there is potentially funding in the 2007 Parks Improvement Program. I have to verify that with Chuck. There's \$65,000 in that account. That does include Sullivan Park; there are six or seven parks there.

Chairman Garrity asked is that a cash account?

Mr. Maranto responded that's a bond project.

Chairman Garrity asked and what's the total?

Mr. Maranto responded approximately \$65, 600.

Chairman Garrity stated so we have a funding source, gentlemen.

Alderman O'Neil asked didn't we move Sullivan money to some place else?

Mr. DePrima responded we did.

Chairman Garrity asked that's after that transfer from last meeting?

Mr. Maranto responded correct.

Alderman O'Neil asked is that project finished?

Mr. DePrima responded it's complete.

Mr. Sanders stated I had a conversation today, following up on some open FEMA projects with the state. Of this 25% that Mr. DePrima is setting forth as the City's portion, I do believe that ultimately half of that would be covered by the state, so I think \$64,000 could be reduced to \$32,000.

Chairman Garrity asked \$32,000 is a firm number?

Mr. Sanders responded I know that the state will pay their twelve and a half percent. I assume the \$64,000 is a good number. There is also federal FEMA money on top of this as well. The total project is an additional \$183,000.

Chairman Garrity asked Mr. DePrima, this is the number, right? We're not going to be in the same situation we were last month?

Alderman Gatsas asked Mr. Sanders, who did you talk to at the state?

Mr. Sanders responded I talked to a Ms. Vaillancourt.

Alderman Gatsas asked are those fund that they're talking about...was this from the 2007 flood, the \$2.6 million that's in a piece of legislation that's in the state now?

Mr. Sanders responded I don't know the exact answer to where that money is but it probably is.

Alderman Gatsas stated I would suggest that you may want to call because it's been pretty evident that there will be no spending bills that will move through. And certainly \$2.6 million is a spending bill. So I'm just suggesting that you find that question out, and find out if it's in legislation or where it stands because it's been pretty clear that the direction that the finance chairman in the Senate has suggested that there will be no bills that pass with spending dollars in them.

Mr. Sanders stated I will get back to them.

Alderman Smith asked what happens if we don't do it? Does FEMA withdraw their portion, their 75%? That's the way I understand it. Is that correct?

Chairman Garrity asked so what number do we want to use, \$64,000 or \$32,000?

Alderman O'Neil asked Bill, if we approve, we have a balance to cover the \$64,000 and change, and then if the state covers the 50% of that number, would it just reimburse the CIP fund or would it go to the General Fund?

Mr. Sanders responded it would reimburse the CIP fund.

Alderman O'Neil asked so wouldn't we be better to approve the higher amount and not hold up, and then...does that sound agreeable to everyone?

Mr. Pam Goucher, Interim Director of Planning, responded that seems reasonable.

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Smith, it was voted to approve this item.

Chairman Garrity addressed item 6 of the agenda:

6. Amending resolution and budget authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of FEMA funds for Bodwell Road drain line pursuant to a request from Bruce Thomas, Highway Engineering Manager.

Alderman Shea moved to approve this item. The motion was duly seconded by Alderman O'Neil.

Alderman Gatsas stated so there is additional funding that the City has got to come up with. The 75% funding is \$316,000.

Mr. Kevin Sheppard, Public Works Director, I believe the funding that we're asking for...the \$469 would come out of the Chronic Drain Projects that we have a balance in. The \$1,875 is the FEMA portion of that.

Alderman Gatsas stated I apologize. I was looking at item 7.

Chairman Garrity called for a vote on the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Garrity addressed item 7 of the agenda:

7. Amending resolution providing for acceptance of FEMA funds in the amount of \$316,877 for drainage work on North Union Street; and committing the sum of at least \$105,627 in FY2009 cash appropriations or other funds as determined by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen; and further to authorize the Public Works Director to execute any necessary documents.

*(Note: Communication from Bruce Thomas, Highway Engineering Manager, requesting authorization to execute necessary documents.)*

Alderman O'Neil moved to approve this item. The motion was duly seconded by Alderman Smith.

Alderman Gatsas stated same question: Is the \$52,000 the state's portion?

Mr. Sheppard responded no, this is actually a grant that came through FEMA after the floods. Towns and cities throughout the state were able to apply to FEMA for various flood projects or areas in the cities that we had flooding problems. We actually submitted three different projects, and all three projects were approved through FEMA. As part of that, the City has to come up with a portion of the funding and FEMA will come up with the balance of the funding, the last one

being at South Cypress Street, which we anticipate getting that paperwork in the near future. We were pretty successful at getting the FEMA funding through this program. I know the planning director, the City's portion of this, we would be projecting to come out of the FY 2009 CIP major drain project that the Mayor has identified in his CIP. I think the interim director has made a recommendation in the package as to how that would occur.

Ms. Goucher stated the recommendation would be that the Board also takes an action to commit the monies for the CIP in 2009.

Alderman Gatsas asked where on North Union Street is it?

Mr. Sheppard responded it's right across from North End Drive. During the flooding, during that FEMA event back in May of 2006, there is a catch basin there, and that was not able to take the flows. It's actually a combined system. What we're doing is separating it out and tying it into the brook down below. That section of Robie Street that you see on the plan is not actually constructed. We'd be going through there. We have contacted the property owners along there to inform them of the project.

Chairman Garrity called for a vote on the motion to approve this item. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Garrity addressed item 8 of the agenda:

8. Petition for discontinuance of a portion of Union Street East Back beginning at Concord Street and running northerly 270.55 to Lowell Street submitted by Gary Frost, Executive Director of Boys and Girls Club of Manchester.

Alderman Smith moved to refer the petition to a Road Hearing with the date to be set by the City Clerk. The motion was duly seconded by Alderman O'Neil.

Alderman Gatsas asked the discontinuance, is it splitting the street down the middle, the abutters on one?

Mr. Sheppard responded this will go to road hearing. That's typically how it happens. From what I understand, the Boys and Girls Club owns both sides of that street.

Chairman Garrity called for a vote on the motion to approve this item. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Garrity addressed item 9 of the agenda:

9. Communication from Paul Martineau, Welfare Commissioner, referred by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen on March 18, 2008 to the Committee in response to the presentation on the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness in the City of Manchester.

On motion of Alderman Smith, duly seconded by Alderman Shea, it was voted to discuss this item.

Mr. Paul Martineau, Welfare Commissioner, stated all I want to do with this is debunk some of the negative implications that were pointed at my department. If you've read the correspondence, obviously you see where I've been expending funds to the point of like \$2.4 million, the last five years, either in shelters or rentals to keep people from becoming homeless. There were negative implications there that were pointed at my department that weren't valid. I told the Mayor, you can build another Rock Rimmon project, another Elmwood project. They will come. They'll fill it, and you'll still have homelessness. What we need is the organizations we have in our community, social services things, we need to get together and work to try to get these people off of the homelessness, just like New Horizons. Fred Robinson, the director, basically has a tier system where they come in initially and they just stay overnight. If they do certain things and meet criteria, and get counseling, they get into tier two where they have their own place. And then tier three, and he tries to get them to become self sufficient or move out of that situation. One of the things that concerns me in this new budget is that I used to give them a stipend from my budget because of the fact that we refer all single males and females to that department. Now I won't be able to do that with this budget. I've cut it out. It might be penny wise and pound foolish. I think he does a heck of a job. Also, the other agencies do a great job, and we're fortunate to have that. But I just didn't like the fact that they pointed out that we could be a detriment to this homelessness program. I don't believe that, not the way we've been doing it.

Alderman O'Neil asked Commissioner, did the Task Force respond to your comments at all?

Mr. Martineau responded no, I just sent this so it could be entered to show that we have been participating and we have been concerned about this situation, and the City certainly hasn't been derelict in doing its duty. No one that's ever come to my office in the six years I've there who was homeless was ever put out on the street. Everyone was offered shelter. Now whether they accept it or not...some people don't want to go to a shelter if it's a family situation. We have a small family shelter we refer families to, and obviously we refer people to New

Horizons when they're single males or females. They may decide not to do that. I have never denied anybody shelter.

Alderman O'Neil asked Mr. Chairman, would it be possible to get somebody's response from the Task Force on the Commissioner's concerns?

Chairman Garrity responded I'm not opposed to that, but I don't want to have this turn into a debate in front of the Committee. Alderman Lopez, you were on that Task Force, were you not?

Alderman Lopez responded I was on that Task Force and it was brought up the point that the Commissioner has so stated. And they printed what they wanted to print. You're defending your department, which I don't blame you. Maybe a correspondence from the Mayor will get the chairman of that committee to respond to that particular negative and see what happens. I agree that you don't want to get into a contest here. It's not a contest. It's a ten year plan. I don't want to get too much involved in it right now because you've got to have somebody that's going to coordinate with all the agencies, as the Commissioner has said. There's a lot of work to be done. He's rightfully so in stating his comments.

Alderman O'Neil stated just one that the Commissioner responded to and he took some exception with was lack of engagement in partnerships by key City agencies, particularly the Welfare Department. I would take exception to that as well. So I think without starting a big dialogue back and forth that the members of the Task Force could respond to the Commissioner's concerns.

Alderman O'Neil moved to require the Task Force to respond to the Welfare Commissioner's response to its report. Alderman Shea duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Gatsas stated we have an item that's tabled in this Committee.

Chairman Garrity stated we have the homeless coordinator position, yes. I was going to ask for it to come off the table at the appropriate time after New Business.

Mr. Martineau stated I didn't respond to try to create an animosity or anything. I just wanted to get the record straight. Just like this past fire where 100 people were displaced. United Heritage and Catholic Charities came to see me and asked if there was anything we could do. I looked at my rental line item budget. I knew I was going to have an overage at the end of the year. I was able to give them \$20,000. In the past one time when there was a lead problem with the Somalians, they had to move three families out of a three family into another area. I was approached by the Way Home. I ended up spending about \$7,000 to make sure the kids wouldn't be in a lead poison situation and they'd be taken care of. So it's

not as though I've been derelict here. I've always cooperated and I've been thankful that we have these agencies. That's the other thing too, because we can refer people there. So it wasn't a case...all I want to do is get the record straight. I don't need a response personally. I don't know what they could say.

Alderman O'Neil stated I'd like a response.

Chairman Garrity called for a vote on the motion to require the Task Force to respond to the Welfare Commissioner's response to its report.

Chairman Garrity addressed item 10 of the agenda:

10. Amending resolutions and budget authorizations providing for the acceptance and expenditure of State of NH health grants for the following:
  - \$25,000-HIV Counseling & Testing
  - \$5,900-Immunization Services
  - \$21,553-School Based Dental Services
  - \$10,000-Pandemic Flu Planning-Phase III
  - \$5,701-STD Clinical & DIS Program

On motion of Alderman Shea, duly seconded by Alderman Smith, it was voted to approve this item.

Chairman Garrity addressed item 11 of the agenda:

11. Amending resolution and budget authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of the State Division of Economic Development grant in funds totaling \$1,500 to be used for conduction of community wide economic self assessment.

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Smith, it was voted to approve this item.

Chairman Garrity addressed item 12 of the agenda:

12. Ratify and confirm poll unanimously authorizing transfer of various CIP funds totaling \$42,000 and expenditure of \$13,000 in MER monies for rust repair of the Fire Department ladder trucks.  
*(Note: CIP Committee report reflecting breakdown of transfers and communication from Kevin Sheppard responding to information requested by Committee attached.)*

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Shea, it was voted to approve this item.

### **TABLED ITEMS**

13. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for a transfer of funds in the amount of \$20,000 from various projects for partial funding for a public/private partnership in accordance with the recommendation of the Homeless Plan.  
*(Tabled 3/18/08; Note: a copy of the presentation from Patrick Tufts, President and CEO Heritage United Way, 10-year Plan to End Homelessness in the City of Manchester as referred by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen on March 4, 2008 has been included.)*

This item remained on the table.

14. Communication from Kevin Sheppard, Public Works Director, submitting information regarding the Mayor's vehicle submitted by the Police Department Fleet Supervisor, and requesting to replace same as soon as possible from FY08 MER funds.  
*(Tabled 3/18/08; Alderman Garrity to report back to the Committee regarding a possible donation from a local auto dealership.)*

This item remained on the table.

15. Communication from Mayor Guinta to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen on March 4, 2008 relative to the anticipated FY2008 budget deficit that includes a request for the CIP Committee to review the FY2008 CIP Cash budget for recommendations.  
*(Tabled 3/18/08; Note: Update from Highway and Facilities Division.)*

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Gatsas, it was voted to take this item off the table.

Chairman Garrity asked if everyone had their proposed CIP cash reductions. I think it was probably about two months ago that the Mayor had asked the Committee to find some reductions to address the potential deficit on the expense side this fiscal year. I met with CIP staff and these are the recommendations. Some of these are 2006 accounts, just small balances and things like that. And the OYS, the first one, there's a vacant position there. So it would still be funded through this fiscal year in that program.

Alderman O'Neil asked on the two larger items, the OYS project, we've confirmed with the department that that \$50,000 is available?

Chairman Garrity responded that's correct.

Alderman O'Neil asked and on the last item, the parking garage, is that an older project or is that fiscal year 2008?

Mr. Maranto responded 2008.

Chairman Garrity stated the director was contacted, and she had no issues with putting this on the list.

Alderman Gatsas asked isn't that the Enterprise Fund? Scared I was going to ask that question, huh?

Mr. Sanders stated yes, that is an Enterprise Fund and Mr. Maranto had sent me an email asking me about that. I neglected to get back to him, but that would remain in the Enterprise Fund. It wouldn't come to the General Fund. The only thing that comes back from the Enterprise Fund would be the year-end reimbursement or dividend to the General Fund.

Alderman O'Neil moved to accept the recommendations without that item. The motion was seconded by Alderman Smith.

Alderman Gatsas asked the rest of these, can you tell me, the Youth Resiliency project, where do those funds come from? Is that cash?

Mr. Maranto responded these are all cash projects.

Alderman Gatsas asked they're cash projects that we put into that for a position? Where did the funds come from?

Mr. Maranto responded that program initially was a grant about six years ago, and it was reduced each year until last year we began supporting the program in its total.

Alderman Gatsas asked where did the grant money come from?

Mr. Maranto responded the federal government.

Alderman Gatsas asked so we can turn around and take this money and drop it into the General Fund?

Mr. Maranto responded that is cash, correct. We've been funding this program two years now.

Alderman Gatsas stated these aren't federal funds.

Mr. Maranto stated no they are not. These are all City cash dollars.

Chairman Garrity stated last year the City fully funded the program out of our general budget.

Alderman Gatsas stated so if I wanted to add CIP 511408 for \$30,000, that would be the cash that is in Parks and Recreation, we would have the ability to do that so that the number would change by whatever that total is. So the total would be \$90,262.04.

Alderman O'Neil asked for which project?

Alderman Gatsas responded for all of them. That would be the total. The \$30,000 would come out of the CIP 511408, which was the Christmas Tree Fund.

Ms. Goucher asked are you closing it out?

Alderman Gatsas responded I think you said there was \$31,000 and change in there. If you want to give me the rest of it...I just had \$30,000 on here. How much is left? What's the total amount?

Ms. Goucher responded \$31,172.46.

Alderman Gatsas stated that would be \$91, 434.50.

Alderman O'Neil stated I'm going to rescind my motion.

Alderman Gatsas stated I'd give you a friendly amendment.

Alderman Smith stated I happen to have all the figures right here, and I'd just like to ask a couple of questions. These are all cash, so I would assume...cash, in the past we've always done what was available. But OYS, they have \$85,752.50.

Chairman Garrity stated correct, but there's still one person in that position in that program. That's why we didn't take the whole thing.

Alderman Smith stated okay, I know you took funds out from the Highway to take care of the Fire Department. What's the difference in the situation right now that we're talking about? You took funds from the Highway Department that they had as excess, or were kind enough to give us the \$42,000 for the Fire Department. What's different from transferring this from Parks?

Chairman Garrity stated Alderman O'Neil is the one rescinding the motion, so I guess you'll have to ask him.

Alderman O'Neil stated I was just trying to make it clean. We were going to end up with amendments.

Alderman Gatsas moved to recommend moving \$91, 434.50 from the FY2008 CIP Cash budget to the General Fund to offset the anticipated FY2008 budget deficit. The motion was duly seconded by Alderman O'Neil.

Alderman Lopez stated and you told the Parks and Recreation director to come back here for \$6,500. Is that still \$6,500 he can come back here for?

Alderman Gatsas responded no, we can take that off the table.

Alderman Lopez asked you can take that off the table and get it from that?

Alderman Gatsas stated we can take his \$6,500 off the table and receive and file because I think it's more important that we talk about where we're going rather than Christmas trees.

Alderman Lopez stated well, true. We could buy radios with the money too, but that's another subject. The real questions I have is about the \$157,855.62, I know it's an Enterprise Fund. Is that the cash that we have or are there committed projects to that?

Mr. Maranto responded the project was going to go toward repairs of the Victory Garage elevator, and if that money was being taken, it would be deferred until funding came up in the future.

Alderman Lopez asked so they're not going to use that money between now and the first of July. Is that correct?

Ms. Goucher responded that's correct.

Alderman Lopez asked Mr. Sanders, could that money, by directive of this Board, be allocated back to us in the General Fund since we have \$1.8 million coming back?

Chairman Garrity stated I think that's a question for Mr. Arnold.

Mr. Tom Arnold, Deputy City Solicitor, asked for the next fiscal year?

Alderman Lopez stated no, right now they have \$157,855 in the Enterprise Fund. They have allocated \$1.8 million back to us in the 2008 budget. They have not spent that money for repairs. My question for you is, can we direct the Enterprise Fund to return that money to us in the 2008 budget as a revenue?

Mr. Arnold responded I believe you probably could. If you'd like a definite answer, I'll research that and get back to you next meeting, but I believe you can.

Alderman Lopez stated perhaps the Committee should think about that and bring that \$157,855 back here if they're not going to use it.

Alderman O'Neil stated Mr. Sanders is shaking his head, he believes it can be done.

Mr. Sanders stated yes I do, but I would defer to the Solicitor and get another two weeks just to make sure. But that would seem to be an avenue that is available.

Chairman Garrity stated let's get the appropriate documents on it and just be sure we can do it and I don't have a problem doing that at next Board meeting.

Chairman Garrity called for a vote on the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

On motion of Alderman Gatsas, duly seconded by Alderman Smith, it was voted to remove previously tabled item 3 regarding the permanent Christmas tree from the table.

Alderman Gatsas moved to receive and file this item. The motion was not seconded.

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Shea, it was voted to put this item back on the table.

There being no further business, on motion of Alderman Shea, duly seconded by Alderman O'Neil, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee