

## COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

**April 7, 2009**

**Upon Recess of BMA**

Mayor Guinta called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen M. Roy, Gatsas, Sullivan, J. Roy, Osborne, Pinard, O'Neil, Lopez, Shea, Garrity, Smith, Ouellette, Murphy

Absent: Alderman DeVries

### 3. Resolutions:

“Amending the FY 2009 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) for the FY 2009 CIP 612609 DRED Marketing Grant.”

“Amending the FY 2008 and 2009 Community Improvement Program, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Eight Million Dollars (\$8,000,000) for various FY 2008 and 2009 CIP EPD Projects.”

“Amending the FY 2007 and 2008 Community Improvement Program, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Eight Hundred Thirty Thousand One Hundred Eighty Seven Dollars and Seventy Four Cents (\$830,187.74) for the FY 2008 CIP 710908 Construction Cohas Brook Phase II-Contract 3.”

“Amending the FY 2007 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of One Million Six Hundred Sixty Six Thousand Dollars (\$1,666,000) for the FY 2007 CIP 713107 Granite Street Reconstruction-Phase 3 Project.”

On motion of Alderman M. Roy, duly seconded by Alderman O'Neil, it was voted to waive reading of the Resolutions.

On motion of Alderman Pinard, duly seconded by Alderman Osborne, it was voted that the Resolutions ought to pass and be Enrolled.

4. Appropriating Resolutions:

“A Resolution appropriating to the Parking Fund the sum of \$4,886,940 from Parking for the Fiscal Year 2010.”

“A Resolution appropriating the sum of \$15,169,079 from Sewer User Rental Charges to the Environmental Protection Division for Fiscal Year 2010.”

“A Resolution appropriating the sum of \$3,303,000 from Recreation User Charges to the Recreation Division for Fiscal Year 2010.”

“A Resolution appropriating to the Manchester Transit Authority the sum of \$900,000 for the Fiscal Year 2010.”

“A Resolution appropriating to the Manchester School District the sum of \$146,100,000 for the Fiscal Year 2010.”

“Appropriating all Incremental Meals and Rooms Tax Revenue Received by the City in Fiscal Year 2010 and held in the Civic Center Fund, for the payment of the City’s Obligations in Said Fiscal Year under the Financing Agreement.”

“A Resolution appropriating to the Manchester Airport Authority the sum of \$52,768,681 from Special Airport Revenue Funds for Fiscal Year 2010.”

“A Resolution appropriating to the Manchester School Food and Nutrition Services Program the sum of \$5,585,500 from School Food and Nutrition Services Revenues for Fiscal Year 2010.”

“Amending a Resolution ‘Raising Monies and Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2010’ to \$126,682,940.”

“A Resolution appropriating to the Central Business Service District the sum of \$244,000 from Central Business Service District Funds for Fiscal Year 2010.”

On motion of Alderman M. Roy, duly seconded by Alderman Garrity, it was voted to waive reading of the Resolutions.

On motion of Alderman Shea, duly seconded by Alderman Osborne, it was voted that the Resolutions ought to pass and layover.

Alderman Lopez moved to refer all FY2010 budget resolutions to a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22, 2009 at a place to be determined by the City Clerk. Alderman Garrity duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Lopez stated I wanted to comment on this in reference to the 22<sup>nd</sup>. I had the City Clerk check Memorial High School, West and Central and they are all taken up. We checked with the Palace Theatre and I wanted to leave it up to the Board as to whether or not they want to have the public hearing here. We cannot think of any other place. The following week is school vacation. The only other thing is to go after school vacation for a public hearing. I would like to know from the Board exactly what we would like to do.

Alderman M. Roy stated thank you, Your Honor. Memorial High School, which I proudly graduated from, has worked out rather nicely in the past so I would look for maybe May 6<sup>th</sup>, the week after school vacation at Memorial High School.

Mayor Guinta asked you want to push this off until May?

Alderman Lopez stated the other problem that we have and let me just comment on it, the School Board wants to come in on the 21<sup>st</sup> to present the school budget to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. Unless we have the public hearing here, I just don't know any other place that we can have it.

Alderman Smith stated I suggest that we hold it here on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April. I think time is of the essence and we are just getting the budget together right now and we need the time so the sooner the better.

Alderman Shea asked why can't we hold it April 20<sup>th</sup>?

Mayor Guinta replied I think there was a conflict that evening.

Alderman Shea asked with the three schools?

Mayor Guinta replied I think with members of the Board.

Alderman Shea stated if you have it here on the 22<sup>nd</sup> it is going to be kind of crowded.

Mayor Guinta stated maybe not, you never know.

Alderman Shea stated maybe not. We had it here one time.

Mayor Guinta stated actually it wasn't bad the one time we had it here.

Alderman Shea stated I am just suggesting that the larger the place, the better it is for people that want to attend. The smaller the place they are going to be crammed in together and there might not be as much discussion.

Alderman Gatsas asked I was wondering who had a problem with the 20<sup>th</sup>?

Mayor Guinta stated I don't know specifically. It was conveyed to me that I think there was a conflict on that evening.

Alderman Lopez stated the conflict is that I believe that there is a big function going on in Bedford at CR Sparks in reference to a political function but it's okay with me. It is the Manchester Development Corporation and the Chamber of Commerce putting on a function that night.

Alderman O'Neil stated my first question was when was school vacation and Alderman Lopez answered it. It is next week. I agree with Alderman Mark Roy that Memorial seems to be the perfect setting including overflow if necessary and there is fairly good parking. I don't know if the 20<sup>th</sup> works.

Mayor Guinta stated the Clerk just said that Memorial is not available that entire week.

Acting City Clerk Matt Normand stated the week of the 20<sup>th</sup> they have Memorial Week.

Alderman Lopez stated right, that is the big problem.

Alderman Gatsas asked what is the number of days, Your Honor that it has to be out? Can't we do it next week?

Acting City Clerk Normand stated we don't have enough time for public notice.

Alderman Gatsas asked how about the 24<sup>th</sup>?

Mayor Guinta stated I believe that is school vacation.

Alderman Gatsas stated that is a Friday night. We can do it right here.

Alderman Lopez stated if that is the wishes of the Board.

Alderman O'Neil stated I know I caught a lot of criticism the year we held it here. People were very critical about holding it in a small venue. Memorial is the place to have it. I agree with Alderman Smith that every week we can gain the better but if it has to go until May, then it has to go to May to get it.

Alderman Lopez stated you have to remember the School Board is meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> for their budget to pass on to us and they have to make a presentation to us on the 21<sup>st</sup>. They have to deal with the issue on Monday, as to whether or not they are going to pink slip. The Superintendent is going to have to know that before May 10<sup>th</sup>. I guess the question for Tom Clark is, in reference to a public hearing, if we start a public hearing here and it is overcrowded can we move it to another day?

Mr. Tom Clark, City Solicitor stated once you have started a hearing you can always recess it to another date and time, yes, if you have to.

Alderman J. Roy asked if we look at the 15<sup>th</sup> or the 16<sup>th</sup> would that give us enough time to send it out for seven days? I think Memorial is the appropriate place also.

Mayor Guinta asked does it require a seven day notice?

Acting City Clerk Normand replied it is a week's notice and it takes two days prior to that for the *Union Leader* to get it from the time we send it to them. It will take two days to get it in the paper.

Alderman J. Roy stated well, we will give it to Scott right now.

Mayor Guinta stated legally we have to place a notification and I think that is what he means.

Alderman J. Roy stated seven days in advance and he said then it takes two days at the *Union Leader*. I said we can give it to Scott right now.

Mayor Guinta stated I understand that but it actually technically has to be a legal notice. Correct?

Acting City Clerk Normand responded correct.

Mayor Guinta stated so if you could actually print it in a legal notice form tomorrow we would be all set.

Alderman Lopez stated they cannot present the school budget to us until the 21<sup>st</sup> because they are taking action on Monday and they are having their public hearing, so can we have a public hearing without the School Board budget?

Mayor Guinta asked their public hearing is Monday next week, isn't it?

Alderman Lopez stated yes, then they have to vote on the Superintendent's budget, which is \$156 million; the School Board's budget is \$152 million and your budget is \$146 million, so they have to present their budget to us before we have a public hearing.

Alderman O'Neil stated Your Honor, it seems to get Memorial we have to go to the first week in May. I wish we could do it earlier. We have to do this right.

Alderman Shea stated if the School Board meets on the 13<sup>th</sup> they can meet with us on the 14<sup>th</sup> and give us their presentation and we can have it at Memorial on the 16<sup>th</sup> if the legal notice can go out. That would be two days plus a week which is nine days, which would be the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Alderman Lopez stated Katherine Labanaris is going to present the School budget from what I understand and she is not going to be available all next week also. We are in a dilemma.

Mayor Guinta asked can't the Superintendent present it?

Alderman Lopez stated I had a conversation with him and it is in the Board's hands and she was requested as Vice Chair to present the budget.

Alderman Smith stated I can understand everybody's concern. People have been calling and emailing and they are excited about this budget. I don't blame them one way or the other. I would like to have some time to digest everything. If we are going to make it May that gives us about a month to get our budget finalized. Am I correct?

Mayor Guinta stated that is correct.

Alderman Smith stated we are putting ourselves in a bind. Our backs are up against the wall.

Alderman O'Neil stated there is work that we can be doing in the meantime. We don't have to wait until the public hearing. If we have questions, I know Alderman Lopez has sent communication to the department heads. All of that can go on prior to the public hearing.

Alderman Lopez stated I think you are absolutely right. I think in taking everything into consideration, as much as I want to have the meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, I think that the 6<sup>th</sup> in the first week in May for a public hearing would be a good idea. I think we can go through the City portion at that time. We will have all the

information. We can have the public hearing the first week in May and by that time we are going to hear the conversation that is going on over at the School Department. I think that even though I do agree with my colleague Alderman Smith I would like to have it tomorrow but it just doesn't happen that way.

Alderman Garrity moved to hold the public hearing on May 6, 2009.

Alderman Gatsas stated I would prefer we don't do it on a Wednesday. The Senate is in session on Wednesdays.

Alderman J. Roy stated we can do it on the 4<sup>th</sup> of May.

Mayor Guinta asked does Monday, May 4, 2009 seem to work?

Acting City Clerk Normand stated what I can do knowing that the Board's intent is for that first week of May, just work it out with the school and arrange it.

Alderman Lopez stated don't have it on Wednesday because the Senator is busy.

Acting City Clerk Normand stated understood.

Alderman M. Roy stated as we are talking about the 16<sup>th</sup> of April that is the Goldfish Pond State meeting, which I know the At-Large Aldermen, the Mayor's office, our Senate delegation, and I will be attending. That is meeting at Webster School.

On motion of Alderman Garrity, duly seconded by Alderman O'Neil, it was voted to hold the public hearing for the budget on May 4, 2009 at 6:00 P.M. with a location to be determined by the City Clerk.

5. CIP Budget Authorizations:

612609	DRED Marketing Grant
712307	Cohas Phase 2 – Contract 1
710908	Construction Cohas Brook Phase II - Contract 3
712209	Cohas Brook Phase III – Contract 1
711008	Design & Construction of Incinerator Upgrade at WWTF
711108	Design of Aeration Upgrade at WWTF
711208	Design of Grit Chamber Upgrade at WWTF
713107	Granite State Reconstruction – Phase 3

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Smith, it was voted that the budget authorizations be approved subject to the final adoption of related resolutions.

## **TABLED ITEMS**

### 6. CIP Budget Authorizations: (for extensions)

212708	New Citizen Assimilation Initiatives-Planning
214008	Cities Readiness Initiative-State
214108	Naccho Accreditation Improvement-Health
410008	Homeland Security Grant-Fire
511008	Martineau Park-Parks
610408	Concentrated Code Enforcement-Building
611408	Manchester Micro Enterprise Program-MicroCredit
611608	Neighborhood Pride-Business Incentive-MEDO
710508	School Sidewalk Program-Highway
810008	ADA Compliance-Planning
810108	Community Development Initiative-Planning
810808	Vista Initiative Program-Health
210607	School Based Dental Services-Health
412407	Public Safety Interoperability-Fire/Police
412607	Security Fiber Connections Project-Fire
510907	Parks Improvement Project-Parks/Pisc. Trail Phase III
511407	Black Brook Dam Removal (Watershed Restoration) Project
511607	Bass Island Flood Damage
611507	Revolving Loan Fund-MEDO
710807	School Sidewalk Program-Highway
710907	Annual Bridge Maintenance-Highway
810707	Community Development Initiative-Planning
810807	Master Plan Support-Planning
810907	Neighborhood Revitalization/CBD Impr.-Planning
410006	Mobile Data Terminal/AVL'S-Fire
612406	Neighborhood Revitalization Program-MEDO
810306	Economic Development/Master Plan-MEDO/Planning
810606	ADA Compliance-Planning
650300	Hackett Hill Development-MEDO

*(Note: It was voted to extend these Budget authorizations until 1/30/09 at a meeting of the Committee on Finance held 1/06/09. Projects were extended on 1/20/09 until the next meeting of the Board on 2/3/09. Tabled 1/20/09. On February 17, 2009 projects were extended until 3/17/09 and retabled. The Board voted on March 3, 2009 to extend projects until 4/7/09 and retabled.)*

Alderman Garrity stated I was going to try and hold a special Committee on Community Improvement meeting for those items.

Alderman Gatsas asked are we going to get it done before this year? A lot of the money has already been pulled out of here.

Alderman Garrity stated I will talk to the Clerk's Office to see if we can fit it in on Tuesday.

Alderman M. Roy stated while that meeting is getting scheduled, these were all retabled through today, if the Chairman wants to set a date to extend them to.

On motion of Alderman Garrity, duly seconded by Alderman M. Roy, it was voted to extend the budget authorizations until April 21, 2009.

Alderman Lopez stated in reference to this, on all the bonding and grant money, I believe we asked Leon to break down what was left in the bonding and grants. Have we received that yet? Has that been done? I haven't received that as an individual.

Mayor Guinta stated you are saying it was sent out last month, Leon. Can you resend it?

Alderman Gatsas stated we asked for a new one, Your Honor.

Alderman Garrity stated if Leon could get that out to the Board before we have a CIP meeting on Tuesday night that would be great.

Mayor Guinta asked can you make sure the department head knows exactly what the request is?

Alderman Garrity replied not a problem.

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

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee