

## COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

**March 3, 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, DeVries, Smith, Ouellette, Murphy

Absent: Alderman Garrity

### 3. Resolutions:

“Amending the FY2009 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Thirty Five Dollars (\$130,035) for the FY2009 CIP 214309 Project Youthreach.”

“Amending the FY2009 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the FY2009 CIP 214409 Medical Reserve Corp. NACCHO Program.”

“Amending the FY2007 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Sixty Four Thousand Dollars (\$64,000) for the FY2007 CIP 511407 Black Brook Dam Removal (Watershed Restoration) Project.”

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

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

### 4. CIP Budget Authorizations:

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| 214309 | Project Youthreach                                      |
| 214409 | Medical Reserve Corp. NACCHO Program                    |
| 511407 | Black Brook Dam Removal (Watershed Restoration) Project |

On motion of Alderman Osborne, duly seconded by Alderman M. Roy, it was voted that the CIP budget authorizations be approved subject to final adoption of related resolutions.

### **TABLED ITEMS**

On motion of Alderman Lopez, duly seconded by Alderman M. Roy, it was voted to remove this item from the table.

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

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| 212708 | New Citizen Assimilation Initiatives-Planning           |
| 214008 | Cities Readiness Initiative-State                       |
| 214108 | Naccho Accreditation Improvement-Health                 |
| 410008 | Homeland Security Grant-Fire                            |
| 411708 | Firesafe Intervention Program-OYS                       |
| 411808 | Fire Ladder Truck Repair-Fire                           |
| 511008 | Martineau Park-Parks                                    |
| 511208 | Hazard Tree Removal-Parks                               |
| 511308 | Millyard Maintenance-Parks                              |
| 511508 | Weston Street Neighborhood Park-Parks                   |
| 511608 | Veterans Park/Stanton Plaza-Parks                       |
| 610408 | Concentrated Code Enforcement-Building                  |
| 611408 | Manchester Micro Enterprise Program-MicroCredit         |
| 611608 | Neighborhood Pride-Business Incentive-MEDO              |
| 710508 | School Sidewalk Program-Highway                         |
| 710608 | Annual Bridge Maintenance Program-Highway               |
| 713408 | Chronic Drain-Highway                                   |
| 810008 | ADA Compliance-Planning                                 |
| 810108 | Community Development Initiative-Planning               |
| 810408 | Municipal Deferred Maintenance-HFD                      |
| 810808 | Vista Initiative Program-Health                         |
| 210607 | School Based Dental Services-Health                     |
| 411807 | Hazard Tree Removal-Parks                               |
| 412407 | Public Safety Interoperability-Fire/Police              |
| 412607 | Security Fiber Connections Project-Fire                 |
| 510807 | Park Improvement Program-Parks                          |
| 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                       |
| 711207 | Downtown Miscellaneous Repairs-Highway                  |
| 810707 | Community Development Initiative-Planning               |
| 810807 | Master Plan Support-Planning                            |

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| 810907 | Neighborhood Revitalization/CBD Impr.-Planning |
| 410006 | Mobile Data Terminal/AVL'S-Fire                |
| 511306 | Crystal Lake Master Plan-Parks                 |
| 612406 | Neighborhood Revitalization Program-MEDO       |
| 712706 | Discretionary Sidewalk/Curb Program            |
| 810306 | Economic Development/Master Plan-MEDO/Planning |
| 810606 | ADA Compliance-Planning                        |
| 411103 | Hazardous Materials-Fire                       |
| 650300 | Hackett Hill Development-MEDO                  |

Alderman Lopez stated I believe that most of these are grant money and I would ask Leon to please come forward to answer some questions. He wanted me to bring this up and ask the Board if we can authorize them to go to June 30 on everything here except 650300 because everything is grant money. Do you want to elaborate on that a little bit Leon?

Mr. Leon LaFreniere, Building Commissioner, stated certainly. If the Board wants to extend these to June 30 that would just eliminate the need to provide another extension each month until that time. That would not limit the Board from bringing any item up in the interim. So, I think it would just keep things moving and intact. The reason this needs to be taken up tonight is that the last extension taken by the Board was until March 17 and as the Board meeting has now been moved to the 18<sup>th</sup> an action is needed tonight.

Mayor Guinta stated not every single one is a grant though.

Mr. LaFreniere responded no. It is a combination of grant and bonded money I believe. There is not really much in here that has anything to do with cash. The cash items have all been previously dealt with.

Alderman M. Roy stated Leon, there has been a lot of discussion about CIP projects. I am going to support Alderman Lopez's extended them out until June but if you could between now and our next meeting just take this list and at the end of let's say "New Citizen Assimilation Initiative-Planning" put grant funded or cash funded so that at a glance we will know without having to go through months and months of paperwork or files to see where each thing is funded. If that could be done, that would be appreciated.

Mr. LaFreniere responded certainly.

Mayor Guinta asked could you distribute that to the Board when you have it done?

Mr. LaFreniere answered yes.

Alderman M. Roy stated Your Honor, I am kind of looking for it to be entered into this sheet that comes on our agenda.

Mayor Guinta asked is this going to continue to be on the Finance agenda if we are moving them to the end of the fiscal year?

Acting City Clerk Matt Normand answered yes if you are tabling it.

Mayor Guinta asked so the expectation is to just extend it to the end of the fiscal year but keep it tabled so it will show up here?

Alderman Lopez answered yes.

Mayor Guinta stated I am okay with that.

Alderman Gatsas stated I have a problem with extending these until June 30 because if by some miraculous happening we approve a budget before April or May these will be out of discussion during that process. I would rather just keep them because I thought we were going to sit as a CIP Committee to go over these and fix them.

Mayor Guinta replied that was the original intent.

Alderman Gatsas responded right and I think we ought to do it. If it has to be done on a Saturday I mean it needs to be done and it needs three or four hours worth of work to do it. So certainly I don't feel comfortable extending them to June 30 when anything could happen during the budget process.

Alderman Lopez stated well I think there are a lot of things you can't touch here. Three-quarters of this is grant money and you are not going to take that away.

Alderman Gatsas replied no but if it is bond money we could be using it on another project at a different time.

Alderman Lopez responded well you can use it on another project if you want to use it on another project. I don't think this prevents you from going through the list and pulling some aside. They are not going to run out and spend it all tomorrow. Whatever the wishes of the Board are. There are a lot of good projects in here. There is a lot of grant money in here and there are a lot of things that a lot of Aldermen have...I know Martineau's Park has been in existence for years to try to complete. I think that you still have that opportunity. I think the Board and CIP have given more money to Martineau Park to be completed. I think we are just playing games. Well I shouldn't say playing games but every month we are doing this and people don't know where to go with projects. I don't think all of the grant money...if it is the bond money you are worried

about then I think Leon can identify which are bond money but the grant money we should just let it go to June 30.

Mayor Guinta replied why don't we meet in the middle? If we could just extend it to March 18 and when the CIP Chairman comes back we can ask him to convene a meeting. Those that are grant funded...I think the intention of the Committee, Alderman, was not to focus on the grant money but to focus more on bonded or cash items.

Alderman Gatsas stated right. I am not sure what years these projects are. Well I guess you can tell. Some of them are 2007 and some are 2006 so those funds are sitting there and certainly if they are bonded funds that haven't been spent in 2006 maybe we can replace that with bonded funds that were in 2008 or 2009 and save us...

Alderman Lopez interjected can we just compromise and go to the first meeting in April?

Mayor Guinta stated so extend these until the first meeting in April and let CIP try to sort through them and when the CIP Chairman is back we can ask him to expedite that. We can do that.

On motion of Alderman Lopez, duly seconded by Alderman Shea, it was voted to extend the CIP budget authorizations until the first Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting in April.

On motion of Alderman M. Roy, duly seconded by Alderman Lopez, it was voted to put this item back on the table.

Alderman O'Neil stated I have a comment. I have been in City government for quite a long time as has Mr. LaFreniere and little did I think many years ago he would be up talking about the CIP budget. Well done, Leon.

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

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee