

COMMITTEE ON JOINT SCHOOL BUILDINGS

December 4, 2007
School Cmte. Members, Beaudry,
Herbert, Gelinas
Aldermen Thibault, Roy, Long

5:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers
City Hall (3rd Floor)

Chairman Beaudry called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: School Committee Members Beaudry and Gelinas
Aldermen Thibault, Roy and Long

Absent: School Committee Member Herbert

Messrs: T. Clougherty

Chairman Beaudry addressed item 3 of the agenda:

3. Update on various projects as follows:
 - a) School Facilities Improvement Project; and
 - b) Memorial High School Sports Complex Facilities.

Mr. Tim Clougherty, Building Maintenance Director, stated the City and Gilbane are working on following through with the agreements that were made in the final settlement agreement. We're hopeful that Gilbane's obligations will be complete in a short period of time and we'll be able to discharge the balance of monies upon such completion. They're currently working on sound attenuation at Smyth, Gossler, and Jewett Elementary Schools, and they're following up with completion of sound attenuation at Central High School and some other various issues that were identified. We're also looking forward to receiving a significant amount of documentation, as-built documentation and such, in pursuit of getting a complete and final resolution. With the monies that were left over in the balance, \$1.8 million, we're moving forward with corrective measures for the items that we had identified at that time...I believe it was September. Specifically, door

hardware issues. We have recently engaged the services of a door hardware contractor to address deficiencies identified at Southside Middle School and Hillside Middle School. That's to the tune of about \$140,000. We're also looking at some lists that we have for the other schools, and we're going to be pursuing those remedies as well. In the meantime, I would encourage any school principals or representatives of the buildings, if they have any specific issues that are nagging or outstanding that they are aware of, that we are not aware of, to please notify my office through the work order process that has been initiated. We are also going through... We have done a complete survey of the sound issues that will be outstanding, once Gilbane has completed their obligations under the settlement agreement. Me and my staff will be meeting with a mechanical engineer to advise us on potential alternative measures for mitigating the sound, and we'll be engaging the services of a separate mechanical, and potentially acoustical, consultant to aid us in those efforts. Hopefully, that work will take place next summer. We're also going through a complete survey on any duct deficiencies of which there are many, and we're going to be engaging the services of that same mechanical engineering consultant to remedy those things. We've taken steps to remedy some of the emergency battery units that were identified. We're also going to be looking at the electrical panels that were identified as deficient at Memorial High School. We'll be putting together some contract documents, again with the mechanical engineer, for ceiling fire dampers that were absent, as well as wall fire dampers. We'll be contracting directly to get some duct smoke detectors replaced that were not replaced through the contract, and one of the other items that we had identified was rubber flooring at West High School, and that has been completed. So the Committee is aware, the mechanical engineer that I'm talking about... we're going to be putting together a request for proposals and putting that out and advertising that for competitive selection.

Alderman Long stated Tim, just a couple of questions: The punchlist and the work that the City and Gilbane didn't agree, or Gilbane didn't agree that it was in the scope... Those are all encompassed in that \$1.8 million, correct, with the settlement?

Mr. Clougherty replied that's correct. The last thing on my list is the miscellaneous punchlist items. I actually just reviewed that with someone today, and we've got the list prioritized. I'm going to sit down and parcel it up amongst the disciplines. My staff will be undertaking some of that work; we'll be issuing some of the work individually to contractors, and depending on the magnitude, we may have to do some small bid packages to take care of that, but we are going to follow through with that.

Alderman Long asked and on that priority list, life safety is...

Mr. Clougherty responded the life safety stuff is at the top of the list. Those are the issues that I talked about: the emergency battery units for emergency lighting, ceiling fire dampers, wall fire dampers, duct smoke detectors, those types of things, as well as the contract that we just executed with a door hardware contractor for, primarily it was a life safety issue, the magnet door hold opens and the fire rated stairwells and smoke partitions at Southside and Hillside.

Alderman Long asked and are you still confident that the \$1.8 million will take care of all of those punchlist items and all the extra work?

Mr. Clougherty responded I'm still relatively confident, as I was relatively confident before. As I said, I don't have a crystal ball, but right now I don't see any reason to believe that it won't.

Alderman Long asked the \$1.8 million, does that come before this Committee anymore or is that all in your hands?

Mr. Clougherty responded I believe that the Committee took action to allow the Facilities Division through the Department of Highways to expend that \$1.8 million to correct those deficiencies.

Alderman Roy stated staying on the line of the \$1.8 million, Tim, I believe DMJM is not longer under contract with the City on this.

Mr. Clougherty stated that's correct. We've discharged them and we're in the process of processing final invoices.

Alderman Roy asked how soon before the final invoices are through the system?

Mr. Clougherty responded the only thing we're going to see from them is a bill for basically three weeks of labor during the months of November. So, I should be able to get a final balance on that, and there will be a balance there, from what I projected.

Alderman Roy stated if we could for our next meeting, if we could have a full itemized accounting along the veins of what you used to give us...and look for something that closes out or starts to close out a considerable amount of the project.

Mr. Clougherty stated we can do that. I think you'll see...I did not bring the financial spreadsheet with me tonight. I apologize for that. I looked at it this afternoon, and there were some issues with it that I was not able to resolve prior to this meeting. And rather than give you something erroneous, I thought it better to give you nothing, and I hope you'll bear with me on that. But the report that you will see, that you have seen, will show itemized insurance, legal, program management, just like that, and you're going to be able to see some of those things being closed out to one hundred percent. So the report will be much clearer.

Alderman Roy asked could you, on that same vein, just confirm with the Director of Finance that everything that is outside of your department is also reported. I believe last time we met we talked about interest earnings and things that don't actually fall in your scope but that if we could get a full report, just so the report you give us or the report you give us with attachments from other departments is 110% complete. It would be greatly appreciated.

Mr. Clougherty stated that's not a problem, Alderman. The last time you received the report...that was either September or October...that was done. We did it in preparation for settlement talks with Gilbane in June. I followed up on those numbers again during the periods of July and August when we were going through it. The sheet that you saw in either September or October was confirmed with Mr. Sanders and myself. We worked very closely together to make sure that the revenue from the excess interest earned, as well as the owner-controlled insurance policy, the letter of credit, and those things...they'll be fully accounted for.

Alderman Roy stated thank you, and as always, good job.

Mr. Clougherty stated thank you.

Chairman Beaudry stated Tim, along the lines of DMJM, we had two separate allocations that we had to appropriate because of the length of this project. Is there going to be any money left in that account to DMJM or did everything get spent that was allocated?

Mr. Clougherty responded there will be a balance. What we did for the settlement, if you recall, we basically...I projected what DMJM's costs were going to be to complete the project, and at this point I think we're confident that we can give you a final projection of what that cost is in comparison with our original forecast. And we will be in the black on that line item. Exactly how much, I'm not sure at this point, but it will be a positive for the City.

Chairman Beaudry asked now that money will go...I keep using the term 'contingency,' but will that money go back into the \$1.8 million?

Mr. Clougherty responded no, I think that that money would...

Chairman Beaudry interrupted because it came out of contingency, so I would assume it would go back into any repairs of the project.

Mr. Clougherty stated I believe it would be under the purview of this Committee no matter what label you want to give it. At this point I'd recommend waiting to see exactly what those numbers are, just to make sure we don't have any unexpected monetary issues that arise from the deficiencies that we talked about earlier.

Chairman Beaudry stated and the \$750,000, roughly that amount, from the OCIP...Where does that money stand right now? We did get some money back but I think there's still one last payment that we're waiting to get.

Mr. Clougherty stated the total ROC was somewhere around \$1.4 million and change, \$1.425 million. Liberty agreed to reduce that. The City was given a disbursement. It was somewhere around \$750,000. I projected that was going to happen somewhere around the end of September or early October when we met early in September. That did happen. That money is in the City coffers right now, being held in the project account.

Chairman Beaudry asked and the additional money that's remaining will be relinquished when?

Mr. Clougherty responded the additional money that's remaining is being held in a letter of credit through Citizens Bank, and that will be released...well, the letter of credit itself expires in either August or September of 2008, and if all of our obligations under the owner-controlled insurance policy are discharged, I would imagine that that letter of credit would be released as well.

Chairman Beaudry stated I have two issues under the project that were brought to our attention. You'll be getting a list of...we've been having the principals coming before Building & Sites on the School side just to talk about safety issues and some of the needs and concerns that they have in their buildings. Two of the principals came forward last week, Beech and Henry Wilson, and apparently when they were replacing the ceiling tiles and that, they cut the wires to the speakers to their intercom system and their clocks. Apparently the intercom systems aren't working properly now, and that's a safety issue. They have to work off of portable radios to get their teachers to be aware of any issues. And then at Beech

Street, the clocks were cut and the clocks don't work at all. Apparently, they put battery-operated clocks there, but none of the classrooms have the same time, and the principal has a concern that it should be running off of the main clock in the office so that everybody is on the same time. And that's not happening, and she said it was about \$5,000 to repair it. Apparently it was brought to...I don't know if it was your attention or Barbara's...but somebody knows about it and they put these battery operated clocks in instead of putting the right clocks that run off of the main office main clock. I'd like to see those two issues taken care of through the Design/Build, seeing that they are apparently the ones that caused the damage. I'd like to have it done right. You can't have a school that every classroom has a different time. The bell rings and there's teachers that think they might have X amount of minutes left in their class and they realize they don't because their clocks are all off. If that is something that can be done...

Mr. Clougherty interrupted may I speak to that issue, Mr. Chairman, before you bring up...I heard about the clock issue and the intercom issue on two separate occasions. When we went through any of the schools, there were a couple of exceptions early on, but before Gilbane went through the schools, we made it a requirement that they provide us with a pre-construction video. And that pre-construction video videotapes walls, floors, and ceilings. We want to look at the condition of the facility prior to them entering it, so that we could try to alleviate any disputes down the road. 'You guys screwed up that wall.' 'It was screwed up before.' 'No, it wasn't.' Blah, blah, blah. So upon hearing this about the clocks, I investigated that pre-construction video, and the clocks didn't work on that pre-construction video. This is prior to construction. I've also had several discussions with the school district on several different occasions relative to clocks and clock systems. The ones that are in our schools currently - our high schools, our elementary schools - are antiquated and there a significantly small number of contractors that we can find to work on them. When we do find contractors to work on them, it's extremely expensive. And the decision was made collaboratively that if there were issues with clocks, that battery operated clocks would be a plausible solution, at least at the middle and high school levels, as long as a bell system was in place. Now at the elementary school, I understand it, they don't change classes nearly as much as the middle and high schools, so that's where our discussion centered. Relative to the intercom, we did have some problems during construction with the intercom system, and we did pay Williams Communication to come back and fix those problems. When I heard...I believe it was Monday of last week, that there were other issues with the intercom, that was the first time I had heard about it, since we had already paid someone to go back in and fix those problems. So that is kind of news to me, if you will, that those problems weren't in fact resolved, and if they weren't we'd certainly like to know about it, because we did pay to have those problems fixed.

Chairman Beaudry stated again, I'm only going by what was told to us that evening, because I specifically asked, are they notifying somebody? And the principals did say they did notify people and they do come in. They admit that they come and look at the problem and a lot of times they leave and the problem isn't resolved. The clocks and the intercom were two issues, but actually heat was another issue with all the principals that came before us at our last Building & Sites meeting. Heat is a problem. Beech, they were saying it's 80-something degrees. They call it in and they're saying, 'We can see on the computer that it's 72 degrees.' And they're saying, 'Well, you can come in and stand in the room; it's not 72 degrees.' I don't know what it is with our schools, but it seems like we've had heat problems for many years. I know Central High School, even with the new boilers we had, still had problems with heat. I was over there just a month or so ago in the Burns Building and went through the classrooms, and it was 86 degrees in the classroom. And there are some classrooms where it's cold, so I don't know how to fix this, if there is a fix to it, but it's definitely a concern of all the principals that have come before us so far. Heat and ventilation is a big concern.

Mr. Clougherty stated I can speak specifically to Beech and Bakersville, and we can touch base on the Burns and any other buildings. Beech Street School had some issues. Bakersville had some issues. They all stem from our Design/Build project at Beech Street School. Once we took over the project, so to speak, from a correcting the deficiencies perspective, it came to our realization that the thermostats were in the wrong locations, and they were subsequently moved. There was an overheating issue. My understanding is that that is resolved. At Bakersville there are some issues that stem from our Design/Build project. We are aware of those issues, and we are currently...we have quotations in hand to remedy those issues, hopefully over this coming Christmas vacation in three or four weeks. Unfortunately, with Christmas falling in the middle of the week, it makes it kind of difficult to get a lot of work done, because you only have a few days. We're going to do all that we can to get as much as we can get done during that period of time. There is a work order system that is in place. We've talked about it before. It's a computerized maintenance management system. We're now on line with every single school. Every single school has the ability to log and track their own work orders. That relates to heating calls, broken windows, floor tiles, leaking roofs, and what have you. I'm looking at a report from...I have reports from Beech Street that I ran, and Bakersville, when I read the paper about those deficiencies being reported. We have had some deficiencies in the past, but the deficiencies that are being reported now are all complete. In other words, all of the work orders that have been called into my office for heating or cooling-related calls at those two locations are showing complete.

Chairman Beaudry stated that's a concern though, Tim, because from what I was told that evening is that, yes they come out, they look at the situation, they leave, they do whatever they have to do, they say that it's done, but it's not done. It's not repaired. Beech Street, it's still getting in the 80's in classrooms. Bakersville, there's still some classrooms...actually I think that's because of window problems. Hopefully, when we get new windows at Bakersville, that's going to make a huge difference. But they're saying that you do come out, they look at it; they say that it's repaired, but the same problem is occurring again.

Mr. Clougherty stated we know the problems exist at Bakersville. If there are additional problems at Beech, I welcome the opportunity to correct them. If they are called in more than once, or whatever, I welcome the opportunity to take a walk through the facility with the principal or any other representative, to see them first hand. As far as the issues at the Burns building, we've talked about this in other meetings. I've gotten calls that it was hot or that it was cold, and I've walked through the facility personally, and I did not see that to be the case, at least at that time. I welcome the opportunity to walk through there as well to see those issues first hand as well. If the thermostats are reading at a certain temperature, and there's a significant deviation from what that says, yes, that's a problem and we want to correct it. Like I said, we welcome the opportunity to correct any problems.

Chairman Beaudry stated hopefully you'll be coming to our next Building & Sites meeting. We were going to give you a list of what has been compiled so far with the schools. You can take a look at it, give us a cost on what it would be to repair some of this stuff, but one thing I'd like to have done tonight, if the Committee wishes to support, is to have Beech and Wilson have the clocks and the intercom system repaired, and have it come out of contingency.

Alderman Long made a motion to have the clocks and intercom systems at Beech Street School and Wilson Street School repaired, with the repairs to be paid from the contingency fund. The motion was duly seconded by Alderman Thibault.

Alderman Long stated Tim, you noted that the video reflected that the clocks weren't working. You videoed at 4 o'clock and the clocks said 2 o'clock. That's how you determined the clocks weren't working.

Mr. Clougherty stated they were all showing different times.

Alderman Long repeated they were all showing different times. So that would be under the purview of this to be fixed, right? Because the video shows the clocks weren't working.

Mr. Clougherty stated the video shows they weren't working before we started work at the facility is my point.

Alderman Long stated right, so I would suspect that that would be under the scope of Gilbane's contract, to fix the clocks. No?

Alderman Thibault stated they made the statement that they agreed to put battery operated clocks, right?

Mr. Clougherty stated that's what we discussed with the School District.

Alderman Long stated this motion isn't on battery-operated clocks. This motion is on hard-wired clocks.

Chairman Beaudry stated for the existing wiring that's in the walls, to have the right clocks working. That's what the principals want. They want it running off of the main office clock so that everybody is synchronized.

Alderman Thibault stated the only thing I'd like to say is, listening to what Tim just said, is that in construction they had agreed to put battery-operated clocks, rather than wire them. So this would be something new then. It would be an add-on.

Chairman Beaudry stated I don't know who agreed because the administration was at our Building & Sites meeting, and the principals, and everybody in the room wanted the clocks fixed appropriately. They were saying that...and I don't want to put words in anybody's mouth but it seemed like it was Building Maintenance that didn't want to repair the clocks to the main office, that it was less expensive to put the battery-operated clocks on than to fix it right.

Mr. Clougherty stated Mr. Chairman, there's no truth in that whatsoever. It's not our money; this is the School District's money. If you'd like us to put in an entirely new clock system, that's fine. But I worked with School Administration, without naming the individuals; I sat down with them; we had this discussion collaboratively, and the results of that discussion was that it was most cost effective and most beneficial for existing clock systems not to be repaired, if they were the hard-wired antiquated type, because the battery-operated clocks would suit their purposes fine.

Chairman Beaudry stated the principal of Beech Street School specifically stated that those clocks were working prior to Gilbane and the Design/Build coming in. After they came in, those clocks were not working the way they were before. That's out of the principal's mouth, so I don't know who is saying what, but the principal specifically said those clocks worked before Design/Build. I've got to take the principal's word for it. She's in that building every single day of the week, and they run that building, so I take their word for it. Not to say that...I don't know how you can take a picture of a clock and say that it's not working. I'd have to go with Alderman Long. You've got 50 clocks in that building. How are you going to take 50 pictures and say that the clocks are not working?

Alderman Long stated I guess what he said is he videoed every room and there were different times in each room.

Chairman Beaudry asked but what was the time of the video, too? You'd have to look at the whole thing. Again, if I have to, I'd bring the principal here. She can present it herself. I'm saying what she told us last week about her school.

Mr. Clougherty stated that's fine. I'm not looking to argue with any individual about whether the clocks work today or not. If they don't work, and it's the role of the Committee to have it fixed, we'll get some proposals and we'll fix the clock system.

Alderman Long stated I just feel uneasy spending \$105 million on fixing up the schools and throwing batteries in their clocks. It just doesn't seem very professional, you know. I don't know about the elementary level where you say they don't change as much. Maybe that is not much of an impact, but in a high school where they're ringing every 45 minutes or so, batteries tend to wear down and create headaches. But what you're saying is those antiquated clocks can't be fixed.

Mr. Clougherty stated the bell system is different from the clock system, in some instances. It can be separated, and at the high school level, the bell system is what is relied on, not the clock system. So when you put in a battery-operated clock, the bells go off no matter what the clock says. The clock can be dead.

Alderman Long stated but it would be good for a teacher to look and see, 'I've got five more minutes.' Or to look and think they've got five more minutes, and the bell rings. But that's neither here nor there. That's a minor issue. But just a clarification, on the \$1.8 million, that's all the money, including the \$750,000 that was released from the letters of credit, but it doesn't include the other six hundred and something or whatever the difference was with that letter of credit, and whatever balance you might have with DMJM.

Mr. Clougherty explained right now if we were to receive the monies from Citizens Bank, the letter of credit was to be released, and all forecasts that I've made proved to be true...\$1.8 forecast; we spend \$1.8; whatever was forecast for DMJM, that's what we spend; whatever was forecast for future legal and OCIP, that's what we spend; the City's balance will be somewhere between \$650,000 and \$700,000. That's what we'll have in our hands.

Alderman Long asked and that includes the second half?

Mr. Clougherty responded that's everything. That's the end of the day. The letter of credit is released back to the City.

Alderman Long and that also includes DMJM's full extension? Which you're saying isn't going to happen.

Mr. Clougherty responded no, not their full extension; just what we forecasted, and we understood that our obligations with Gilbane, we're going to be discharging that.

Alderman Long asked the two extensions you mean?

Mr. Clougherty responded forget about the extensions. What I did with DMJM, was when we came to a settlement agreement with Gilbane, we had extensions with DMJM that went out to whatever it was...call it January. I looked at it and reasoned: Gilbane has this much more work to do; here's how much we've paid DMJM so far; I think it's going to take them another 75 days to wrap up the project and give me all the manuals, documentation, what have you. What's my cost for those 75 days? That's what that's based on, forgetting about extensions and everything else. How much money have we spent? How much money is it going to take to complete the project? Because we didn't have a lump sum agreement with DMJM. It was a labor and material agreement that we could have terminated at point, which we did, essentially.

Alderman Long asked were those extensions us anticipating we were going to go through those monies?

Mr. Clougherty stated correct. You were essentially authorizing the Department of Highways to enter into a contract with DMJM for that extension up to...but we didn't use all those services.

Alderman Thibault asked Tim, did I hear you right just now a few minutes ago that you said that prior to construction these clocks were not working?

Mr. Clougherty responded I don't know whether they were working or not. All I can tell you is that we have a video that shows a bunch of clocks with a bunch of different times.

Alderman Thibault stated well I think the answer is that this Committee should decide, do we want to fix these clocks? And if we do, let's go ahead and fix them.

Mr. Clougherty stated I think we should, Alderman.

Alderman Roy stated not that I want to take a side on either side of this clock issue but, as Tim was saying, if it was not part of the scope of the contract, then it falls outside of the scope of this Committee. We've got our hands slapped a couple of times by stepping too far into what should be a School District issues versus a Joint Schools issue, so as much as I want to see the correct time on these clocks, which not only helps the teachers and the staff do their job, but any child with a hearing impairment needs to have the correct time and know when it's time...they can't hear the bell ring. So, there's vibration and the clocks that assist those that can't hear the bell. So, I would like just a clarification. I think we all agree we should fix it, but whose dime should it be on, whether it be the contract's or the School District, or a combination of both. I don't seem to get a clear answer on.

Chairman Beaudry stated I'll have an answer for that. I think it should be done on this side.

Alderman Long stated that would be a letter for the Solicitor. We all know how gray this contract was; this contract was to fix the problems we currently had with the schools. So if you're telling me that you went in prior to construction and took videos of the clocks broken, I don't think they broke that day. I think they had been broken. That was my point when I first brought it up. I would think that it would be in the purview of this Committee and the monies available to fix the clocks.

Chairman Beaudry stated exactly. They were in the ceilings; they were doing the work to begin with. If they didn't...let's say they didn't cut the wires, or they didn't make the problem, the problem should have be solved when they were doing the work to begin with. With that being said, I would move the question. The motion has been moved and seconded.

There being none opposed, the motion to fix the clocks and intercom systems at Beech Street and Wilson Street schools carried. The expenses will be paid from contingency.

Mr. Clougherty stated you understand that the \$1.8 million that we identified before, that money was the estimate to fix the deficient work that's left over after Gilbane leaves. That totals \$1.8 million. So any money that we spend out of that \$1.8 million is going to be less money to fix the deficiencies that we already know about.

Chairman Beaudry stated but also, Tim, we have two other pockets of money coming back to us. We're going to have some surplus coming back from DMJM and also the remaining money from the OCIP, which is money that can be used by this Committee for future projects. So when that money is relinquished back to us, that can augment the \$1.8 million that we're going to be using to fix these clocks and the intercom systems.

Mr. Clougherty stated that money cannot be spent until we have it in hand. The best case scenario would be September of 2008.

Chairman Beaudry stated that's okay. But it can be spent. I don't think that's going to hinder our project, because we have money that is going to be available. When it will be available, that's in the future. But we will have money available to finish off any of these other issues, is what I'm trying to say. It's not like we're not going to have money available. I don't think what it's going to cost to fix these clocks and intercom systems is going to be more than what we're going to save on DMJM or what we're going to have come back to us from the OCIP program.

Mr. Clougherty stated no, but that money that's tied up right now, is tied up right now. It's not available. It's \$750,000. Our projected balance is roughly \$650,000 to \$700,000.

Chairman Beaudry stated right, but this is an ongoing process. When do you think all of your punchlist is going to be complete? You probably won't be complete till September of 2008.

Mr. Clougherty stated I'm hoping that it's right around that time.

Chairman Beaudry stated so hopefully everything will fall into play and the money will be relinquished back to us and we can pay off any other outstanding bills.

Alderman Long stated so Tim, what you're saying is the \$650,000, that if everything was done to date, and like you said, you figured the 75 days for DMJM or whoever...that \$650,000, that's what you're talking about that you have left to do the punchlist...no, we have \$1.8 million to do the punchlist and all that added work. I understand the seven hundred and whatever, and that letter of credit is September of 2008, and DMJM is whenever; maybe I don't recollect very well, but I looked at a potential of over \$100,000 savings from DMJM. Is that wrong?

Mr. Clougherty responded I don't think it could be wrong. I think it could be in that neighborhood. I don't have those numbers in front of me.

Alderman Long stated and I understand what you're saying, we're probably adding into that burden where you committed to us the \$1.8; I'm pretty confident that it will get done what needs to be done, but now you guys are adding whatever this is going to cost, but as Committee Member Beaudry stated, in 2008 we have that money coming, and maybe it won't get done right now. September of 2008 is the next release for the letters of credit, I believe, right?

Mr. Clougherty responded right. As I explained when we embarked on this with the \$1.8 million a couple of months ago. It's going to be a balancing act for me no matter what because, as I projected, we're about \$100,000 short financially. So I promised to work in close cooperation with our Finance Officer to make sure that all the monies were there to cover the commitments that we're making. This is going to make that a little bit more difficult, and anything we add is going to make it more difficult

Alderman Long stated back to Alderman Roy's request for the breakdowns. I mean, that's what would be...I mean, I'm not going to be here next month, so...but I'll be a member of the public that will be watching it. I would like a breakdown of what the punchlist...you don't have to list all of the punchlists, but what work needs to be completed and how is this \$1.8 million being spent towards that so that, I mean for budgetary purposes, they'll know whether or not the \$1.8 million is going to cut it out or not. Knowing that we have money in September of 2008 from the rest of the letter of credit, you know, so just a...I mean I don't need...I already have the whole project. I have financed it out and I'm satisfied with that. What I don't have is what's left over and where that \$1.8 million is going to.

Mr. Clougherty stated the only person that has that is me. I can give that to you, but it's just estimates. Estimates are absolutely worthless until I have bills in hand to validate those estimates.

Alderman Long stated no, I'm looking at what needs to be addressed and as the money is being spent toward that, how much money is being spent. Not an estimate.

Mr. Clougherty stated actual cost.

Chairman Beaudry stated we have one more issue, and we have to be out of here at six o'clock. We have b) Memorial High School Sports Complex Facilities, an update on that.

Mr. Clougherty stated as the Committee is aware, the City has engaged counsel to protect the City's interests in the matter of the athletic buildings and the water infiltration, and the deficient information. To that end, our counselor has sent a demand letter to Gilbane demanding a fix. We received a response to such demand letter. Gilbane has reportedly investigated further the issue and has a proposed solution. We have or will be requesting details of the investigation, as well as the proposed solution, and it's our plan to meet with Gilbane sometime this month in order to learn more about this. We will update the Committee next month on such results.

Chairman Beaudry stated before we leave, I do want to say as the Chairman of the Committee to Alderman Thibeault and Alderman Long that there has been a lot of good work done on this Committee with both of you, and I'm going to miss both of you on this Committee. Hopefully if there is any issues that you see in the future, you won't hesitate to call us, if any one of us are back on this Committee again. But it was a joy working with both of you and I appreciate all the work that you've done for the School District and the City.

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

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee