

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

October 20, 2008

5:45 PM

Chairman Garrity called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Garrity, Gatsas, Shea, O'Neil.

Absent: Alderman Smith

Messrs: D. Garrity, P. Goucher, J. Angell, B. Sanders, Chief J. Burkush, K. Sheppard, T. Clougherty, C. Deprima.

Chairman Garrity addressed item 3 of the agenda:

3. Discussion regarding available funding for the project to honor Manchester Highway Department Workers who have died while performing their duties.

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

Alderman Gatsas asked how much is the funding?

Chairman Garrity asked what is the cost? Does anyone know?

Mr. Dan Garrity, Whitney Avenue, stated thank you for inviting me, Mr. Chairman. The total is over \$3,000. We needed more because we have another name coming on. I wasn't expecting that from the Board. I wouldn't want to take anything away from the other departments for equipment, especially the Highway Department. If there is money available for garbage trucks or whatnot, I wouldn't want to infringe on that at all. Any token of appreciation would be appreciated.

Alderman O'Neil asked Dan, do you have others that have already made donations or committed? What would be a number that would help fill a probable void?

Mr. Garrity replied I looked over the list and the City emblem, which I thought was rather expensive, was \$850. We have received \$350 so far since the story ran in the paper, from outside contributions.

Alderman Gatsas stated somebody at the end of this bench is looking for money for the World War II monument.

Mr. Garrity replied I realize that.

Alderman Garrity asked what is the total cost?

Mr. Garrity replied I tried to call the monument engraver; he was on vacation last week and today. We do have another name going on it, but without that sixth name the total was \$ 2,875.

Chairman Garrity asked is that soup to nuts?

Mr. Garrity replied that is not counting the foundation. We would probably pay for that ourselves.

Alderman O'Neil stated Mr. Chairman, this is a pretty important thing. I think \$3,000 is appropriate. I know the World War II Memorial is a little more expensive than \$3,000. I don't know about the funding source. Do we have anything in CIP?

Chairman Garrity asked do we have a funding source, either Pam Goucher or Sam Maranto?

Ms. Pamela Goucher, Interim Planning Director, responded we have identified approximately \$1,900 in cash funds that could be used.

Alderman O'Neil moved to appropriate \$3,000 in funding for the memorial to honor Manchester Highway Department Workers. Alderman Shea duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Gatsas stated I don't think they need \$3,000. They raised \$350.

Alderman O'Neil asked do you want it to be \$2,500?

Alderman Gatsas stated how about we give them \$2,000 and let them go out and pick up the other \$500 and be finished with it. I don't have a problem with that. I think they're doing a good job and it's a worthy cause but...

Alderman O'Neil stated I think they'd like to spend their time getting this done rather than raising money. If we can help them out, let's help them out and get it done. I don't want to argue over \$500 here.

Mr. Garrity stated I just want to stress that I don't want to take anything away from the other departments.

Alderman O'Neil stated you're not taking away from anyone.

Mr. Garrity stated Alderman Lopez's project...I don't know.

Alderman Shea interjected just to clarify in my mind, it's \$2,875 plus. Have you raised any money yet?

Mr. Garrity replied yes we have, Alderman. We've raised \$350. This was from outside contributions.

Alderman Shea asked what would you need in order to fulfill all of the obligations? How much would you need?

Mr. Garrity replied as I said, there is another name going on it and I'm not sure what the cost is for that. It would probably be \$2,500 anyway. We were planning on supporting this ourselves through the Highway Department.

Alderman Shea stated listen, I worked for the Highway Department. The guys don't make that much, believe me.

Alderman O'Neil amended his motion, allowing \$2,000 in funding for the memorial to honor Manchester Highway Department Workers. Alderman Gatsas duly seconded the amended motion.

Ms. Goucher asked would you like the project number that this is coming out of?

Chairman Garrity replied yes.

Ms. Goucher stated 810707.

Alderman Gatsas asked what is that project?

Ms. Goucher responded Community Development Initiatives. It was money that we had for some of the Master Plan, monies in our department.

Alderman Gatsas asked what else can that money go towards?

Ms. Goucher replied it's cash.

Alderman Gatsas stated so it can go towards anything.

Ms. Goucher responded unless it doesn't have the same stipulations of CDBG...

Alderman Gatsas interjected so it can go to a pump station over on Crosbie Street, to take care of the problem which that neighborhood has.

Ms. Goucher replied it probably could because it wasn't CDGB eligible.

Alderman Lopez stated Pam, you said it comes out of the Master Plan. The Master Plan is not complete yet. Do you have the money for that?

Ms. Goucher replied we can use some CDGB money to finish up the Master Plan support that we are going to do.

Chairman Garrity called for a vote on the motion to appropriate \$2,000 in funding for the memorial to honor Manchester Highway Department Workers. The motion carried, with Chairman Garrity being duly recorded as abstaining.

Chairman Garrity addressed item 4 of the agenda:

4. Discussion related to funding for the "Manchester City Resources" mailer by the Mayor's Anti-Graffiti Task Force.

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

Chairman Garrity asked this has something to do with the cost of the mailer, right? Is there anybody here? What was the cost on that again? Was it \$3,200?

Alderman Lopez replied yes, something like that.

Alderman Shea asked wasn't there some suggestion that some of this material would be passed out through Water Works? I thought that there was some sort of a motion that they were going to look into that.

Chairman Garrity stated apparently they couldn't do that because there were advertisements on it. I guess that was a suggestion to put some advertisers on it and you can't...

Alderman Lopez interjected thank you, Mr. Chairman. Alderman Shea is right and I think Alderman Ted Gatsas brought up the point that we Aldermen could authorize that and they were supposed to look into it.

Alderman Shea stated yes, that is what I thought.

Chairman Garrity asked can we do that, Mr. Arnold? Can we change the ordinance, just on a one case basis?

Mr. Tom Arnold, Assistant City Solicitor, replied I can look at it certainly.

Chairman Garrity asked did you look at it yet?

Mr. Arnold replied I have not looked at it yet, no.

Alderman Shea asked can we table it until we get an answer?

Chairman Garrity replied yes.

Alderman Shea moved to table this item. Alderman O'Neil duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Garrity addressed item 5 of the agenda:

5. Request from Information Systems Department for 2009 Bond Money.

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

Chairman Garrity stated I believe we have had the discussion already of what it's needed for, but we just need amounts and things of that nature.

Ms. Jennie Angell, Information Systems Director, stated thank you. I have listed out various items in the bond money in order of priority and we are talking about \$200,000. What this is for is items that would be shortfall...well, not a shortfall, the reduced amount of technology money that we were given out of the line item this year. Alderman Gatsas had suggested that I talk to Bill Sanders to see if we

can bond some of these specific items, to see if that is an option. We started this back in July.

Chairman Garrity asked what is the allocation in the MER account?

Ms. Angell replied the allocation was \$147,350.

Chairman Garrity asked and the total bond money you need is \$200,000? Is that the total?

Ms. Goucher replied Mr. Chairman, those items add up to \$175,000 on mine.

Ms. Angell interjected I am sorry. I am sitting here and I didn't have ...\$175,000.

Chairman Garrity asked is Mr. Sanders here? I guess I need a suggestion from either you or Pam Goucher. How can we possibly fund this and what source it is going to come out of?

Mr. Bill Sanders, Finance Director, stated we have not yet gone out to bond for fiscal year 2009 at this point, so the Aldermen would have the option if they so desired to add this to the current bond appropriation, pass an additional one for \$175,000. I would suggest that you will be hearing this evening from other departments that also have requests above and beyond what was originally appropriated for bonding. They also have prioritized their requirements. Bonding everyone's requests would be substantial, about \$8.5 million to \$8.7 million of additional bonding if you did all of the requests that you are going to hear about this evening or you've already read about.

Chairman Garrity asked what is the tax rate impact on that?

Mr. Sanders replied the annual debt service of an additional... if we financed all of that, it would probably be to the tune of about \$1million to \$1.2 million of annual debt service if you did the entire \$8.5 million. That would be approximately ten cents to eleven cents on the tax rate. Not to suggest... I was anticipating that there might be a look at the prioritization and you would do the top priorities in some departments but not everything for everyone. I am not answering your question directly but...

Alderman Gatsas asked how much of that money could possibly be deferred out of the 2010 budget? You probably figured I was going to ask you that question.

Mr. Sanders replied I did. Let's make sure I understand the question you asked me, sir. Based on the existing that has been approved for the bonds...

Alderman Gatsas interjected I am talking about the \$8.5 million.

Mr. Sanders replied I think that...this is just a personal opinion....if we did, on the Information System schedule, the network access control which is their first item, and then if it was the desire of the Committee and the full Board to potentially purchase the top two or three priorities of each department, the total bonding amount would be somewhere in the vicinity of about \$3 million to \$3.1 million. We could then come back and address the 2010 budget cycle or going forward in subsequent cycles doing the remainder.

Alderman Gatsas stated let me see if I can be a little clearer. Let's assume we look at the bonding for 2010. You must have some sort of idea of what's there that we're looking at for 2010. If that number can be reduced by \$1 million in the year that we're in, so that the cost in 2010 would be reduced by \$1.5 million of debt service, that would be eleven cents to the negative that we would be starting with in the next budget.

Mr. Sanders replied right now if we don't do any additional debt service, if we just look at our current bond profile, our debt service in fiscal 2010 would be \$1.8 million less than it is in 2009.

Chairman Garrity asked what is that amount again?

Mr. Sanders stated it would be lower by \$1.8 million. So we start out with a savings...

Chairman Garrity interjected I am sorry, Bill. That's if we do nothing?

Mr. Sanders replied yes, if we do nothing on this and we didn't even issue the bonds that have already been approved for this year. Just to go step by step, so we started out with a \$1.8 million decline. The current approved bonding that you did as part of the budget will probably add about \$1 million. That would leave about \$800,000 that we would still be down for fiscal 2010 in debt service. At that level we could bond about \$3 million more and probably be a little below the \$1.8 million if I haven't confused you. My intent ...

Chairman Garrity interjected I think I get it. To stay at \$1.8 million we've got about \$3.1 million bonding capacity.

Mr. Sanders stated additional.

Chairman Garrity stated additional bonding capacity.

Mr. Sanders replied that is correct.

Alderman Shea asked how about the bonds themselves, Bill? Are they going to be less or more if we prolong this? In other words, will we be getting a better bond rate in the next fiscal year than we are now? Do you have any idea? Because of the situation existing in our society, what would your guesstimate be?

Mr. Sanders replied my guess would be that the longer we can defer bonding, not for years but for probably into next summer, bond markets would hopefully be better than they are today.

Alderman Shea asked they would be?

Mr. Sanders replied that is my estimate, sir.

Alderman Shea asked appreciatively or slightly?

Mr. Sanders responded the market will be more receptive to bonds generally, I think.

Alderman Shea stated we would be getting a better bond rate.

Mr. Sanders stated I think the interest rates would be more favorable, probably in a year's time.

Alderman Shea stated that is a point to consider, I would think.

Mr. Sanders stated even in that situation we would still be going to bond early in fiscal year 2010, so you would be looking at a debt service, so the discussion would still hold.

Alderman Shea stated thank you.

Alderman Gatsas stated thank you, Mr. Chairman. So the total schedule that you have right now is \$8.5 million for 2009. That is the request in front of us.

Mr. Sanders replied yes.

Alderman Gatsas stated not this request but all other requests that we are going to see this evening.

Mr. Sanders replied that is correct.

Alderman Gatsas stated that equates to \$1.2 million in bond costs.

Mr. Sanders replied in annual debt service. That is correct.

Alderman Gatsas stated which equals eleven cents on the tax rate. If we were to do that this year right now, that is going to be an impact on the tax rate as you go to the DRA in November. Is that correct?

Mr. Sanders replied right now the Aldermen can't change the appropriation for the City. You have already appropriated a debt service amount for fiscal 2009. In that debt service amount we had estimated additional debt service of about \$350,000 to cover what had been approved here, on the assumption that it would be issued late in the fiscal year, so it wouldn't be as high. Even if you approve this this evening, I don't think we would be able to issue it till much later in the fiscal year at the earliest or make it a full fiscal 2010 issue. That is not to say that the Fire Department and Information Systems couldn't order what you have approved, but the actual bonding of it would be delayed because I don't have an appropriation large enough to absorb it.

Alderman Gatsas stated I have a couple more questions. So if that were the fact, that means what you said was that the 2010 debt service would be down by \$1.8 million, so we would be absorbing \$850,000 of that \$1.8 million so we would be to the plus of about \$950,000, just in round numbers. That means that we would be issuing all debt now having them buy the equipment that we would even be looking for next year and absorbing or saving \$950,000 when we start our budget process in March or April.

Mr. Sanders replied if you were to approve all of the proposals that you have this evening, I'm estimating the debt service on that would be about \$1million to \$1.2 million. That, in combination with what you approved as part of the budget in May, the combination of that debt service, would zero out the savings that we would be seeing for next year. There would be \$1million on this \$8.5 million for tonight that you're looking at and there would be about \$800,000 on the \$7.5 million that you approved back in May.

Chairman Garrity asked are you saying that there is no savings? It kind of zeroes it out?

Mr. Sanders replied if you do everything that's on the table this evening. That's why I suggested coming back down to \$3 million or something like that and not buying all of the priorities for all of the departments. In the Aldermen's judgment, which are the important priorities, and try to keep the new bond amount to somewhere in the \$3 million plus range.

Chairman Garrity asked you don't want to go out to bond till summertime you said?

Mr. Sanders replied yes, sometime in the summertime because the bond amount, the debt service amount, is already fixed in the appropriation, so we can incur a lot of interest.

Alderman Shea stated thank you. To avoid prolonging this, what is your recommendation?

Mr. Sanders replied my recommendation is that the Aldermen should listen to the department heads and go through what their priorities are and either this evening or in the near future make a determination of what you think the highest priority items are that need to be purchased promptly, and those should be approved. We should begin our prioritization process after that, then again, getting ready for the 2010 budget and beginning to factor that in, in that form. I don't suggest that you approve the entire request that they have all sent in this evening.

Alderman Shea stated so you're suggesting that we bond certain items within the next few months.

Mr. Sanders stated yes, ones that you have approved an authorization to permit us to begin. We would put this with all of our other bond issuing appropriations and be ready for the late spring or early summer of next year.

Chairman Garrity asked do you suggest it be in a \$3 million to \$3.1 million range?

Mr. Sanders replied yes, with that you will still be entering 2010 with a slight decrease of about \$300,000 to \$400,000 and an opportunity to decided if you want to do more then or if you want to use that savings, so to speak, for something else.

Alderman O'Neil stated Bill, although we have, regarding the MER account, rolled information technology into that, Information Systems equipment, that discussion never happened for the months that went on. It was strictly on the fleet. Is that correct? Unfortunately that's what happened.

Mr. Sanders replied that is correct, although Jennie and I did have a discussion some months ago and she did prepare a letter that I had actually included in the material that I sent to you. I was anticipating that it would be part of ...

Alderman O'Neil interjected but it does sound like there may be some room, depending on what action we take on item eight, to include some Information System equipment in that. Is that correct?

Mr. Sanders replied I think so, yes.

Chairman Garrity stated it would be my suggestion that we hear from not only Information Systems but the Fire Chief and Highway on their priorities for equipment and ask them to come back with their top priorities at the next meeting.

Alderman O'Neil asked they are not in a position to do that tonight?

Chairman Garrity replied they may be.

Alderman Gatsas stated thank you, Mr. Chairman. Bill, how much are we bonding this year? Is it \$3.5 million?

Mr. Sanders replied the approved appropriation that the Aldermen put together just for the City is about \$7.6 million. That was in the original budget.

Alderman Gatsas replied and the \$350,000...that's taking care of the \$7.6 million?

Mr. Sanders replied it is taking care of it on the basis that we were only going to be doing a mid-year debt issue. I was only going to pay interest so we only have six months of interest as opposed to a full year. The annualized cost of that would be something higher, obviously. It would be double the \$350,000 at least.

Alderman Gatsas stated the total that we are looking for is about \$16.1 million. The \$8.5 million and the \$7.6 million is about \$16.1 million. All of that debt at some point you are going to issue at the end of the year.

Mr. Sanders responded yes, at the end of this year or early next. I am not bound by June 30th. The only thing that binds me is if I ... yes we will issue it in the next calendar year for certain.

Alderman Gatsas asked the total debt service on the \$16 million is \$2.4 million? If I take the \$1.2 million debt service cost for the \$8.5 million, let's say it is \$2.2 million.

Mr. Sanders replied I would say that is a good estimate, \$2 million to \$2.2 million.

Alderman Gatsas stated we have \$350,000 of it, so we're looking for \$1.85 million.

Mr. Sanders replied that's correct. But we don't need to find that \$1.85 million today.

Alderman Gatsas stated no, but I am looking to see if that was in this year's budget number rather than next. I am trying to move some of the cost here because next year is going to be tougher for where we find revenues than where we are currently.

Mr. Sanders replied it is going to be about the same for the next five years, just by the way the bonds are issued. The types of things we are talking about here are somewhat of a shorter nature, vehicles and that sort of thing. If there were standard bonds, the debt service would probably be fairly level for the next three to five years.

Alderman Gatsas asked are there any one-time accounts that we can draw down on to pay cash for these and not bond?

Mr. Sanders replied there is an account that was established by the Aldermen, I believe it was about three years ago. I think you originally put \$500,000 into it for equipment replacement. At one time my predecessors anticipated it would grow into millions of dollars. Today the stock market has moved up and down. It's probably between \$500,000 and \$600,000 there. That money could be used to pay debt service. That could be used to...

Alderman Gatsas interjected I would be looking for some accounts somewhere, or two accounts or three accounts, that we can draw down to reduce the debt and pay cash and not have to worry about debt service of \$16.1 million if we can drop that down to \$8 million because there are one time monies that are floating around in all of these other accounts. We have the Jac Pac money that is coming in. There are a bunch of accounts where if we pay cash it at least takes the longevity of those pieces of equipment out four or five years.

Mr. Sanders replied right off the top of my head, I'm not aware of any accounts that would meet that requirement, but we can look into that for your next meeting and report back.

Alderman Gatsas asked can you give us a list for the next meeting, a list of all accounts we have and how much money is in them and what we can do with those funds?

Mr. Sanders replied certainly.

Chairman Garrity asked what is your pleasure on item 5?

Alderman O'Neil replied it needs to be referred to item 8.

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Shea, it was voted to refer item 5 to item 8.

Alderman Gatsas asked are there any others in here that ...

Chairman Garrity interjected yes, there are. We have to hear from the Chief.

Alderman Gatsas asked wouldn't it make sense to table all of these and the departments get together and put one list together?

Alderman O'Neil responded in all honesty, that's what has happened, I think. The department heads have been working on this for months. If I may, Mr. Chairman, other than including Information Systems in the discussion, they have been working on this and they are looking for some direction from us.

Chairman Garrity stated what this Committee needs to decide is if we are going to take the Finance Director's recommendation and only spend \$3 million versus \$8.5 million.

Alderman Shea stated I think that if a presentation is being made tonight we can obviously review whatever their presentation might be and then we can refer back to the Finance Officer as far as the funding is concerned. I guess right in back of us they have an apparatus ...

Chairman Garrity interjected I think we should hear from the Fire Chief tonight, absolutely.

Alderman O'Neil stated we're going to go to this. I don't think we can afford to spend \$8 million. I have had a number of discussions with the department heads as well as Mr. Sanders and I think \$3 million may work. That's a step in the right direction for the departments.

Chairman Garrity addressed item 6 of the agenda:

6. Request from Chief James Burkush for permission to spend the balance of the defibrillator replacement project, an amount of \$1,389.94.

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

Alderman Gatsas asked where is that money now?

Chairman Garrity replied it's in the defibrillator account at the Fire Department. That is something that is in your budget, right?

Mr. James Burkush, Fire Chief, replied we bought the defibrillators and we had a balance. It came under bid and we were told by CIP that we could buy the extra defibrillator pads because it's in the bond for the defibrillators.

Alderman Gatsas asked so what are we looking to do with it?

Mr. Burkush replied just to use it to buy the spare parts for the defibrillators.

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. Sewer abatement request (74 Brook Street).

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

Chairman Garrity addressed item 8 of the agenda:

8. Communication from William Sanders, Finance Officer, submitting prioritized vehicle replacement schedules for the Police, Fire and Highway Departments.

Chairman Garrity asked what would you like to do with this one, hear from the Chief Burkush first?

Alderman Shea stated yes, he is ready.

Mr. Burkush stated we can make the presentation very brief. We were asked...that list is in front of you...by Bill Sanders to list our top ten priorities and the reason was that he wanted some of our immediate needs and some so he can develop a longer term plan. What we are looking for tonight is three pumpers as soon as possible. Two of the three pumpers are currently out of service and have been sold off. The third pumper is Engine 11, which has 116,000 to 117,000 miles on it now. We would like to replace those three pumpers this year as our number one priority. As we go forward down the list that we provided to you, we estimate the cost of those three pumpers is probably in the order of \$1.8 million for three pumpers. The slide show goes on and talks about the age of the vehicles that we are currently using. Two of these trucks are actually spare pumpers. They are 1987 vintage. They were supposed to be downgraded for occasional use as spares. We are running them now as front line equipment. Like I said, they are 22 years old. They need to be replaced. A replacement program is what we would like to see. As you know, we have 20 pieces of heavy equipment: eleven engines, six trucks, rescue air unit and a fire alarm bucket truck. If we replace one a year, that would give us 20 years to get through the fleet. We received a pumper last year; we replaced Engine 9 and that was \$530,000, but prior to that we didn't receive an engine for almost four years. We are way behind in our replacement program. We feel that we need to get into a replacement program. Mr. Sanders wants to establish that plan. Some of the trucks have extensive frame rot. Engine ten is currently out of service from the frame delaminating, whatever you want to talk about. We haven't had any money in the rust account to repair trucks, as you know, to stay up on them, so they've deteriorated to the point that this one is currently out of service. That's where we're at, if anybody has questions on what our immediate needs are. On the smaller vehicles replacement, we need a Tahoe and we are running a couple of police cruisers now, recycled police cruisers, so smaller vehicles need to be addressed at some point also.

Chairman Garrity asked Chief, what three pumps do you want to replace?

Mr. Burkush replied Hackett Hill is running a spare...

Chairman Garrity interjected these are all pumps just like Engine 9, right?

Mr. Burkush replied we hope to get three more just like Engine 9. Engines 4, 10, and 11 would be the three pumpers we're looking to replace.

Chairman Garrity stated we just recently bought Engine 9 for \$530,000. How come \$1.8 million for three pumps?

Mr. Burkush replied because of the price of steel, we are estimating the vehicles could increase. Of course we have to go out to bid. We hope to get a better price buying three pumpers. That would be an estimate for the price of the vehicles. The price of steel has gone up about 10%. The more you defer it sometimes they go up in cost. Engine nine was \$530,000. That was bought and specked out a little more than a year ago so we are somewhere around... hopefully we can get the cost down even lower for those vehicles. We are estimating probably between \$1.6 million and \$1.8 million.

Alderman O'Neil asked could Mr. Sanders come up to join this discussion as well please?

Chairman Garrity asked Chief, what do you think the adequate amount should be in your budget for rust repair?

Mr. Burkush asked what we would need adequately per year?

Chairman Garrity replied yes.

Mr. Burkush stated probably about \$100,000 if we could... well, it depends on the age of the fleet. The older the fleet gets the more work they need. If they weren't as old then I think that we wouldn't need as much. Probably in the area of...

Chairman Garrity asked are the three pumps you want to replace closed cab pumps?

Mr. Burkush replied that's correct. The ones that we want to buy are closed cabs. The ones that we are operating are what we call open cabs. As you saw, engine 10 is running, the old engine 9, and engine 13 was an old engine 1 vintage which has an open cab riding area which gives us some concern for safety.

Chairman Garrity asked Engine 11 is a closed cab?

Mr. Burkush replied Engine 11 is a closed cab. That was a 1990 truck.

Alderman O'Neil stated thank you. Question for Mr. Sanders. Bill, you mentioned in your presentation and a previous discussion which was consistent with the discussion you and I had about a week ago, maybe two weeks ago now, that you felt somewhat comfortable in that \$3 million to \$3.1 million range. You certainly would not recommend... I don't want to speak for you, \$8 million in bonding. Is that consistent with what you and I talked about, the \$3 million range?

Mr. Sanders replied yes, that is consistent with what we talked about, Alderman.

Alderman O'Neil stated and you believe that will allow us ...as long as we develop a plan...this is correcting the lack of having a plan and moving forward. Would you say three pumps at the Fire Department is a step in the right direction?

Mr. Sanders replied I would defer to the Fire Chief obviously, but he has given me every indication that if he can get three pumpers...

Alderman O'Neil interjected so of the \$3 million, if we committed \$1.8 million you think that is a reasonable request?

Mr. Sanders replied yes, I think that is a reasonable request.

Alderman O'Neil stated thank you.

Alderman Shea stated thank you. If we approve this particular \$1.8 million, how long would it be before the pumps would be received?

Mr. Burkush replied we probably wouldn't see them till about June.

Alderman Shea asked June of 2009?

Mr. Burkush replied that is correct. We wouldn't have to pay for them until then. They are paid upon delivery.

Alderman Shea stated so basically if you got them July 2nd that would be better than in June.

Mr. Burkush replied we could specify a delivery date of July 2nd. It takes a while to go out for specifications and bids and all that.

Chairman Garrity asked what kind of specifications do you need? We just bought a pump.

Mr. Burkush replied the specification is ready, Alderman. We just have to...

Chairman Garrity interjected you can just take it off the shelf and just order it, right?

Mr. Burkush replied we would like to have one the same as Engine 9. That's correct.

Alderman Shea asked what would you do with the old pumps? Assuming you received three new pumps, what would you do with the three now that are operating?

Mr. Burkush replied usually we have a reserve fleet of three engines. Currently we only have one reserve engine and that has caused us... because of the age of our fleet... our fleet is 15 years old, average age. We've had instances where we've had two vehicles simultaneously down and we've had to move one out of headquarters to cover engine 2. We didn't have an engine to put in there. That really gives us concern when we don't have one to put in a station.

Alderman Shea asked so you would keep them in reserve in case something else were to occur. These would be better than nothing in terms of replacing some that are out of service.

Mr. Burkush replied yes, that is correct.

Alderman O'Neil asked Chief, probably one of the three that you would be replacing is going to be capable of being a reserve, correct? That's really going to leave you with only two reserves. It still is a step in the right direction because we would be purchasing three newer vehicles.

Mr. Burkush replied yes, we wouldn't be increasing our fleet at all.

Alderman O'Neil stated some of the current reserves that are actually acting as front line, those will probably be back to reserve.

Mr. Burkush stated they will go back to reserve.

Alderman O'Neil stated although their live expectancy is pretty...

Mr. Burkush interjected they are way over.

Alderman O'Neil stated thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Garrity asked Chief, do you have any ladder trucks out of service because of condition, not because of staffing?

Mr. Burkush replied no, because we did have to retire the Somerville Street Ladder Truck 7. That was one of the pieces this year that had extensive corrosion so we moved the ladder truck from South Main Street to Somerville Street, so we are down one ladder.

Chairman Garrity asked because of conditions?

Mr. Burkush replied because of mechanical condition only. Staffing stayed the same.

Chairman Garrity asked how many ladder trucks do you have? Four, right?

Mr. Burkush replied currently we are running five.

Chairman Garrity stated I think we have had discussion... what is your recommendation for the number of ladder trucks in the City?

Mr. Burkush replied I think we are looking at...we're studying all the responses but we're thinking efficiency of probably around five. We are looking into that further. That is why it wasn't in this year's priority for replacement.

Chairman Garrity asked technically you are going to come in next year and tell us you need a ladder truck, right?

Mr. Burkush replied yes. The ladder that's in next year's replacement would replace the current one on Somerville Street because that truck is approaching 25 years old. That is currently out of service again, out getting some work done to it. It has been out for about four weeks now due to its age. That one is currently an 85 aerial.

Chairman Garrity stated it's now 6:30 and we have another meeting starting.

Alderman J. Roy asked the three pumps that you are looking to replace, are they all going to be the same?

Mr. Burkush replied we hope they will all be identical. That is correct.

Alderman J. Roy stated so there may be further cost savings for us if you go to one dealer. Instead of purchasing one, we are purchasing three. Would it be less than \$1.8 million?

Mr. Burkush replied that will be our goal, to get it down as much as we can.

Alderman J. Roy stated thank you.

Alderman Gatsas stated I'm trying to get some clarity. The \$3.1 million that you are talking about, is that over and above the \$7.6 million or is part of it?

Mr. Sanders replied it's over and above the \$7.6 million.

Alderman Gatsas asked is the cost for that \$3.1 million going to be somewhere in the vicinity of \$400,000?

Mr. Sanders replied yes, I would say that, \$400,000 to \$500,000.

Alderman Gatsas stated I heard what you said that your recommendation is \$3.1 million. If we did the \$8.5 million would that eliminate any bonding? Would that take care of all the requests that the departments have before us and no bonding for next year?

Mr. Sanders replied that would take care of all the requests that are before the Aldermen.

Alderman Gatsas stated no, I understand how requests work around here. My question to you is does that take care of the \$7 million or the \$8 million of bonding that would probably be in the next budget? That means nobody would come before us with a request for bonding, right?

Mr. Sanders replied I don't believe that, sir. I think that they will be coming forward with additional requests in an effort to move to a clearer replacement program. We stopped at ten just to stop. There are other vehicles that all the departments will be coming forward for with next year's budget process. I shouldn't speak for them but I wouldn't be surprised.

Chairman Garrity stated we ought to be awfully cautious and take the Finance Director's recommendations. To spend \$8.1 million on vehicles tonight... these are trying economic times. Revenues are down ... I understand the needs but it doesn't make sense to me. These are trying economic times. It's not Christmas at City Hall tonight. We have to be frugal here.

Alderman O'Neil asked are you suggesting that we don't bond anything?

Chairman Garrity replied no, I didn't say that.

Alderman O'Neil stated I'm not supporting \$8 million in bonding, but I think we are heading down the road of a step in the right direction.

Alderman Gatsas stated for some reason Alderman Garrity thinks that I am Santa Claus and I am looking to give it away. I am looking at the future and the future is very important for where we are for the next budget. We'd better have that calculation in place real quick before we move forward, Alderman. I am not looking to bond ... for some reason I am going to hear you tell me again that's why we need a cap. I'm taking offense to it. I am looking at where we're going to go and what the alternatives are. My question was very simple. Is there another \$7 million that is following this for next yea, because maybe you start looking at some of this money and if it is \$400,000 on the dollars we're doing, maybe you don't bond it and you pay for it. At some point that is the right thing to do. Because we are in tough times, we should be spending cash and trying to reduce our debt. That is what you would do in tough economic times. That is what a reasonable business does.

Chairman Garrity stated you probably suggested earlier too that we should spend some one-time monies on this stuff. It is just a difference of opinion, Alderman.

Alderman Gatsas replied okay that is fine.

Alderman O'Neil asked do you want to hear from all of them or do you want to do these as we go along?

Chairman Garrity replied I'm sure Highway has something on the list.
Mr. Sheppard, do you have something on the list?

Mr. Kevin Sheppard, Highway Department Director, stated as part of the package I submitted, as the Finance Director had recommended, is a list of the top ten vehicles that we would request to be replaced as part of our MER. I am sure a lot of Aldermen have seen our fleet on the streets. You know I'm not coming up here

to cry regarding our equipment because I think the whole City's fleet is in pretty tough shape. We actually are buying parts off the internet because we can't find local parts. Our fleet is in tough condition and my biggest concern is this coming winter season. If we do not develop a plan... and I think that's what the Finance Director is working towards at this point, trying to develop a long term plan for the equipment replacement with a dedicated funding source. In my belief, that's the proper way to move forward. This past spring we've had difficulty keeping our sweepers on the streets. We have difficulties keeping our packers on the streets. This is a story I think Aldermen have heard in the past from myself and others such as Frank Thomas. I am not sure there is a need for me to go through each piece of my equipment. It is written as part of the agenda package. It's up to you if you prefer me to go through it in detail.

Chairman Garrity asked how many vehicles do you have to replace for us to get to the \$3.1 million now? Fire needs \$1.8 million, right? Information Systems needs \$200,000. So you have \$1 million.

Mr. Sheppard replied I am not going to put myself up against other departments. I think what we would do is, I have a list of equipment. Obviously, I feel my equipment is just as important as the Fire equipment or the Police equipment. Maintenance of the streets is our number one priority, so I guess it's not up to me to say how much money I would get out of the \$3 million. I think that's something we'd have to sit down and discuss with the Board.

Alderman Shea stated thank you. Kevin, as a former Highway worker dumping barrels, how many trucks do you need for that particular operation?

Mr. Sheppard replied right now we have 150 pieces of equipment. That goes all the way down from a roller all the way up to say, an excavator.

Alderman Shea asked could you use one, two or three?

Mr. Sheppard replied our MER request this year was close to \$4.5 million just for the Highway Department itself. We believe that was a realistic requested based on the age and condition of our fleet. This year we are spending roughly an extra \$7,000 a month over last year just to maintain, just to attempt to keep our fleet on the road. It will cost us another \$100,000 just to keep our fleet on the road.

Alderman Shea asked if you replace three trucks, would that be sufficient? What if you replaced four trucks? In other words, what I am looking at is, if we are going to allocate, say \$3.2million, you know the calculation.

Mr. Sheppard replied I took a quick look. If you take \$3 million and you say \$1.8 million for Fire and you say \$160,000 for Police per their request, and I know Parks have some requests, that might leave five pieces of equipment for the Highway Department. Anything is good but that won't even put a dent in what we really need for our...

Chairman Garrity interjected it would be my suggestion, because Traffic was supposed to start ten minutes ago, to have Highway, Police and Fire get together. Let's give them a number.

Alderman O'Neil stated I will make a motion on Mr. Sanders' recommendation of \$3 million; I have an idea that we can bond three fire trucks at \$1.8 million and at least \$165,000 for Police. They can also have an issue with vehicles and they are doing a pretty good job at sharing vehicles now. But whether it's six or seven vehicles...I think the recommendation is six in the report and that would leave \$1 million for Highway. I believe that would address their first five requests. Then when we settle this, we can see what we can do with Information Systems and what we can do with Parks.

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Shea, it was voted to accept Mr. Sanders's \$3 million recommendation to satisfy the first five departments' requests. Alderman Gatsas voted in opposition.

Chairman Garrity addressed item 9 of the agenda:

9. Discussion regarding exterior repairs to the Ursula Chapel.

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

Mr. Tim Clougherty, Facilities Division, stated thank you, Mr. Chairman. The request in front of you tonight is to transfer a small amount of bond balances as you will see in the correspondence from 411305 and 411303. This would allow us to complete some of the repairs that are necessary at the Ursula Chapel. We have been aware for a number of years that there are issues with this stone building. Unfortunately, at this point in time it has risen to the top of our priority list. There have been several other buildings that we have been able to address through the funding that was allocated back about three years ago in that 712107. There was about \$600,000 in roofing projects that we have accomplished to include Mammoth Road Fire Station, Harvey Road Fire Station, the Rines Center and a few other buildings. What we are looking for tonight is basically approval to transfer those monies which would give us total funding in the neighborhood of

\$271,000 for this small building. However, I want to make sure everybody is aware we've bid this project out twice. The repairs that are necessary to the building are in excess of over half a million dollars. This will not fix all of the issues that are at the building but it will get us a good ways along to have the building tidied up.

Chairman Garrity stated I have been down there with you, Tim. Can you just briefly update the Committee on what is actually happening down there? There are pieces of...

Mr. Clougherty interjected I apologize, Mr. Chairman. I do have some pictures for the Committee that I will dig out and you can pass around. As I mentioned, it is a stone building and over time the masonry joints in that building have deteriorated to a point where a piece of the building actually dislodged last winter. It's a small building but the damage to the masonry from the freeze /thaw cycle over the past 104 years or so has caused some extensive damage. There are two individuals who are interred inside of this chapel and we would consider the repairs to be of high priority at this point. It is a slate roof and a stone building as I mentioned, and finding individuals to perform this type of work is extremely difficult today.

Alderman Shea asked is this used for burial services at the Pine Grove Cemetery? Chuck is saying yes.

Chairman Garrity asked Alderman O'Neil, do you have any questions? It was a building that was built in 1904 and I know the last experience we had up on the top of the hill went poor with an older building. We couldn't take care of it and we ended up destroying the thing. It is a building built in 1904. It's up to the Committee, but when you have pieces of the building falling off you know there is a problem.

Alderman Shea moved to approve this request to transfer monies from two bond balances for exterior repairs to the Ursula Chapel. The motion was duly seconded by Alderman O'Neil.

Alderman Gatsas asked where is the money coming from?

Mr. Clougherty replied the majority of the funding is already in place. It was started up a couple of years ago in that 712107 account that currently has a balance of somewhere around \$232,000. Then we are transferring the monies from the two projects that I identified on the correspondence, bringing total funding to about \$271,000.

Chairman Garrity stated it's also a burial spot for the person who donated it to get it built. She and her daughter are interred in the chapel.

Alderman Lopez asked the cemetery trust fund does not carry this?

Mr. Clougherty replied I have asked that question of the previous Finance Officer as well as the previous Director of Parks and Recreation relative to capital improvements necessary to the Pine Grove Cemetery and at the time I was told capital repairs were not something that could be entertained through the trust.

Alderman Lopez stated it is not so much capital repairs. I think I heard you say that there is internment in the building. Is that correct?

Mr. Clougherty replied that is correct.

Alderman Lopez stated to me, that is a cemetery. When I was on there, we had a trust fund. Where this should be addressed is in Parks and Recreation in my viewpoint.

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

Chairman Garrity addressed item 10 of the agenda:

10. Petition to release and discharge from public servitude Westerly Cameron Street (formerly Union Street) and northerly line of Bourne Avenue (formerly Beech Avenue) submitted by John and Lorraine Buchenauer.

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, seconded Alderman Shea, it was voted that this petition be referred to a road hearing with the date to be determined by the City Clerk.

Chairman Garrity addressed item 11 of the agenda:

11. CIP Budget Authorizations:

410609 - NH Drug Task Force

410409 - Justice Assistance Grant

214206 - Manchester Health Care Access Review Program

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Shea, it was voted to approve these CIP budget authorizations.

Chairman Garrity addressed item 12 of the agenda:

12. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$28,877 for maintenance of the Health Department's Dental Van as part of the School Based Dental Services Program.

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

Chairman Garrity addressed item 13 of the agenda:

13. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$37,690.11 for the Annual Bridge Maintenance Program.

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

Chairman Garrity addressed item 14 of the agenda:

14. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$10,000 for the Firesafe Project.

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

Alderman O'Neil stated I think we should commend Captain Charles Pearson, along with Dan Daigle who still works on it. They deserve a lot of credit. I understand they have some great numbers. They're seeing a lot of kids and hopefully making an impact. Well done by the two of them.

Chairman Garrity stated this program has been around for a long time.

15. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$14,575 for the implementation of the Safe Routes to Schools Project.

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

Alderman Shea stated they have that program at Hallsville School that was initiated last year working very well.

Chairman Garrity addressed item 16 of the agenda:

16. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$8,000 for the implementation of the Medical Reserve Corp Program.

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

Chairman Garrity addressed item 17 of the agenda:

17. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$8,000 for operation of a Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Program.

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

Chairman Garrity addressed item 18 of the agenda:

18. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$116,913 for the implementation of the COPS Technology Program.

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

Chairman Garrity addressed item 19 of the agenda:

19. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$12,900 to assist in drainage improvements on Oakdale and Robie Streets.

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

Chairman Garrity addressed item 20 of the agenda:

20. Motorized Equipment Policy Responses from Department Heads.
That was requested by the Committee on June 3, 2008.

Chairman Garrity asked what is your pleasure on this one?

Alderman O'Neil asked do you want to receive and file this or do you want to do something with it?

Chairman Garrity replied let's do something with it. Let's see if they have a replacement program in the future. What do you want to do with it?

Alderman O'Neil asked did everyone respond?

Deputy City Clerk Matt Normand responded yes, we have received all responses.

Alderman O'Neil asked are they all in here?

Deputy City Clerk Normand responded yes they are.

Alderman O'Neil stated thank you.

Alderman Shea stated reading through this, Human Resources had mentioned something about guarded licenses on the part of ... if you notice in her comments, I'm not sure if these are germane or not but she mentioned that there should be valid licenses on the part of people that drive City vehicles. Maybe it's not germane to what we are saying or relevant to it, but she did mention that when she made her comments.

Chairman Garrity asked which one are you talking about, the tax collectors?

Alderman Shea replied yes, number 20-14.

Deputy City Clerk Normand stated Mr. Chairman, I can tell you that for the Clerk's office anybody that is required or is eligible to drive a vehicle, that is in their personal file in our office. I would assume all departments are the same.

Chairman Garrity asked is it updated frequently?

Deputy City Clerk Normand replied no, but it can be.

Chairman Garrity stated I think it should be.

Alderman Shea stated it is one page 20-14, and it has to do with Jane Gile. I have read and agreed to the policies stated in the document. I am curious, however, regarding section C, number 2. Currently valid licenses are not in the employees' personal files. Since this is a new process, to the best of my knowledge, will the departments be responsible for forwarding the drivers licenses to Human Resources and will this be an annual requirement? That's what I am looking at. I am not sure if Tom Arnold wants to weigh in on that or if...is it relevant that the Human Resources person...

Chairman Garrity interjected I think we should have everyone's license on file and it should be doubled checked on an annual basic. This is a no brainier; I hope we are doing that.

Alderman Shea asked Tom, could you check that to see whether we are following this, or Matt, whoever?

Deputy City Clerk Normand stated we certainly can do that. I was telling the Chairman while you were reading that, in our office we take copies of our drivers licenses and I know those go over with the original EIS sheets. It is not done every year but we can certainly do that.

Alderman Shea stated thank you.

Alderman O'Neil stated question for the clerk, Mr. Chairman. Matt, are you saying that each department should be responsible for it?

Deputy City Clerk Normand replied we do it in our office.

Alderman O'Neil stated I don't see that we have to send everything to Human Resources. I think each department should be responsible for it themselves.

Alderman Shea stated I think they should notify the Human Resources person in case there is ... to make sure that is being done.

Chairman Garrity stated what do you want to do with this report?

On a motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Shea, it was voted to receive and file this item.

Alderman O'Neil asked do you want to get rid of items 24 and 25?

TABLED ITEMS

On a motion of Alderman O'Neil duly seconded by Alderman Shea, it was voted to take items 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25 off the table.

Chairman Garrity addressed item 21 of the agenda:

21. Communication from Chuck Deprima, Acting Director Parks, Recreation and Cemetery Department, requesting additional funds in the amount of \$40,000 to complete the Martineau Park Rehabilitation Project.

Mr. Chuck Deprima, Acting Director of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery, stated at the request of the Committee at the last meeting where I came in and asked for additional funding for Martineau Park, as the bids were over the pledged amount mainly due to the fact that we had to roll some of the cost of the administrative work into the consultants' contract because I had lost an employee that would normally perform those task, we met with the contractor, myself and the

consultant, and were able to reduce the base bid of \$153,200 roughly by \$14,840. This brings the request down to successfully complete the project, an aesthetically pleasing park, to about \$20,000, which would include contingency of CDGB funds.

Chairman Garrity asked do we have \$20,000 in CDGB funds?

Ms. Goucher replied we have it in general revenues program income.

Chairman Garrity replied okay.

Alderman O'Neil asked could somebody else help out? Could Peter Capano from Highway go by? We are already paying Peter. Can somebody else go by? That is an awful a lot of money for administration of a project. It can't be that detailed.

Mr. Deprima replied that was not the sole reason for the increase in cost. That was just part of the reason why that was done. There can be oversight from the Highway Department and people like that.

Alderman O'Neil asked nobody in Parks can oversee this project? I know you are down people but everybody is down people. No one?

Mr. Deprima replied I'm the only person in my department that is familiar with design construction, because of my background in engineering

Alderman O'Neil replied I understand that, but none of the other middle managers can help out at all? We are not talking redoing Gill Stadium here; we are talking about a pretty small park.

Mr. Deprima replied correct, but since there are certain liabilities as it's a public space. Even the smallest details need to be managed correctly and effectively. It's not, in my opinion, a job for a layman, in the best interest of the City to get a quality product.

Alderman O'Neil asked so we will be paying a consultant to oversee this for us?

Mr. Deprima replied yes, that is what a lot of ... I won't speak for Facilities but I believe that they also pay for a clerk of the works in a lot of their projects.

Alderman O'Neil stated I understand, but not generally on projects of this size, I don't think. Mr. Clougherty is here. We are talking total bid. How much did you get the price down?

Mr. Deprima replied we are down to a revised construction cost of \$138,360.

Alderman O'Neil stated we have project managers over at Facilities that we are already paying for. I don't know.

Chairman Garrity asked what doesn't get done if you don't get the \$20,000 in that project?

Mr. Deprima replied I will have to continue to cut out certain elements of the design. I will have to reduce the landscaping a lot more. I'll have to reduce the quality of the site lighting more, and I will have to change the paving, things like that, which will detract from the aesthetics of the park.

Chairman Garrity asked this park is in Ward 10, right?

Alderman O'Neil responded Ward 11.

Alderman Shea asked when would this be completed by?

Mr. Deprima replied it would be completed by next summer. We are running into the fall season, the middle of the fall season. We certainly would be able to begin it this season and probably get most of it done, obviously depending on the winter conditions. In my professional opinion, I would not feel comfortable doing any of the...

Alderman Shea interjected it will be started now and completed....and once you start the project then you have to pay the consultant from that point on. Is that correct?

Mr. Deprima replied we don't have to pay them for work that's not completed.

Alderman Shea asked but you're paying them for any work that you're starting?

Mr. Deprima replied that is correct.

Alderman Shea asked Mr. Clougherty, is there someone in your particular division that could help out as Dan suggested?

Alderman O'Neil stated I am not suggesting we do this on every park project, just this one. It's over budget; it's pretty small. If there was a way that somehow Peter Capano or somebody could help out and save some...

Chairman Garrity interjected this is a pretty small park.

Mr. Clougherty stated I'm obviously a little unfamiliar with the project in its entirety but we would be happy to sit down with Chuck and see what kind of services we could offer. I think in just brief discussion with Chuck here right now, I think there is probably some common ground between zero dollars in cost and whatever the consultant is offering because I'm sure there are things, shop drawing reviews and things like that we wouldn't want to fall upon some of our personnel but I will sit down with Chuck and see if there is a solution that we can work out.

Alderman Lopez stated one question for record. Tim, you know yourself on many projects you do, you have a clerk of the works. I notice we don't get liability and I think that Chuck brought that point up about liability. No contractor is going to sign off so I want that point very clear. If I'm wrong, correct me.

Mr. Clougherty stated I'm not sure that I understand what you are saying, Alderman. Could you repeat that?

Alderman Lopez replied Chuck pointed out the liability aspect of it. When the City does something with no contractor, you're going to take the liability for what's wrong there. Correct me Chuck, we have had this conversation.

Mr. Deprima stated you are correct.

Alderman Lopez replied thank you.

Chairman Garrity stated I don't think it's going to hurt just to sit down and talk about it.

Alderman O'Neil stated we have our own people on many jobs throughout the City.

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

Chairman Garrity addressed item 22 of the agenda:

22. Communication from Fred Rusczek, Executive Director of Child Health Services, requesting reconsideration of the Mayor's 12% budget cut of FY2009 CIP allocations to his agency.

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

Chairman Garrity addressed item 23 of the agenda:

23. Communication from Attorney Craig Donais, on behalf of Mrs. Shirley Hoitt, requesting the following:
 - Arrange for the reappraisal of Mrs. Hoitt's property in which the situation of the municipal sewerage system is appropriately evaluated; and
 - Expedite plans to implement the Cemetery Brook Basin sewer separation project, and more particularly, expedite that portion of the project that would most quickly improve Mrs. Hoitt's situations; and
 - Install some temporary measure by which Mrs. Hoitt may avoid future backflow flooding until the more permanent changes anticipated above are implemented.

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

Chairman Garrity addressed item 24 of the agenda:

24. Update from staff regarding potential opportunities for collaboration with the State of New Hampshire in connection with the impending move of the Manchester District Court, if available.

Alderman O'Neil asked Alderman Gatsas, this is a dead issue now, right, on the court?

Alderman Gatsas replied I can't give you that answer.

Alderman O'Neil stated I thought they had somebody to move forward on Justin Place.

Alderman Gatsas stated there is only one problem. They still have to get funding from the legislature.

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

Chairman Garrity addressed item 25 of the agenda:

25. Communication from Kevin Sheppard, Public Works Director, proposing the opportunity of leasing versus purchasing vehicles within the FY09' MER budget.

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

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

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