

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

June 23, 2009

4:30 PM

Chairman Garrity called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

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

Messrs: S. Maranto, T. Clougherty, B. Stanley, J. Minkarah, T. Clark, J. Burkush,
L. LaFreniere, M. Normand

Chairman Garrity addressed item 3 of the agenda:

3. Sewer abatement request (1602 Elm Street).
(Note: EPD recommended an abatement in the amount of \$1,620 be granted.)

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

Chairman Garrity addressed item 4 of the agenda:

4. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for acceptance of funds in the amount of \$20,815 from the Department of Health and Human for the initiation of the Homeless Healthcare CIP project #210109.

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Shea, it was voted to approve the Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization.

Chairman Garrity addressed item 5 of the agenda:

5. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for acceptance of funds in the amount of \$1,125 from the State of New Hampshire Department of Fish and Game for the initiation of the OHRV Wheeled Vehicle Contracts CIP project #412110.

On motion of Alderman Smith, duly seconded by Alderman Shea, it was voted to accept the Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization.

Chairman Garrity addressed item 6 of the agenda:

6. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for acceptance of funds in the amount of \$125,000 of Affordable Trust Funds to the 2009 Housing Initiatives Program CIP project #611709.

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

Alderman O'Neil asked someone remind me where Sturros Apartments are?

Alderman Garrity replied Old Wellington Road.

Alderman O'Neil stated very good. Thank you.

On motion of Alderman Smith, duly seconded by Alderman O'Neil, it was voted to approve the Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization.

Chairman Garrity addressed item 7 of the agenda:

7. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for the receipt of \$7,740,000 of HUD Neighborhood Stabilization Program Funds awarded to the City.

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

Alderman Shea stated just so the general public knows about this item, Sam or Leon, do you want to discuss a little bit about the stabilization?

Mr. Sam Maranto, Planning and Community Development, stated the City has received funding from EDFA in partnership with Neighborworks of Greater Manchester, Families in Transition, and the Way Home for four different neighborhoods to affect housing rehabilitation and improvement in those neighborhoods. The City has received \$2,590,000 to work in the so-called hollow areas. Specifically, we are looking at a property at 434 Lake Avenue to purchase and rehab into housing. Neighborworks of Manchester got \$2,500,000 and they are going to be working on the Granite Square/Douglas Street area to acquired abandoned, vacant or foreclosed properties. Some

will be demolished and some will be rehabbed. The Way Home received \$300,000 to acquire the property adjacent to their property on Spruce Street. Families in Transition received approximately \$2,500,000 to acquire properties in the so-called Quarry Square area to build permanent supportive housing.

Alderman O'Neil asked could ask the staff to make sure they keep us in the loop? I don't want to speak for my colleagues or the entire Board, but I think we are all supportive of this. I think we all want to know what's going on, almost as things develop and not just when we have meetings. If you can get us an update regularly on what's going on, that would be appreciated. I think this is pretty exciting news for the City to address a lot of our neighborhoods. That's the only thing I ask for. Keep us in the loop. I know I sent an email saying that. I heard from other sources before we heard what was going on. Please keep us in the loop. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

On motion of Alderman Smith, duly seconded by Alderman Shea, it was voted to accept the Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization.

Alderman Garrity addressed item 8 of the agenda:

8. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for acceptance of funds in the amount of \$410,000 of priority funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan of 2009.

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

Alderman O'Neil stated for clarification, Your Honor. This is just water related?

On motion of Alderman Smith, duly seconded by Alderman Shea, it was voted to accept the Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization.

Chairman Garrity addressed item 9 of the agenda:

9. Communication from Stephanie Lewry, Executive Director of Intown Manchester, requesting the use of funds from the FY2009 Christmas account, in the amount of \$664.82 to pay for the PSNH bill for the Christmas lights.

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

Alderman Smith asked this is money that she has in our account already?

Chairman Garrity replied yes.

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

Chairman Garrity addressed item 10 of the agenda:

10. Communication from Bruce Thomas, Engineering Manager, requesting approval to accept \$5,000 from the owner of 223 Lexington Avenue towards the installation of a drainage system.

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

Alderman Gatsas asked what is the total cost?

Mr. Tim Clougherty, Facilities Division, replied our estimate of the total cost is roughly \$10,000.

Alderman Gatsas asked are you doing the work?

Mr. Clougherty replied yes.

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

Chairman Garrity addressed item 11 of the agenda:

11. Communication from Bruce Thomas, Engineering Manager, requesting funds in the amount of \$174,100 be transferred from CIP project #713107 – Granite Street Reconstruction Project to CIP project #711507 – Annual Bridge Rehabilitation.

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

Alderman Garrity asked didn't we already do this at the last meeting? Didn't we move some funds out of the Granite Street at the last meeting?

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

Chairman Garrity addressed item 12 of the agenda:

12. Communication from Matthew Normand, City Clerk, requesting permission to apply for the Cogswell Benevolent Trust Grant to restore three 19th Century maps and one atlas.

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

Alderman Gatsas stated I apologize, Mr. Chairman. I'm looking at the item before this, which we just voted on. Can someone tell me what the duration of this project is when I'm looking at \$18,000 for uniformed officers?

Mr. Clougherty replied we're not exactly sure what the duration of the project is going to be. There are four different locations that are going to be affected. The bridge joints will have to be corrected. We've obviously have two lanes of traffic and it's very difficult to predict. Those are just estimates at this point in time. We're hoping that the cost will be substantially lower, relative to both the maintenance of the traffic as well as the repair of the existing joints.

Alderman Gatsas stated it looks like we're using whatever balances are left to make it work so there is zero left in those accounts. When I look at the last item that says alteration and additions as needed, unanticipated work is \$5,000.

Mr. Clougherty stated no, actually, this is a very conservative estimate put together by our consultant. It totals \$276,000. We have roughly \$100,000 available in the bridge rehabilitation fund, so any monies that we're looking for are just a total of that \$276,000. We think it's going to be less than that, but at this point we would rather be conservative. The maintenance and traffic, as I'm sure that you're aware, doesn't include only uniformed officers. It also includes the cones, signage and the blinkers and stuff like that.

Alderman Gatsas asked can you give us a monthly update on the costs?

Mr. Clougherty replied most certainly.

Alderman Shea stated there are several bridges that you're listing here, right? How many are there in all?

Mr. Clougherty replied there are three different bridges: The Notre Dame Bridge, the Queen City Bridge where there are two expansion joints that were damaged, and one on the Goffs Falls Road Bridge. I'll leave it at that.

Alderman Smith asked when are you going to start on the Queen City Bridge? Because, if you are going to do the Byron Street Bridge there is going to be a lot of traffic going over the Queen City Bridge. I know it's going to be one lane on the Byron Street Bridge when they start, so I would suggest you start work on the Queen City Bridge as soon as possible.

Mr. Clougherty replied we're hoping to have that work done in the fall and the Byron Street Bridge won't start until the spring. I don't believe there would be any impact. This is a pretty limited extent for the fixes. I'm hoping it will be a limited time frame. Again, a conservative estimate, but we're hoping to pair it down so the impact will be minimal.

Alderman O'Neil asked Tim, am I right to say that this will be shut down as they are working, but it won't be lane shut downs for 24 hours or anything like that?

Mr. Clougherty replied lanes will most likely be shut down.

Alderman O'Neil asked as they are in there replacing the joints and cleaning the joints out?

Mr. Clougherty replied yes, but they could be shut down for 24 hour periods of time while concrete cures around the joint. It's similar to what we did on the Amoskeag Bridge.

On motion of Alderman Shea, duly seconded by Alderman O'Neil it was voted to approve the request for funds.

Chairman Garrity addressed item 13 of the agenda:

13. Report of the Committee on Public Safety, Health and Traffic respectfully advising, after due and careful consideration, that it has approved ordinance amendment:

“Amending Chapter 70: Motor Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester by amending Section 70.54 Permit Parking in Lieu of Coin Deposit thereby creating a new Canal Street Lot.”

(Unanimous vote)

Note: Referred to the Committee by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen on June 2, 2009 for funding.

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

Alderman O'Neil stated I did meet with Ms. Stanley and Mr. Minkarah and I voiced some of my issues. We have invested about \$40 million in this roadway system. I'm assured that this is probably a temporary fix to help out some of the people using the bus station. It was my suggestion we don't spend money on a consultant to design anything. We have a Highway staff that can do that. My understanding is that the Highway staff is going to do the work to keep the costs as low as possible. Therefore, when the decision is made to end it, this isn't from me, it's not a permanent commitment. It's until there are other opportunities and we should get rid of it and do something else with it, like make a park. I don't know if Brandy or Jay have anything else to add, but I think that sums up our conversation. Keep the costs as low as possible to do the work. It's not an infinite situation.

Alderman Garrity asked what's the cost? I'm trying to look through the materials here. Never mind, I just found it in big, bold, black letters.

Alderman Gatsas stated I guess my question is about the layout of this. Do I understand that there is an entrance and an exit, one on each end?

Ms. Brandy Stanley, Parking Manager, replied no. The entrance and exit are both on Depot Street.

Alderman Gatsas stated the writing is so small, what does it say on Depot Street? So there is no entrance coming in from the bank? Is that correct?

Ms. Stanley replied Depot Street is right in between the bank and the parking lot. It's that sort-of dead end street that goes to South Bedford Street and gives access to the rear of the WMUR building.

Alderman Gatsas asked there is no access off of Granite Street?

Ms. Stanley replied no. There isn't any access off of Canal Street either.

Alderman O'Neil stated I think we did talk about the need for a sidewalk for pedestrians to get from the lot to the corner where they believe most of the people are heading for the bus station. Second, I just want to follow up, I was assured no additional staff would be needed to operate this.

Alderman Gatsas stated a follow up to Alderman O'Neil. Let me understand. If I am going to take a bus to Boston, how much is it going to cost me to leave my car there on a daily basis?

Ms. Stanley replied if you are a monthly permit holder it would be \$50 a month. If you parked there for the whole day it would be \$7.50 for the day. We anticipate that the majority of the people are going to be monthly permit holders.

Alderman Gatsas asked you said \$7.50?

Ms. Stanley replied yes.

Alderman Gatsas asked what is it currently to park in the garage, monthly?

Ms. Stanley asked which garage?

Alderman Gatsas replied the one that is right behind us, or right next to us.

Ms. Stanley replied the Center of New Hampshire garage, I believe, is \$95 a month.

Alderman Gatsas asked is that \$50 a month a rate that is consistent throughout the City?

Ms. Stanley replied throughout the City properties, yes. Every parking lot east of Canal Street is \$50 a month.

Alderman Gatsas asked are there ten-hour meters in the proximity of this parking lot?

Ms. Stanley replied yes.

Alderman Gatsas asked what does it cost me for a ten-hour meter through the course of the day?

Ms. Stanley replied if you're talking about the Gas Light district, which are the closest meters, it's also \$7.50 a day; \$0.75 an hour.

Alderman Gatsas stated I'm just thinking about encouraging people to use Transit because obviously to drive to Exit 5 and park it doesn't cost anything. I understand that we are looking for revenue, but I think that certainly the enhancement of the bus station downtown will encourage users. There has to be some creative way to encourage them. I'd like to have that conversation with people who are using the bus system before we start allocating prices. Not that I don't think that we should do it, but I think that some of that needs to be allocated towards the people who are thinking about taking buses.

Alderman O'Neil stated my expectation was that we were going to be pushing the monthly permits and targeting bus riders. That's what I was led to believe and I hope that's what follows through and it's intended for people using the buses. Correct?

Ms. Stanley replied that's correct. What we were planning on doing was posting signs inside the bus terminal, making people aware that monthly parking is available in that parking lot.

Alderman O'Neil stated I guess there are no guarantees, but at least there will be an effort on our part to try. Our expectation is to fill it with monthly parkers and not have hourly parkers, correct?

Ms. Stanley replied I believe so. We're probably going to get some of the monthly parkers who are in the garage paying \$95 a month.

Alderman Lopez stated maybe the Committee would want to have some conversation about making sure the parking is being used by bus riders. Would it be possible to track that by using their bus tickets or license plates to prove that they used the buses? It's a good point.

Alderman Garrity asked the funding source is going to be the proceeds from the lot, correct?

Ms. Stanley replied I don't believe we can do that because the revenue from this lot is not included in the budget because we didn't know it was going to be a parking lot when we wrote the budget. From the conversations with the City Solicitor, we can't use money that isn't certified.

Alderman Garrity asked what is the funding source?

Ms. Stanley replied I believe we had talked about the Economic Development One-Time Fund.

Alderman Shea asked how many parking spaces would you envision?

Ms. Stanley replied this drawing has 23 parking spaces on it.

Alderman Shea asked you figure that most of the people who now take buses regularly from that location are parking at the Center of New Hampshire?

Ms. Stanley replied we know that they are parking at the Center of New Hampshire. The last time I talked to the management over there they had about 25 monthly parkers that were bus commuters. We also know that some of them purchase ten-hour parking permits in the Gas Light district, which is a hindrance to some of the businesses in the Gas Light district because they sit there all day. We also know that some of them buy monthly parking permits in the Millyard on South Bedford Street. Access from this particular parking lot is better because you don't have to cross the railroad tracks.

Alderman Shea asked right now we don't get any resources from the parking garage that charges \$95, right? You said there were at least 20 or 25 people who normally take the bus that park there at \$95 a month? You're going to charge them \$50 a month? I think that's half of what they pay now. I don't think they will complain.

Alderman Smith asked Brandy, how would that interfere or what's the situation with the Fisher Cats game? I would imagine that would be prime parking at 6:00 PM or 7:00 PM, especially if there is a night game.

Ms. Stanley replied if you are talking about event parking, that is part of this Ordinance to add in an event parking charge. If there are people who have taken the bus and are not back by that point, our event parking is written so that when the event rate begins, which is two hours before the game, if the vehicle is already parked there they are not subject to having to pay that rate and they are not subject to getting a ticket. That system has been working well since September when we put it in place for both the stadium and the arena.

Alderman O'Neil stated Brady, we have to expect...we know about the people commuting on the buses. We could be overestimating our estimates on the baseball and arena parking. I imagine that some of those people don't get back until 7:00 or 8:00 PM. I'm okay moving forward on this, but I do think we may be overestimating the baseball and arena parking a little bit. If I'm a monthly parker taking the bus, my car is there, I don't pay any more. We just have to expect that. Therefore, the payback on that is probably going to be a little longer.

Alderman Gatsas stated I would like to add a motion that we do not rent to monthly parkers until we get squared away with what is happening at the bus stop. Let's not fill it up with 25 people that want to leave the garage and come in here, park for the day, so they don't have to go into the garage and pay \$95 a month. I don't want the lot to be full and only have four people taking the buses. Before anything happens, I would like to at least find out where we are once the bus station opens up and we renovate the bus depot. I want to look into this before we start executing monthly passes or yearly passes and we are sold out at 25 and the people who want to take the bus have no place to park other than in the garage for \$95. That's my concern. I would ask that before anything is done that you come back to this Committee and tell us that the project is completed and we're looking to move forward. I think by then the bus depot will be done and completed and we'll have a better idea of what people are looking for in terms of parking spaces on a monthly basis in the parking lot.

Alderman Shea stated Brandy, you said before that there are several people who are parking at the garage now. Have you corresponded with them? How do you know that fact?

Ms. Stanley replied I talked with the manager of the parking garage. I've kept close tabs on the numbers of monthly parkers that they've had, probably in the last year, before the Concord Coach moved out and then moved back in, and I touched base with them again and he still believes it's somewhere between 20 and 25 people.

Alderman Shea asked is there any way you can get in touch with these people to indicate that once this is paved that they could park there? Is that something that you could do?

Ms. Stanley replied when we are ready to start selling permits on the parking lot our intention is to directly market to the people in the bus station.

Alderman O'Neil asked are we premature to do the construction then?

Alderman Gatsas replied I think that CMAC money is on this agenda tonight. I think we are approving it tonight and I think they are selecting a bid process tomorrow. The work should be completed.

Alderman O'Neil asked we're okay to move forward on this?

Alderman Gatsas replied we're okay as long as she is not going to issue any permits to anybody until she talks to Jay and comes back to his Committee so we know what's going on with the bus depot.

On motion of Alderman Shea, duly seconded by Alderman O'Neil, it was voted to approve the Ordinance Amendment as long as no permits are issued until the bus depot has been renovated.

Alderman Garrity addressed item 14 of the agenda:

14. Report of the Committee on Public Safety, Health and Traffic respectfully advising, after due and careful consideration, that it has approved ordinance amendment:

"Amending Chapter 70: Motor Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester by amending Section 70.57 Parking Rates thereby establishing event parking and hourly rates for the Canal Street Lot."

(Unanimous vote.)

Note: Referred to the Committee by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen on June 2, 2009 for funding.

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

Chairman Garrity addressed item 15 of the agenda:

15. Communication from Brandy Stanley, Parking Manager, requesting the establishment of a new CIP account with funding in the amount of \$150,000, in accordance with the recently approved agreement for the purchase of the parcel at 2 Line Drive.

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

Alderman O'Neil asked where is the \$150,000 coming from?

Ms. Stanley replied it is my understanding that it is suppose to be from the Economic Development One-Time Fund.

Alderman O'Neil asked when were we going to get the paperwork on that? It's the second time it's come up to fund it. That would need at least full Board approval, correct?

Mr. Jay Minkarah, Economic Development Office, replied if the Committee approves it we will bring it into the next BMA. We'll bring in the paperwork.

Alderman Lopez stated that was part of the approval when we did this project for 2 Line Drive, that we would do this.

Alderman Gatsas asked for further clarification, that's just to do the paving? We aren't going to be managing that lot? Can I ask the reason why it would go into a new CIP account? Can the Highway Department do this work if we were to subcontract to them?

Alderman O'Neil stated that's who is suppose to be doing it. That's what I was led to believe.

Mr. Minkarah replied we will be looking at our priorities. We have a lot of reconstruction projects that we are doing this year and we will be looking at our priorities and attempting to fold this in once we look at the estimates and the schedule.

Alderman O'Neil stated I guess, as usual, Alderman Smith has a pretty good track over there. I believe Alderman Lopez is correct that this is clearly in that document. My point is it never said what our funding source was going to be. I'm hearing the Economic Development for the first time. It's in Brandy's letter of June 15th.

Alderman Lopez stated I know I've had some discussion that when we did the approval we would take \$150,000 out of the one time account because it's economic and put it there.

Alderman O'Neil stated that's fine. It wasn't clear to me, Alderman, nor was it with the \$35,000 for the other item.

Alderman Gatsas stated I have a question of the City Solicitor. Has the transfer happened, Tom?

Mr. Tom Clark, City Solicitor, replied no, it hasn't. I'm waiting for Rob Miller to get back to me. The last conversation I had with him I asked him if he had drafted the deed yet. I think he's been on vacation.

Alderman Gatsas stated I don't have a problem doing this, subject to the transfer occurring.

Mr. Clark replied correct. That's not a problem. The transfer will take place rather quickly.

On motion of Alderman Smith, duly seconded by Alderman Shea, it was voted to approve the request to establish a new CIP account.

Chairman Garrity addressed item 16 of the agenda:

16. Communication from Chief James Burkush requesting permission to apply for the 2009 Fire Station Construction grant with the Town of Hooksett, for a new fire station on Hackett Hill Road.

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

Alderman Shea asked could you give us a feedback of what's been going on so we can get a little bit more information?

Mr. James Burkush, Fire Chief, replied as you know the grant guidance was just opened up on June 5th so there is a very short timeframe to get a grant together. The closing date is July 10th for the grant application. Homeland Security anticipates receiving between 5,000 and 10,000 applications, totaling \$30 billion and they are only going to award 100 grants. The grant guidance tells us that just having a dilapidated or small fire station does not get you up on the priority list. What brings you up on the priority list is expanding

service and expanding service area. That's why it makes sense to bring Hooksett in because that will give us a leg up because it will give us a station that will service both Manchester and Hooksett in that area. There is no match to this grant. I feel that going after the grant by ourselves would give us very little chance of getting that, but moving forward with Hooksett will better our chances. We've had initial discusses with the town management and the fire chief. Right now it's just a concept and we would work out the details if we're awarded the grant.

Alderman Shea asked you've applied for the grant? How long do you anticipate between the time that you apply for it and the time when you hear if you are one of the recipients?

Chief Burkush replied they would award them in September or October.

Alderman Shea stated I think it's a good move and that gives us an explanation.

Alderman Gatsas asked Chief, why wouldn't you try to do a similar situation with Litchfield and apply for both of them?

Chief Burkush replied I think Hooksett desperately needs a station in that location. That's one reason. As we move forward with our strategic study we have determined that the optimal station location should be between Litchfield, Manchester, and Londonderry. There is a location down there that we would like to service also. Moving forward we could probably do that during the next grant period.

Alderman Gatsas asked do you think there is another grant period coming?

Chief Burkush replied we're looking at indications that there are going to be some changes and hopefully some increased funding. We're watching that every day with the website.

Alderman O'Neil asked Chief, just for clarification, this Hooksett discussion, although it has become more formal in the last few months, has been going on for a few years, on and off?

Chief Burkush replied yes, I think Alderman DeVries a few years ago brought that idea forward. Like I said, there was a fire in Hooksett at the new Kohls or Target and we were there first, within two minutes and thirty seconds. Their closest station is up on Roby Store, up in that location. It would be a win for both of us to build a \$3 million station, no match. We would envision two separate fire trucks in there so it would be an increase in service to the area.

Alderman O'Neil asked Chief, does the full Board need to confirm that? We don't meet until the 7th and you said it was due the 10th.

Chief Burkush replied it's closing the 10th. If we get any details...
Alderman O'Neil stated I'm fine with that, but, Tom, we don't formally need the full Board to approve that, or do we?

Ms. Clark replied the full Board should meet on the 7th. Then you can go ahead.

On motion of Alderman Smith, duly seconded by Alderman Shea, it was voted to approve the request for permission to apply for a grant.

Chairman Garrity addressed item 17 of the agenda:

17. Communication from Leon LaFreniere, Director of Planning & Community Development, regarding the Memorandum of Understanding with the State Department of Transportation obligating the City to provide 20% of \$40,000 towards the improvements to the Manchester Transit Center.

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

Alderman Gatsas asked what's the total amount? 20% of the \$40,000 is? I think it's coming out of Economic Development. So it is \$2,000? It's 20% of the \$200,000, which is the \$40,000. The way it reads here, it's to provide 20% of \$40,000. It's 20% of \$200,000 and the City's portion would be \$40,000.

Mr. Leon LaFreniere, Director of Planning & Community Development, replied yes, that's correct.

Alderman Shea asked Jay, we're not paying anything now, right? In terms of maintaining that facility, that out of that \$10,000 a month...

Mr. Minkarah replied it's closed. I'm sure there is some minimal level of electrical usage. There is no heat.

Alderman Shea asked once we obligate the City to the \$40,000, will that start the process going? In other words, will they then start renovating it and doing things that are going to make it accessible to people so they can buy tickets there and wait there and do things like that. It's going to be maintained by Concord Coach?

Mr. Minkarah replied yes, that's correct.

Alderman Shea asked the funding is going to come out of the money that you have set aside for that, which you don't have right now, but you want us to appropriate? Is that correct?

Mr. Minkarah replied yes. The \$160,000 is federal money and then the \$40,000 would come from the one time account. If I could just clarify, as I understand, after talking to Sam, this is subject to the full Board approval so this would go to the Board on the 7th for separate approval.

Alderman Shea stated we're kind of tapping into that tonight twice. How much is left in that? We went three times, a hat trick. What do we have left there, approximately?

Mr. Minkarah replied I defer to Mr. Sanders. I believe we would probably have about \$8,200,000, after what was expended tonight.

Alderman Shea stated okay, that's fine. Thank you.

Alderman Gatsas asked Jay, this is a pay-as-you-go project and then reimbursed?

Mr. Minkarah replied yes, that's right.

Alderman Gatsas asked what you need to do is put \$200,000 to pay for the project and then we get it reimbursed from the state? So all \$200,000 is coming out of that One Time account so that it moves forward.

Mr. Minkarah replied yes, that's correct.

Alderman Gatsas stated my understanding is the bid process starts tomorrow to be awarded or do you have to wait until...

Mr. Minkarah interjected we have to wait until the full Board approval.

Alderman Gatsas stated how about conducting a phone poll for him for full Board approval? I know it's important that they get this thing started.

On motion of Alderman Gatsas, duly seconded by Alderman O'Neil, it was voted to conduct a phone poll of the Full Board.

Alderman O'Neil stated this might be a good time to congratulate Mr. Sanders. Alderman Shea talked about a hat trick and Mr. Sander's hometown won the Stanley Cup.

Mr. Clark stated Mr. Chairman, you can't do a phone poll for a one time account.

Alderman Garrity stated if you can't do it, you can't do it.

Alderman Gatsas asked can we have a phone poll, Tom, to allow him to accept the bid?

Mr. Clark replied to proceed and then transfer the money.

Alderman Gatsas you're going to have to wait a week. Enter into a contract, yes.

Mr. Matt Normand, City Clerk, asked just so I'm clear, there will be a phone poll allowing for them to enter into a contract?

Alderman Gatsas replied correct.

Chairman Garrity addressed item 18 of the agenda:

18. Communication from Leon LaFreniere, Director of Planning & Community Development, regarding the application to Department of Housing and Urban Development Office for lead hazard control grant funds.

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

Alderman Gatsas asked is any money in there available for testing? Testing the children?

Mr. LaFreniere replied yes, the lead hazard control grant does include funding for outreach education, which also involves screening of children.

Alderman Gatsas asked can you tell me how much is in that screening for children or can you get back to me and let me know?

Mr. LaFreniere replied I'll have to get back to you. We do have a timeline to get our application in.

Alderman Garrity stated we need to do a phone poll on that because the deadline is Thursday. This was changed, at no fault of the CIP staff. This is just a moving target.

Alderman Smith stated we're going to be listening to phone calls all day long. This is going to be the third poll we'll have for tomorrow.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Garrity stated at the last CIP meeting we had a discussion about the Boys and Girls Club. Apparently, Sam can explain it, but we wanted to use some stimulus money, but we I guess that's not allowed. Basically, Sam has come up with the same plan that was the originally plan. Is that correct?

Mr. Maranto replied essentially.

Alderman Garrity stated we'll have to do it the way we were trying to do it.

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Shea, it was voted to approve the funding for the Boys and Girls Club.

TABLED ITEMS

19. Communication from Ronald Robidas, Security Manager/ADA Coordinator, regarding CIP expenditure for ADA training.
(Tabled 5/5/09)

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

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

20. Communication from Bruce Thomas, Engineering Manager, requesting approval to utilize funds in the amount of \$35,110 from CIP #713206 (South Willow Street/South Maple Street Intersection Improvements) to pay for a portion of the remaining local share of the Candia Road Project.
(Tabled 3/31/09)

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

Alderman Gatsas asked is there still money left in that South Maple Street Intersection Improvement Project?

Alderman Garrity stated I think you are talking about the South Willow Street Fire Station.

Alderman Gatsas stated I don't know. Every time I see South Maple Street I think that that's a fund that keeps generating more money.

Alderman O'Neil stated that is the legendary roof project. This is another one that Alderman Garrity and I brought in under budget.

Alderman Garrity stated from what I've heard from the Highway Department they really need to take these funds because there is a bill that needs to be paid for the Candia Road Project. Is that correct?

Mr. LaFreniere replied that's right. We requested those monies in the 2010 CIP process. Obviously it didn't happen. We've got a bill on the table that exceeds the \$35,000. We owe the state about \$51,000. \$35,000 represents the balance that will get us the majority of the way towards paying the state for the City's portion of the Candia Road project. We'd like to see that taken off the table and approved.

Alderman O'Neil stated this was a project Highway did in-house and came in considerably under budget. Well done.

Alderman Gatsas stated as I understand you still owe \$16,000.

Mr. LaFreniere stated roughly. I don't have that exact number, but there will be a request.

Alderman Gatsas stated there will be a request coming for the \$16,000. Where are we going to get that money from?

Mr. LaFreniere replied I don't have that answer tonight.

Alderman Gatsas asked how about we leave this until we get an official number and we can do it? What if we direct Tim to work with the CIP staff?

Mr. LaFreniere stated I have the number. After the \$35,110 it's \$15,920.

Alderman O'Neil asked is there that much in the roofing project?

Alderman Gatsas stated let's give them a direction for whatever they need to do.

On motion of Alderman Gatsas, duly seconded by Alderman Shea, it was voted to have Highway work with CIP staff to clean up the project.

21. Communication from Leon LaFreniere, Director of Planning & Community Development, requesting on behalf of the Highway Department additional funds in the amount of \$21,000 for Traffic Signal Improvements.
(Tabled 3/31/0, Bond Resolution was passed to be Enrolled on 05/05/09.)

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

Alderman Smith asked I thought we took care of this last meeting?

Alderman Garrity stated you're right, so we can receive and file.

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

22. Discussion relative to CIP bond projects.
(Note: Report attached from William Sanders, Finance. Communication from Leon LaFreniere, Planning & Community Development, identifying the source of funding for Hackett Hill Development Project CIP # 650300. Report of the Committee on Joint School Buildings attached as per the Committee on 3/31/09. Communication from Pam Goucher, Planning & Community Development, with updated project balances on 4/10/09 and also identifying CIP Project #510807 as available for transfer to contingency. Item tabled 2/17/09.)

Mr. LaFreniere stated we could, for the next meeting, update you on bond projects and provide status. Spending has continued on some of the bond projects. Some of the bond projects still have open balances. Some of the open balances were used in the course of preparing the budget for FY10. We could put something together for the next meeting, if that would be alright.

Alderman Garrity replied let's do that, gentlemen.

23. Report of the Committee on Joint School Buildings, referred by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, recommending that the Committee looks for funding for the School District Life Safety Projects.
(Tabled 2/17/09)

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

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

24. Report of the Committee on Joint School Buildings, referred by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, recommending that the Committee looks for funding for the Life Safety (MFD) project recommending sprinkler installation at the Smyth Road, Jewett Street, Gossler, Bakersville, Hallsville and Wilson Street schools.
(Tabled 2/17/09)

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

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

25. Report from Mayor's Housing Task Force.
(Note: Referred by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen 12/16/08; Tabled 1/6/09. Attached tables related to HOME funds as previously forwarded to the Committee on 01/12/09.)

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

Alderman Garrity asked we're waiting for something on HOME funds, is that right? When did we get that report?

Mr. Maranto replied you had asked for questions relative to HOME funds, a history in the past. We did submit that to you several months ago, Alderman.

Alderman O'Neil stated I think my concern was the recommendation was to not utilize HOME funds for any new housing stock. I personally don't agree with that. I would like to take it project by project as they come forward. I think that's why we tabled it. If you want to keep it on the table we can.

Alderman Garrity stated we'll keep it on the table.

Alderman Gatsas stated let's receive and file it and look at the projects as they come.

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.

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee