

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

April 20, 1999

Upon Recess of BMA

Mayor Wieczorek called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll. There were fourteen aldermen present.

Present: Alderman Wihby, Klock, Reiniger, Sysyn, Clancy, Pinard, O'Neil, Girard, Shea, Rivard, Pariseau, Cashin, Thibault, Hirschmann.

- 3. 1999 CIP Budget Authorizations:**
(Note: expedited FY2000 projects.)

Mayor Wieczorek noted he was pulling items:

511099	School Recreation Facilities/Parking Lot Improvements
511299	Parks Capital Improvement Program
830199	School Capital Improvement Program

Alderman Wihby noted that they had received a communication from Robert MacKenzie regarding these items and the school funding issue. Alderman Wihby stated that rather than holding them up he wished to move that they go ahead with the bond resolutions and start ups, but not do anything until approved by City Solicitor, Planning and Finance and agree that the funding is in place from the state. Alderman Wihby noted his concern that these were projects they were trying to do in a rush, and rather than holding till a meeting say in June they can go ahead if the funding is in place.

Alderman Wihby further noted that the only problem they wanted to go ahead with regardless was the Northwest School roof, and that should be authorized up to \$150,000 immediately.

Discussion ensued relative to the school issue and funding of the projects. The urgency of state action was noted with relation to the funding of the schools for these projects. Within discussion Alderman Girard questions if they could borrow the money necessary to do the projects from the rainy day fund, and then return it

when the funding was in place. Mayor Wieczorek stated it could not, that was not what the fund was set up for.

Alderman Thibault questioned how it could affect the Parkside School since the funding was approved the previous year. Mr. MacKenzie advised that the funding was approved last year, the project went forward, the funds for the addition was adequate and the project was going well. Recently however the state fire marshal's office has determined that the older existing building should also have sprinklers and there are some related costs once you get into construction of sprinkling that building, costs in addition to the sprinklers themselves. The estimate to do that work is currently \$750,000 and we were proposing that that be funded out of the FY2000 CIP.

Mayor Wieczorek noted that they would be speaking with the State Fire Marshall, it was getting to the point where they were questioning whether we should put additions on anything. He noted they had to get the asbestos out of the old building when they put on the addition as well.

Alderman Girard asked if it were an unmandated funding issue. It was noted that the law regarding this item was done prior to the mandate issue and he did not believe it would fall in that category.

Alderman O'Neil noted if they were putting this in the FY2000 it had to be effecting other programs. Mr. MacKenzie advised that the problem had risen as they were planning the FY2000 and were able to program it in the initial presented resolution in the School Capital Improvement Program.

On motion of Alderman Wihby, duly seconded by Alderman Thibault, it was so voted to approve up to \$150,000 immediately for the School Capital Improvement Program (Northwest roof) and the authorizations approved subject to further approval by the City Solicitor, City Finance Officer and City Planning Director.

510199	Riverfront Development
710999	Annual Parking Facilities Improvement Program
750299	Sidewalk Construction Program - Revision #1
820999	Motorized Equipment Replacement - Revision #1
821099	Y2K Contingency & Computer Upgrades
831499	City Space Improvements
831599	Fire Facility Improvement Program

On motion of Alderman Clancy, duly seconded by Alderman Wihby, it was voted to approve the balance of authorizations requested as listed above.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman Shea, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee