

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

May 18, 1999

Upon Recess of BMA

Mayor Wieczorek called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll. There were thirteen Aldermen present.

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

Absent: Alderman Reiniger

Deputy Clerk Johnson requested an immediate recess of this Committee and a back to order of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen as an item needs to be referred into this Committee which was an addendum to the Board's agenda.

On motion of Alderman Clancy, duly seconded by Alderman Wihby, it was voted to recess the meeting of the Committee as requested.

Mayor Wieczorek called the meeting back to order.

Mayor Wieczorek addressed item 3 of the agenda:

Request for Budget Adjustment:
Parks, Recreation & Cemetery \$17,505.00

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

Mayor Wieczorek addressed item 4 of the agenda:

CIP Budget Authorizations:
1998 7.30281 Terminal Expansion - Revision #2
1998 7.30282 Construct Interim Parking - Revision #2
1998 7.30286 Runway 6/24 Expansion - Revision #2
1999 730399 Ammon Center Parking Lot - Revision #1
1999 730499 Airport Parking Garage - Revision #1

1999 731299 Property Acquisitions - Revision #1
1999 731399 Runway 17/35 Airside

Alderman Pinard moved to approve the budget authorizations subject to final adoption of related resolutions. Alderman Sysyn duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Rivard stated last evening we had a special meeting of the Airport Committee and we had several residents from the Ward 8 area attend the meeting who are very concerned about what's happening down there with the widening of the Brown Avenue and the additional traffic that's being generated by the expansion of the Airport and I obviously support a lot of things that are happening at the Airport, but just for the record would like to clear up some things. It's interesting that some of the statements made last night are defending the Airport's actions saying that the Airport's not creating the traffic on Brown Avenue. They're not responsible...they're not going to consider acquiring any of the homes that are being impacted and I find that hard to believe that the Airport won't take the responsibility of generating extra traffic when we're building a 5,000 parking garage, we're asking for millions of dollars in terminal expansion, interim parking, runway expansion, parking lot revisions and all of these types of things which very clearly sends a message that there's a lot of things happening at the Airport and there's a lot of traffic. So, I just want them to take another look at this problem down on Brown Avenue and to make an effort to address the problems of the homeowners who are dealing with this terrible situation and who I call second-class citizens actually because these people are considered second-class citizens in the eyes of a lot of these people and these people are being beat up daily, not only from the noise and pollution and uncertainty situation, but from just being treated badly by everybody down there. So, I would encourage this Board to send a strong message to the Airport management telling them that we are not going to stand for this...in Ward 8 we pay taxes down there, we should be treated like everybody else in the City and when we disrupt their lives the Airport should be paying the price to relocate these people and buying their homes and letting them live a quality life and it's a terrible situation...south of 293 on Brown Avenue the Airport is terrible. If you live north of 293 it's a heck of a deal. So, I just want, for the record to let everybody know that this is a terrible thing that is happening to these people down there and we need to make an effort to address their needs. With all of the money that we're spending and all of the people that are going there who's creating the problems, it's the Airport. Thank you.

Alderman O'Neil asked is that a motion from Alderman Rivard to direct them to find a way to buy these homes.

Alderman Rivard replied in the affirmative. Alderman Thibault duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Rivard stated I am going to have to vote against it if I can't get some cooperation from the Airport to make some kind of a positive statement that they're going to help these people then I can't support the expansion of the Airport, I'm sorry. And, I would ask you people to help support my situation.

Mayor Wieczorek called for a vote on the motion to approve the budget authorizations. The motion carried with Aldermen Rivard, Pariseau, Cashin, Thibault, Hirschmann and O'Neil duly recorded in opposition.

Alderman Wihby stated we brought that up in Committee today at CIP and we asked some questions as far as what can be done. We were told that it was the FAA who's pushing this any maybe we would want to send a letter to the FAA or do something that way to try to pursue them to change their mind, but until they change their mind it seems like the Airport's hands are tied, so I would go along with sending a strong letter to them from this Board, your Honor, asking them to reconsider the 23 properties actually.

Mayor Wieczorek stated my suggestion would be that we refer this to the Airport, but have them send back a letter to us so that we know what properties we're going to be talking about or how many, but that the letter go to them from the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

Alderman Wihby moved on his the Mayor's suggestion. Alderman Rivard duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Girard stated you're asking for a letter from this Board to the Airport.

Mayor Wieczorek replied a letter to the Airport that they come back to the Board that we will send to the FAA.

Alderman O'Neil commented that we have been able to make a lot of things happen down there, I find it hard to believe that we can't resolve this issue...when there's a will, there's a way. There has to be a will from the Airport to want to resolve this. Please folks resolve it.

Deputy Clerk Johnson asked whether the letter is coming back to the Board at the next meeting or are you just asking them to draft it and we'll automatically send it out from the Clerk's Office.

Mayor Wieczorek replied ask them to send us the information, so that we'll have the proper information to forward a letter to the FAA.

Mayor Wieczorek called for a vote on the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Mayor Wieczorek addressed item 5 of the agenda:

Resolutions:

"Amending the 1998 and 1999 Community Improvement Program, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Thirty Three Million, Four Hundred Sixty Nine Thousand Dollars, (\$33,469,000) for Various MAA Projects."

"Authorizing the Finance Officer to effect a transfer of Sixty-Five Thousand (\$65,000.00) Dollars from Contingency Account and Thirty Thousand, Thirty (\$30,030.00) Dollars from Salary Adjustment to FY1999 Public Building Services."

On motion of Alderman Klock, duly seconded by Alderman O'Neil, it was voted that the Resolutions be read by titles only, and it was so done.

Alderman Clancy moved that the Resolutions ought to pass and be Enrolled. Alderman Pinard duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Mayor Wieczorek addressed item 6 of the agenda:

Bond Resolutions:

"Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Six Hundred Seventy Three Thousand Dollars (\$673,000) for the 1998 CIP Project 730281 Terminal Expansion Project."

"Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Twelve Million, Eight Hundred Fourteen Thousand Dollars (\$12,814,000) for the 1998 CIP Project 730286 Runway 6/24 Expansion Project."

"Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Two Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$240,000) for the 1999 CIP Project 730399 Ammon Center Parking Lot Project."

"Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Eight Million, Forty Thousand Dollars (\$8,040,000) for the 1999 CIP Project 730499 Airport Parking Garage Project."

"Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Five Million, Six Hundred Forty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$5,647,000) for the 1999 CIP 731299 Property Acquisitions Project."

"Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) for the 1999 CIP Project 731399 Runway 17/35 Airside Project."

"Authorizing a Bond Resolution in the amount of Twenty-Two Million Dollars (\$22,000,000) for funding the City's unfunded pension liability."

"Authorizing bonds in the amount of Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000) for Refunding Certain Outstanding Bonds of the City."

On motion of Alderman Wihby, duly seconded by Alderman Klock, it was voted that the Bond Resolutions be read by titles only, and it was so done.

Alderman Shea moved that the Bond Resolutions ought to pass and be layover. Alderman Clancy duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Mayor Wieczorek addressed item 7 of the agenda:

Bond Resolutions:

"Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of \$250,000 for the 2000 CIP 710100 Annual Right of Way Reconstruction."

"Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of \$250,000 for the 2000 CIP 710200 Intersection Improvement Program."

"Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of \$200,000 for the 2000 CIP 740200 Storm Drainage Improvement Program."

"Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of \$3,350,000 for the 2000 CIP 830100 Phase III Building Expansion - Police."

"Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of \$175,000 for the 2000 CIP 830500 Main Library Renovations."

On motion of Alderman Wihby, duly seconded by Alderman O'Neil, it was voted that the Bond Resolutions be read by titles only, and it was so done.

Alderman Wihby moved that the Bond Resolutions ought to pass and layover. Alderman Sysyn duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Deputy Clerk Johnson advised that if there were no amendments to be made to the resolutions, no further motions were required and, therefore, Items 8, 9, 10, 12 and 13 were pulled from the agenda.

Mayor Wieczorek addressed item 11 of the agenda:

Appropriating Resolution:

"A Resolution appropriating the sum of \$3,300,415 from Recreation User Charges to the Recreation Division for Fiscal Year 2000."

On motion of Alderman Wihby, duly seconded by Alderman Pinard, it was voted that the Appropriating Resolution be read by title only, and it was so done.

Alderman Wihby moved to amend the resolution by reducing the amount by \$275,497 to \$3,024,918. Alderman Clancy duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Alderman Girard stated I'm not exactly sure what is happening here. If we don't need to take action on these resolutions...we're not adopting any of these tonight, right.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated what the Board requested was that if they wanted any changes that they were going to make be taken up at the public hearing as well as the Mayor's budget, let me explain the whole thing. The City Charter requires that the Mayor's budget be presented at the public hearing. The Board also wants to make some changes to be presented so that the public is aware of what the Board is doing with the budget because this is the only public hearing that the public can actually comment. So, what the Clerk has done is provided you an opportunity to amend your resolutions. There is a motion at the Board level that will be requested later to forward the information of any actions that the Board has taken on these resolutions for informational purposes to the public hearing along with the Mayor's budget.

Alderman Girard stated, your Honor, so the simple answer to my question is yes to send these numbers to public hearing.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated it allows you to do it but you have physically amended your resolution at this point.

Mayor Wieczorek addressed item 14 of the agenda:

Appropriating Resolution:

"Raising Monies and Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2000."

On motion of Alderman Wihby, duly seconded by Alderman Clancy, it was voted that the Appropriating Resolution be read by title only, and it was so done.

Alderman Wihby stated there was a new document distributed today with all the different numbers which were changed yesterday and moved to amend the resolution to the operating budget sheet as outlined.

Alderman Wihby moved to amend the resolution by increasing it by \$1,041,713 for a new total of \$189,002,211 which includes both numbers on the revenue and expense sides. Alderman Pinard duly seconded the motion to amend the resolution. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

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

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee