

COMMITTEE ON JOINT SCHOOL BUILDINGS

December 16, 2008

5:00 PM

Chairman Beaudry called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: School Committee Members Beaudry, Craig, Gelinas
Aldermen M. Roy, J. Roy
Alderman Sullivan arrived late.

Messrs: T. Clougherty, F. Matuszewski

Chairman Beaudry addressed item 3 of the agenda:

3. Discussion regarding the West High School Library.

Chairman Beaudry stated this was brought to our attention by our vice chairman and other Board members. Under the design/build project, West High School library was supposed to be air conditioned and apparently, somehow, there was a mix-up. Central High School library ended up getting air conditioning and West High School didn't. Some of the Board members would like to see if there is any available money from what I will continue to call contingency, even though it is the money left over from litigation, to get the library air conditioned. What would the cost be to do that?

Mr. Tim Clougherty, Deputy Public Works Director, replied the air conditioning at West High School is actually just a little different from the way you described it. Neither of the media centers were supposed to be air conditioned under the design/build project. Central High School was mistakenly air conditioned by our construction company and we didn't provide any objection to that when they were providing that. West High School is the odd man out so to speak. There are monies available. As we know there is \$1.8 million and that is really up to the Committee to decide whether they want to allocate some of those funds towards the air conditioning. We have had various cost estimates, anywhere between \$60,000 and \$100,000. It is a pretty big area as we are probably all well aware. I am not sure what the exact requirements would be for air conditioning this space. We are happy to explore that once again and bring a proposal forward to the Committee for consideration.

Alderman M. Roy asked Tim, if we were to go forward, when would this work be done?

Mr. Clougherty replied over the summer. We would have to engage a design engineer to put a complete design together. We would hope to get it done for next fall.

Alderman M. Roy stated the reason I asked is because again, this is one line on our agenda without any back up. While I agree that temperature control is important in all of our schools, I want to make sure that it is the highest and best use of the dollars remaining. I would ask that in order to move forward, something be put together as to what the cost would be, what funds could be allocated to it and if it is from the School Board's perspective, highest need that those funds could be allocated from. I would look to table this with the request that he come back to us at our next meeting with dollar facts, construction facts and possibly a listing from the School Board Building and Sites Committee confirming that it is the highest and best need for those dollars.

Chairman Beaudry responded we are, at our next Building and Sites meeting, going to look at our priority list on what we would like to have done.

Alderman J. Roy stated I am thinking along the same lines as Mark, but just so I have it clear in my mind, we have \$1.8 million left to complete things that weren't finished to our satisfaction. Is that correct?

Mr. Clougherty replied that is correct. There is a schedule in your packet that outlines the...

Alderman J. Roy interjected is that the second page that has duct work and sound?

Mr. Clougherty replied yes, page 5-1 through page 5-4. They delineate where...

Alderman J. Roy interjected the only concern I have is that I have received a lot of complaints about the noise from the duct work and the HVAC. I just want to make sure that those things are taken care of before we start spending money on air conditioning. As much as I think it is needed there, I would like to make sure that everything is taken care of before we take on a new project. I think what you just said Chairman, it would take care of it if we had the priority list. That way we will make sure the important things are taken care of first.

Mr. Clougherty stated the sound issues are something that we have been dealing with. We have been talking about these issues for a couple years now. We have conducted and completed a couple of reports on different possibilities for sound attenuation at a couple of the schools and we are going to be undertaking design and hopefully construction this summer. This will alleviate some of those issues. We have started with some of the more egregious areas. Some of the solutions seem relatively simple. Some are a little bit more complex. I agree wholeheartedly with your approach of making sure those issues are addressed before we talk about spending any of those monies. There are some things in here that we have done that have cost a little less. There are some things that we think may cost a little bit more. If you would give us the opportunity we would go back and reevaluate and look at hammering down those costs to see if there are any monies available. We would also get estimates on what it would cost to air condition the space at West High School. Then we can come back early next year for the Committee's consideration. To speak to Alderman Mark Roy's point, I hope that you understand and the Committee understands that this is something that has been bantered about back and forth for the past couple years and it isn't on the agenda because we are bringing it forward as the Facilities Division. I believe the Chairman requested that it be brought forward from the School District and that is why we weren't prepared with any estimates at this point in time.

Chairman Beaudry stated it was not originally a part of the design/build. They are just looking to see if there is a way to have it done. If I am reading page 5-2 correctly, we have \$1.256 million left in that contingency money.

Mr. Clougherty replied \$1.256 million is committed currently.

Chairman Beaudry stated we had \$1.8 million total. That doesn't make sense.

Mr. Clougherty responded the budget in the far left column totals \$1.8 million and each of the individual deficiencies that we intend to address are in the far left column: door hardware, HVAC, sound, and emergency battery unit performance issues.

Chairman Beaudry asked what you are saying is basically the whole \$1.8 million is committed at this point in time?

Mr. Clougherty replied that is correct.

Chairman Beaudry stated that is actually what I wanted to hear.

Mr. Clougherty stated we put that \$1.8 million into buckets that we feel are most appropriate. As we have said, HVAC and sound issues may cost a little more than what was budgeted and something else may cost a little bit less. We are looking at the \$1.8 million as a whole. What I will commit to do for next month is to go back and include this \$1.8 million but look at the overall number that we were working with and look at our excess interest earned, the letter of credit, and those other things that are in that design/build account. Then I will come back to the Committee with a more comprehensive financial assessment in case there are any monies outside of this \$1.8 million.

Chairman Beaudry stated I am glad you brought that up. The \$750,000 of OCEP money, where is that at this point?

Mr. Clougherty replied that is still being tied up with our letter of credit. We have had numerous conversations with the insurance carrier on that and the latest that I heard was that they were unwilling to release the letter of credit as of yet. They were still contemplating reduction but that has not been finalized.

Chairman Beaudry asked would it be safe to say if they relinquished the line of credit, we would get the \$750,000 over and above the \$1.8 million?

Mr. Clougherty replied no, I am hesitant to make that commitment at this point in time.

Chairman Beaudry stated I am saying if it did come to fruition, would that be over and above the \$1.8 million?

Mr. Clougherty replied I don't believe that it would be. I believe that part of that was funding for the \$1.8 million in expenses.

Chairman Beaudry stated we definitely need a breakdown.

Mr. Clougherty stated without having those numbers in front of me, I am hesitant to commit to that.

On motion of Alderman M. Roy, duly seconded by Alderman Sullivan, it was voted to table this item.

Chairman Beaudry addressed item 4 of the agenda:

4. Update on Highland Goffs Falls project including a discussion regarding the transfer of funds from the Parker Varney project to the Highland Goffs Falls Project.

Chairman Beaudry stated this is another situation where there is remaining money left in the Parker Varney closure of walls. We are looking at starting the Highland Goffs Falls project now and we would like to transfer the remaining Parker Varney money to the Highland Goffs Falls project.

Mr. Clougherty stated there is a project balance in Parker Varney. This again isn't something we brought forward.

Chairman Beaudry stated I brought this forward because it is my understanding that the only people who can handle money once the project is underway is this Committee. The School side could not transfer the money on their own because it is under the purview of the Joint Building and Sites. The motion from my understanding would have to come out of this Committee to transfer that money into the Highland Goffs Falls project. My understanding of it is that once the money is allocated and it is bonded money, it is under the purview of this Committee.

Mr. Clougherty responded I believe that to be correct, but once the project is deemed to be complete, I believe that the ordinance requires that the money go back to the City. At that point we would look at the CIP start up forms and the description of what the intention was for those monies, and we could make a request to the CIP Committee or the Board of Mayor and Aldermen to reallocate those funds from one CIP project to the other. I could very well be mistaken on that, but I would encourage referral to the City Solicitor for confirmation.

Alderman J. Roy asked these are CIP funds, correct?

Chairman Beaudry replied this was a bond, yes.

Alderman J. Roy stated from what I have seen so far, if it is CIP funds, it is going to have to go back to CIP to be reallocated. We cannot move it from one project to the other. It all comes down to the numbers for the project. I remember sitting here watching Parks and Recreation get into a mess over this just last year. It needs to go back to CIP first.

Mr. Clougherty stated if it pleases the Chair, I would be happy to correspond with the City Solicitor to find out exactly what the proper procedure is. I believe it is as I have described. I will confirm that and bring forward, to this Committee, the results of that and if that is the case that it has to go back to the CIP Committee, coordinate that transfer through the CIP Committee or the BMA. In the mean time I would ask you as the Chairman of the Building and Sites Committee to go back to your Board and ask for authorization of that transfer as well. Even though the BMA decides that it is a good place to transfer that money, the District has to make that decision as well because you are paying the debt service.

Chairman Beaudry stated I don't know if we have taken an official vote but we have moved in the Building and Sites Committee to move it to this Committee because we want it transferred. That motion did go through the full Board to move it to this Committee so that we can transfer the money. The School Board has voted on it once but not the way you are talking about it. It was actually moved here so that we could move it at this Committee.

Mr. Clougherty stated maybe we are just talking about an administrative pick up. One way or the other it is not going to hold anything up. We have the money started up for Highland Goffs Falls and we are not over budget as of yet.

Chairman Beaudry stated I know this is different than the design/build because in the design/build any remaining money was going to go back to reduce the bonding.

Mr. Clougherty stated it was going to go back to reduce the debt service in some form or fashion, but that was structured as a revenue bond, not a general obligation bond.

Alderman M. Roy asked what is the total cost of the Parker Varney project?

Mr. Clougherty stated I do not have the financials for Parker Varney with me.

Alderman M. Roy asked Tim, could you forward through the courier the total cost of what was budgeted and the total left over? Also the estimates on Highland Goffs Falls and where you are on that budget. You mentioned you are within budget. That way we can see if there are dollars remaining and possibly a third school.

Mr. Clougherty stated I will get you all of that information. I can speak to a couple things. I just don't have the financials for Parker Varney as it is completed. The dollars and cents we are talking about is nowhere near enough to do a third school. Where we stand with Highland Goffs Falls, as you will probably hear in a minute, we are finalizing the design and we are going to go out to bid. We don't know what that is going to cost as of yet. We are just basically looking at a balance in Parker Varney and giving it a place to be kept. It is on the School side and we would like to close that project out in its entirety, and putting the money toward Highland Goffs Falls is a good place for it.

Alderman Lopez asked is that bond money?

Mr. Clougherty replied yes.

Alderman Lopez stated let me just remind you that the School Department pays the debt service and I don't think that if you transfer within the city that we are going to end up paying debt service on it. If there is money left over in the bond, they are still paying the debt service for it. I think the Sites Committee in this instance has something that they want to do and I think if you talk to Tom Arnold, they do have the authority to bring it forward and move it to another location since they are paying the debt service. I surely don't want the debt service over here. You can talk that out with the City Solicitor while the Committee waits for your answer. If we take it then we are going to take some of the debt service.

Mr. Clougherty replied that wasn't my intention at all, Alderman. Because of the way the CIP administers the money, as they are started up under individual projects, they have an intended use. When there is a balance we will usually transfer that from one project to another. It would still stay on the School side so it remains as School debt service but it is just transferred to a different intended use.

Alderman Lopez stated I don't want to debate it. The point is that if we have a project on the City side and some leftover money in that project, we can move it from one project to another for the simple reason that we are paying the debt. The same thing holds true on the School side. If they have a project balance of \$1,000 and they want to do something with it, I don't see any problem. If anybody tries to take it away from them, we have to take that debt, so keep that in mind when you are thinking about this.

Chairman Beaudry stated thank you, Alderman Lopez. I do agree. We are paying the debt service on it. That is why I thought it was under this Committee because we are the ones that handle the money once it has been distributed. We will get something in writing and that will come to the School side too, so that we will know exactly what to do for future projects. Just for some edification for Alderman M. Roy, we do have a list of schools where the walls are going to be closed: Highland, Beech Street and then Webster. That is the order of schools for closing in the walls at this point in time, as long as CIP money keeps coming to us.

On motion of Alderman Sullivan, duly seconded by Alderman M. Roy, it was voted to table this item.

Chairman Beaudry addressed item 5 of the agenda:

5. Update on Design/Build Project.

Mr. Clougherty stated the summary of where each of those individual projects stand on the \$1.8 million is included in your agenda. I am happy to entertain any questions that any of the committee members may have relative to that. I did highlight the fact that we have received a couple of reports on sound attenuation measures and the possibilities for elevating some of the issues. We have walked through more than just Parkside and Hillside that are noted. We are going to be moving forward with the design on those over the next couple of months. Hopefully we will be able to execute a good portion of that work this summer.

Chairman Beaudry stated one thing that this Committee has stressed over and over is the safety issues as far as what is out there that is considered a safety issue. Where are we with that as far as the fire dampers?

Mr. Clougherty replied there were one or two locations that were identified and Parkside and Hillside weren't identified as any imminent safety concerns. We are going to be addressing those. As far as the other issues that we talked about, there were some smoke detector issues, door hardware issues and some other life safety issues. Those have all been addressed.

Chairman Beaudry asked are they complete?

Mr. Clougherty stated there are some monies that have been identified for duct smokes and we are going to be looking at potential areas where there are duct smokes that are older than the brand new ones that were installed at the high schools and we are going to try to replace some of those as well.

Chairman Beaudry stated one thing I noticed that is on this list is the Central garage sand interceptors. We have had a lot of problems with the drainage down there with the garage. We have changed those pumps a couple of times. What is it going to take to mitigate that problem down there? I still can't believe that we are the ones that have to pay for this out of this money because that was a design flaw to begin with. All of this stuff should have been a part of the design of that project down there. First they said the pumps were too small, so we put bigger pumps in and now we are burning them out. They say it is because sand gets caught in the traps so we are going to put in the sand interceptors. Why wasn't that part of the initial project instead of coming out of the \$1.8 million?

Mr. Clougherty stated the \$1.8 million was a settlement agreement and we agreed to accept the responsibility for the problems that were identified at the time of that settlement, and this was one of those problems. That is why we have the \$1.8 million. We plan on installing a sand interceptor. With that we have a design that we have commissioned and we are going to be installing.

Chairman Beaudry stated I have one other comment as far as Central. I am hearing from teachers and faculty that the floors of the Classical building that were put in have staples or nails that are coming up through the tiles and the thresholds are still not the way they should be. That floor has been done twice now. Is there any guarantee by any contractor that has touched that floor or is that going to be out of this money also?

Mr. Clougherty replied it would be out of this money. Are there particular areas that we should be looking at or is it throughout the entire building?

Chairman Beaudry responded my understanding is that it is throughout but I could be wrong. I have heard from a couple of teachers that the nails are coming up through the floor.

Mr. Clougherty stated I will have somebody go over there and look at that once again. The nails do creep up over time because they are embedded in wood so with temperature fluctuations they do come out just like screws in drywall unfortunately. I hope the problem is not pervasive. I will have someone check it out.

On motion of Alderman M. Roy, duly seconded by Committeeman Gelinas, it was voted to accept the report and refer it to the full Board for informational purposes.

Chairman Beaudry addressed item 6 of the agenda:

6. Update on Manchester School of Technology Project.

Mr. Fred Matuszewski of CMK Architects stated as you well know the project was awarded last spring and work began immediately and has proceeded over the summer. It is divided into a series of phases, although if one were to go on campus you would see a continuous thread of construction activity. To date, work has been accomplished at wings A and some work at wing B including the Pass classrooms. Presently nearing completion and ready for move in right before the Christmas break is; the auto tech area and wing E and the new administrative offices in wing D. Over the Christmas holiday some areas will also be carpeted and painted. Work will continue in various areas throughout the building until September of 2009. The project is approximately 55% complete and has moved along relatively well. There are a number of equipment purchases that are being run parallel with this project, outside of the general contractor's contract. Do you have any questions on the progress to date?

Alderman M. Roy stated jumping right to the financial section, the change order for \$19,000 regarding enclosing the tops of masonry walls and special bar joists, is that left out of the original design?

Mr. Clougherty replied that will come up tonight.

Committeeman Craig stated you mentioned we are at 55% to completion, is that where you anticipated we would be at this time?

Mr. Matuszewski replied yes, this project as divided into its phases is right on schedule. In fact, in the original contract documents, we had given the general contractor until February to complete wings E and D. They accelerated that schedule and the move will take place before the holiday.

Alderman M. Roy stated I have noticed in the parking lot they have pre-bought some items. Are those possessed by the City or the general contractor's? At what point is the liability turned over to the City for what is being stored in the parking lot?

Mr. Clougherty stated I am not familiar with the specific items that you are talking about, but we do have provisions within our contract that allow for payment of stored materials. Once payment is given transfer of ownership is also required and the contractor is required to continue to provide insurance on the product and require certificates of insurance evidencing such.

Chairman Beaudry asked is the 55% completion the total project or what was supposed to be done this summer?

Mr. Matuszewski replied that is the entire project.

Chairman Beaudry stated I have been over there several times speaking with the principal and faculty, and my understanding is that the new construction is on time, but there is a punch list that has not been taken care of from the summer. I know that teachers and the principal are concerned about the timing of when these things will be taken care of. Some of the problems that have occurred, phone lines were cut in Wing A and there was finger pointing on whose jurisdiction that was. There was no electricity when they moved walls in some classrooms and there was insufficient electricity in the classrooms. They were saying that it wasn't part of the plans but yet it was part of the plans. Why did Eric Krueger get pulled off the job? He was there as the clerk of the works or at least that was my understanding. I don't want to see this as another design/build. Fred, as the architect having more oversight on this project, I know there were meetings that were scheduled with you and the principal that were cancelled, but there is a lot of concern over there that the work that was done this summer was incomplete. They would like to know when it is going to be completed. Again we have the issues about the telephone lines and the electrical power on some of these walls needing to be sufficient enough for the equipment that they are going to be putting in there.

Mr. Matuszewski stated a number of the items that you are talking about were changes that were executed after the commencement of construction. We were running essentially two schedules here and that is to maintain a construction schedule on the contract amount and also to adjust for the changes as they come up. Speaking directly to the changes, the phone lines that you are talking about, there were some lines that were cut and those have been repaired. Additional lines have been approved and those will be executed over the Christmas vacation. Within Wing A there are a handful of minor things and just in speaking with the principal this afternoon, Karen White, they are certainly not impeding the delivery of education but they include markers and tack boards, all of which are scheduled for the Christmas vacation when students will be out of school. This is a coordination issue with the general contractor with an occupied school.

Chairman Beaudry stated there is a concern when you say it doesn't inhibit the educational aspect. If a teacher doesn't have a white board or a board to write on, that does inhibit their means of communicating in the classroom. As far as the electricity, when they moved the walls, I don't know why the electrical outlets were not put on the walls that were put back up. My understanding from talking to the people that are there, that was not a change order. It was something that was already addressed in the initial plan but was not put in place.

Mr. Matuszewski replied every construction contract is unique. One thing that we do have coming up thankfully with Highland Goffs Falls, is a duplicate of Parker Varney. We are not General Motors. We do not put out project after project that are exact duplicates. There are things that will be left out on occasion, hence we have contingencies. We try and address these in a very timely fashion. I certainly apologize to your Committee for the time that is spent adjusting to these changes. Some of these changes were also requested by the owner during the summer or after the contract was led. We try to address it in as timely a fashion as possible.

Chairman Beaudry asked are you personally spending much time there?

Mr. Matuszewski replied a lot.

Mr. Clougherty stated there are going to be issues with every construction contract. I think you have probably heard me tell you, more than once, that every time we start a project there are going to be inconveniences and we just want the ability to work together collaboratively with the administration to address those issues. There are issues that come up because of architectural flaws and I am not throwing anything at Fred. There are administrative flaws because of Facilities. There are general contractor issues and issues with the final delivered product which result in change orders and unhappiness amongst staff and faculty. That is the nature of every single construction project. I think they are exacerbated a little bit in this case because we have over 1,500 students and other people getting educated at that facility continually. We also have a large amount of faculty involvement in it. This is an ongoing school. Any other project that you see across the state, educationally, for \$10 million, they are shutting down the school. They are moving that operation. They are renovating it and then they are bringing those people back. I think the amount of issues that we are seeing here, while in and of themselves they are important and should not be diminished, should not be cause for any alarm when you talk about the overall success of the project. I am happy to sit down with Karen, Mr. Brennan, and Ms. Burkush at any point in time and talk about any individual issues that they may have and do everything that we can to expedite a solution for them.

Alderman J. Roy stated Tim, I appreciate all the difficulties that you have to put up with in these design/builds and working around people. I am just trying to view this as an opportunity to try to improve things. I don't want to upset anybody but why don't we have our own City inspectors inspecting these buildings as they go up? The reason I am thinking of this is when a wall goes up, the electrical inspector is going to be there looking. He is going to tell you if there are some outlets missing. It is another set of eyes. That is what I am getting at. Right now I don't think we have that oversight because we have our Clerk of the Works, is that correct?

Mr. Clougherty stated we actually do have a City employee. We have a Clerk of the Works, who is an employee of the Facilities Division that is on-site. That person is in constant communication with Fred, Karen White and the project superintendent. I don't believe that these are issues where our contractor is building something that shouldn't be built and then we are catching it after the fact. It is a combination of issues.

Alderman J. Roy stated I understand that. I am just saying, being a plumber in the City of Manchester, when I do a plumbing job I have to pull a permit and stand inspection for slab work, rough work, and finish work. Does that take place when the City builds a building?

Mr. Clougherty replied most definitely. As a matter of fact we take it to another level where we have our inspector, our Clerk of the Works, inspecting for contract compliance as well.

Alderman J. Roy asked the City Building Department is sending an inspector down to inspect these buildings as they are built?

Mr. Clougherty replied yes.

Alderman J. Roy asked so you are telling me it was just an oversight on these electrical outlets? Even the electrical inspector didn't catch it?

Mr. Clougherty replied when we are talking about the electrical outlets, I had a conversation about this today. We spent \$160,000 on new audio-video equipment for one particular area. There were some things that were bought that we didn't know about. When they came in, all of a sudden, they needed power. Honestly, it is not that big of a deal. We are dealing with it. We are going to get some electrical outlets in. It takes a little bit of time. Our contractor is working under a contract that requires completion of his base contract by a certain period of time or he faces liquidated damages, which in laymen's terms is monetary penalties. If we forget an electrical outlet, that is the least of his concerns. I am not diminishing Eckman's performance on the job because I think they have done a great job. They are doing everything in their power to accommodate those issues when we miss an outlet or we need a new marker board or something like that but those things happen during the course of a project. We are doing our best to deal with them and to make everybody happy.

Committeeman Gelinis stated the explanation that Tim just gave us was a good one. I am wondering if you folks have sat down with the principal and explained it to her exactly the way you explained it to us. If you haven't, may I suggest you do that I think it might alleviate some of this back and forth at future meetings.

Mr. Clougherty replied I have spoken with Karen as late as 2:00 this afternoon and I do plan on following up with her, Fred and Eric to try to iron out some of these issues that we are having. She does attend our meetings weekly so we are in communication with her.

Chairman Beaudry stated my understanding from talking with people there was that there was a lot of finger pointing and the first thing that I thought of is the design/build project. We had clauses in that project that if they went over a certain time period there were going to be penalties. They took off and we got stuck with \$1.8 million and a punch list that is a mile long. I am just concerned. I don't want to see this project ending up like the last project that was just done. I am concerned about the contingency. A lot of these contractors see that contingency money out there and they feel that it is something they can tap into and it is going to be there by the end of the project. I want to make sure that whatever we are doing, we make sure that it is done right and we are not going to be tapping into that contingency constantly unless it really is something that is a change order. If it is something they were supposed to put in, it should be coming out of the bid process.

Mr. Clougherty stated I fully appreciate your concern. I will guarantee you that this will not end up like the project that we have seen in the past. We have different individuals. We have different entities. We have a different form of contract and while the difficulties that we are talking about tonight may seem grandiose, in retrospect when you look back at the issues that we had in the previous project, you are talking about dollars versus hundreds of thousands of dollars, quite literally. We are going to be able to work these issues out. We are going to deliver a successful project to the Manchester School of Technology and the Manchester School District and I guarantee that the administration is going to be happy at the end of the day as well as the Joint School Buildings Committee.

Chairman Beaudry asked Fred, do you feel that the punch list that we are talking about can be completed over the Christmas break?

Mr. Matuszewski replied I do. I spoke with the contractor and I too was on the site as late as this afternoon. I am there at least a couple of times a week. This work is scheduled for Christmas break.

Mr. Clougherty stated the financial report that you have in your package is not up to date. I apologize. When the meeting was called a week ago Friday, we pulled the financial report together and got it over to the Clerks Office as soon as we could to get it to the Committee. It was kind of a last minute thing. We didn't know the meeting was going to be called so I apologize for that. We do have an up-to-date financial report and I do want to get that into the Committee's hands. There have been 17 change orders executed to date and not ten. We have executed several small change estimates that are all less than the \$5,000 to deal with the minor things like the outlets and phone lines and things like that. I just wanted to make the Committee aware that you are going to get an updated form. We will send it out for the next meeting and we can fully vet that out. There is one change order that is pending that we wanted the Committee to consider. It is roughly \$20,000 and it deals with enclosing some areas above the CMU or cement walls in the automotive area. I will let Fred speak to that.

Alderman M. Roy stated I didn't know if any materials had been changed in the walls or if any ventilation had changed. I wasn't saying that it was something missed naturally in the design process but just to let us know because there is not a lot of information on whether or not it was a structural change, a wall change, or potentially a material change.

Mr. Matuszewski stated at the east end of the building is Wing E2, which is the Automotive Technology Wing. Within this area we are creating two large auto-tech labs as well as an engine room, some classrooms, and a corridor space. What we are looking to do is enclose the distance from the top of the wall up to the roof deck where the bar joist is literally immediately over and in line with the concrete block wall. We have approximately 140 lineal feet of this condition which exists on four separate construction lines, hence the dollar amount of \$19,066.

Alderman M. Roy asked looking at the picture you have there, the center between the steel spans has been enclosed. Has that opening to the right been fireproofed or enclosed or is that still open air?

Mr. Matuszewski replied fire proofing is not necessary, but what we are looking to do is to isolate the two environments.

Alderman M. Roy asked my question is then about the open classrooms and the noise penetration. If you are going from an open automotive lab and you have engines running versus a classroom section, how much noise will be transmitted through what is left there?

Mr. Matuszewski replied what we are looking to do is to enclose this with a continuous run of sheetrock, enclose the top of the concrete block wall with the bar joist with a continuous run of sheetrock. This is not unlike the way it is handled right now. We will isolate environments and isolate noise transmission from one area to the other.

On motion of Alderman M. Roy, duly seconded by Committeeman Gelinas, it was voted to approve the change order for \$19,066.

There being no further business, on motion of Committeeman Gelinas, duly seconded by Alderman Sullivan, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee