

## COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

**April 6, 2010**

**Upon Recess of BMA**

Mayor Gatsas called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Craig, Ludwig, Long, Roy, Osborne, Corriveau, O’Neil, Lopez, Shea, DeVries, Shaw, Greazzo, Ouellette, Arnold.

### 3. Resolutions:

“Amending the FY2010 Community Improvement Program, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000) for the FY2010 CIP 211310 American Red Cross Department of Emergency Services Project.”

“Amending the FY2010 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of One Hundred Ninety Four Thousand, One Hundred and Fifteen Dollars (\$194,115) for the FY2010 CIP 215010 Safe Routes to Schools Project.”

“Amending the FY2010 Community Improvement Program, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Twenty One Thousand, Five Hundred, and Forty Four Dollars (\$21,544) for the FY2010 CIP 210110 Homeless Healthcare Program.”

“Authorizing the Finance Officer to increase the Health Insurance Reserve Account for the Fiscal Year 2011.”

On motion of Alderman Roy, duly seconded by Alderman Long, it was voted to read the Resolutions by title only.

On motion of Alderman O’Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Shea, it was voted that the Resolutions ought to pass and be enrolled.

4. Resolution:

“Continuation of the Central Business Service District.”

*(Note: If the Committee so desires, rather than pass the Continuation of the Central Business Service District Resolution to be enrolled, it would also be appropriate to layover this Resolution with the Appropriating Resolutions contained within item #5 below and pass the entire FY2011 budget after the layover period.)*

On motion of Alderman O’Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Long, it was voted that the Resolution ought to pass and be enrolled.

5. Appropriating Resolutions:

“Appropriating to the Parking Fund the sum of \$4,956,702 from parking revenues for the Fiscal Year 2011.”

"Appropriating the sum of \$13,189,972 from Sewer User Rental Charges to the Environmental Protection Division for the Fiscal Year 2011

“Appropriating the sum of \$2,885,798 from Recreation User Charges to the Recreation Division for the Fiscal Year 2011.”

“Appropriating to the Manchester Transit Authority the sum of \$886,500 for the Fiscal Year 2011.”

“Appropriating to the Manchester School District the sum of \$148,742,185 for the Fiscal Year 2011.”

“Appropriating all Incremental Meals and Rooms Tax Revenue Received by the City in the Fiscal Year 2011 and held in the Civic Center Fund, for the payment of the City’s Obligations in Said Fiscal Year under the Financing Agreement.”

“Appropriating to the Manchester Airport Authority the sum of \$51,977,002 from Special Airport Revenue Funds for the Fiscal Year 2011.”

“Appropriating to the Manchester School Food and Nutrition Services Program the sum of \$5,822,600 from School Food and Nutrition Services Revenues for the Fiscal Year 2011.”

“Raising Monies and Making Appropriations of \$127,108,914 for the Fiscal Year 2011.”

“Appropriating to the Central Business Service District the sum of \$258,000 from Central Business Service District Funds for the Fiscal Year 2011.”

“Resolution ‘Approving the Community Improvement Program for 2011, Raising and Appropriating Monies Therefore, and Authorizing Implementation of Said Program.’”

*(Note: These Resolutions have been referred to a public hearing on April 7, 2010.)*

On motion of Alderman Shea, duly seconded by Alderman Lopez, it was voted to waive reading of the Resolutions.

Alderman Lopez moved that the Appropriating Resolutions ought to pass and be referred to the full Board. The motion was duly seconded by Alderman Shea.

Alderman DeVries stated I’d like you to explain the impact of that motion, to instead of having them lay over, to refer them to the full Board.

City Clerk Matt Normand stated these are going to report out to the full Board tonight, so you don’t need that motion, Alderman Lopez. These will report out tonight and the count will start for the layover period. They’re going to be reported out anyway.

Alderman Lopez stated I think you’ve got to make it very clear that we are removing all resolutions from the Finance Committee to the full Board.

Mayor Gatsas stated and that will come out when we adjourn this.

Alderman Shea withdrew his second and Alderman Lopez withdrew his motion that the Appropriating Resolutions ought to pass and be referred to the full Board.

Alderman DeVries stated I just think that it's important because certainly the Resolutions, whether they are in the Committee on Finance or at the full Board, are subject to further amendment. And as we have heard spoken by yourself and certainly it is my own opinion, I'd like us to continue to look for ways that we can work on the very minor tax increase. I thought from reading your comments in the newspaper that you might be bringing something forward. I know I've looked at a couple of things myself. Will that happen tomorrow night?

Mayor Gatsas responded I can tell you, that is a public hearing tomorrow night and we will hear input from the public. We will then probably at our next meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> we will certainly, if there are enough members that have something that they want to change in the budget, or if they want to call a special meeting, I think at that point it is in the hands of the Chairman. We certainly can come back in and have those discussions. I have no problem if any Board member wants to bring me something forward that we can discuss, we'll bring it forward and put it in the budget. I have no problem with doing that. If we can reduce that number from four cents a day to three cents a day or two cents a day, I have no problem with that.

Alderman DeVries stated and I certainly understand. Could you just address also the timeline that you see before us for us to continue to work on this?

Mayor Gatsas stated the public hearing is tomorrow evening. It is a joint meeting with the School Board members. I have asked them to come in and participate with us to hear the public input. At that point, as we move the budget forward this evening to the full Board, it will lay over until the 20<sup>th</sup> at our next meeting. If there are any other changes, at that point any Alderman can bring it forward for a vote. The CIP budget, the School District budget, the City budget or all of them together are available at that time for a discussion because they would have lain over for the necessary five days.

Alderman DeVries stated you said that very quickly. What I heard you say is that any changes that might be made can be entertained at the meeting of the full Board on the 20<sup>th</sup>. And then would it lay over again?

Mayor Gatsas responded no, it would not.

Alderman DeVries stated so potentially work on the budget could be concluded by April 20<sup>th</sup>. Do you agree?

Mayor Gatsas responded yes. So if there is anything that any Aldermen have that they want to bring forward, certainly contact me and I'll call a special meeting. I have no problem doing that and bringing those things forward. Now, if someone is thinking of other factors that may need other subcommittee approval, let's remember that so we can do it in a very diligent way. Bring them forward and we'll bring them to the Committee level and then bring them out so they can come before the full Board. So if you have a change that needs Committee approval, let's get it to the City Solicitor for his interpretation so we make sure we move it through the process correctly.

Alderman DeVries stated but again, you are hoping all of that will be accomplished by April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Gatsas stated that's what I am hoping.

Alderman DeVries asked but if we're not able to you'd be willing to wait until the first meeting of May?

Mayor Gatsas responded I don't know, to give you that answer because I don't know what the date for pink slips is. I don't know if they are May 1<sup>st</sup> or not. I just want to make sure we don't cross a line that could put the teachers in jeopardy. Certainly I think that gives us from tonight another 13 days. If we have suggestions or plans on reducing something or bringing something in, that certainly gives us enough time to work on it and bring it forward.

Alderman DeVries stated I appreciate that, Your Honor. We've certainly been on a fast track and I just want to make sure we have every opportunity to have as complete and thorough budget before us as we can.

On motion of Alderman Shea, duly seconded by Alderman Lopez, it was voted that the Appropriating Resolutions ought to pass.

6. CIP Budget Authorizations:

210110	Homeless Healthcare
211310	Department of Emergency Services
215010	Safe Routes to Schools Project
711610	Municipal/School Facilities Maintenance Cash Program

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

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

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee