

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

October 4, 2011

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, and Arnold

Messrs.: W. Sanders

3. Bond Resolutions:

“Authorizing Bonds in the amount of Thirty Six Million (\$36,000,000) for Refunding Certain Outstanding Bonds of the City.”

“Authorizing Municipal Revenue Refunding Bonds or General Obligation Refunding Bonds in the amount of Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000) for Refunding Certain Outstanding Municipal Revenue Bonds of the City.”

“Authorizing Municipal Revenue Refunding Bonds or General Obligation Refunding Bonds in the amount of Forty Five Million Dollars (\$45,000,000) for Refunding Certain Outstanding Municipal Revenue Bonds of the City.”

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

City Clerk Matthew Normand stated before you take that vote Your Honor, section 3 of the municipal revenue refunding bonds, the third resolution down, identifies those as school projects in your agenda and it should actually be water projects according to the Finance Officer.

Mayor Gatsas stated let me just tell you that I have been sitting with the Finance Officer for the last three weeks obviously to find whatever things we can to turn some corners not only for this year but for next year. We have found on the City side there is about \$140,000 of savings.

Mr. William Sanders, Finance Officer, stated yes there is about \$120,000 of savings next year.

Mayor Gatsas stated and there is about \$250,000 of savings at the Water Department and there is \$140,000 at Schools.

Mr. Sanders responded about \$130,000 at Schools.

Mayor Gatsas stated that combination is about \$420,000 that we found by going in and taking a look at the bonds and reducing them. So that is a plus for us. The sooner we can get it implemented maybe some of that savings can come back to us for this year. It is not a heck of a lot but again we will continue working during the course of the next few months to find whatever we can find and bring it forward to this Board.

Alderman Shea stated for my benefit as well as others, how is that done?

Mayor Gatsas responded I sat down with Bill Sanders and asked him for all of the bond resolutions that we had and what their maturity dates and interest rates were and compared them to what we could find on the open market as we just did recently without bond issue and we found that we could save about \$420,000 – not all for the City but certainly we do this in the best interest of everybody. We did it for Water Works and for the School District and for the City. Those bonds have the same term on them but at a lower interest rate.

Alderman Shea asked are those municipal bonds?

Mayor Gatsas answered yes.

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Ludwig, it was voted that the Bond Resolutions ought to pass and lay over.

4. Resolution:

“Amending the FY 2012 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Twelve Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Eight Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$12,438.80) for the FY 2012 CIP 710112 Motorized Equipment Replacement.”

City Clerk Normand stated we have one addition and that is the one that was referred in earlier:

“Amending the 2012 CIP Program authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) for the FY 2012 CIP 711212 Conservation Fund.”

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

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

5. CIP Budget Authorizations:

710112	Motorized Equipment Replacement
213511	Manchester St. Group Home
410012	Homeland Security Grant
710212	Municipal Infrastructure

City Clerk Normand stated that would include project 711212 Conservation Fund.

On motion of Alderman O’Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Lopez, 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 Long, duly seconded by Alderman Roy, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee