

## REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

MARCH 15, 2005

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Tuesday March 15, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber.

Mayor Bernard A. Streeter presided.

Members of the Committee present: Alderman-at-Large James R. Tollner (@ 7:15 p.m.)  
Alderman-at-Large David W. Deane  
Alderman Robert A. Dion  
Alderman Robert Shaw

Members not in Attendance: Alderman-at-Large David Rootovich, Vice-Chair  
Alderman Kathryn D. Vitale

Also in Attendance: Carol Anderson, Chief Financial Office/Comptroller  
Janice Tremblay, C.P.M., Purchasing Manager  
Angelo Marino, Chief Assessor/Interim I.T. Manager  
Karen Smith, Business Manager, Nashua Police Dept.  
Lt. Fred Nichols, Nashua Police Department  
Steve Dookran, City Engineer  
Joe Mendola, Street Construction Engineer

### Alderman Deane

I received a phone call from Alderman Tollner. He is running a little late. He will be here around 7:15 p.m.

### Alderman Shaw

I know that Alderman Vitale is away.

## COMMUNICATIONS

From: Janice Tremblay, C.P.M., Purchasing Manager

Re: License Agreement and Professional Services for Updating the City's Web Site

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN SHAW TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE AND AWARD THE CONTRACT TO QSCEND TECHNOLOGIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,360. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCT. #524-64040**

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Deane

Thank you. I don't know who is representing the licensing agreement for professional services to update the city's web site.

Mayor Streeter

Angelo is here.

Alderman Deane

Angelo are you part of the Assessing team of looking at the bidders?

Angelo Marino, Interim I.T. Manager

I came in at the late end of it. I attended two of the meetings that they had in the selection process yes.

Alderman Deane

Can you give us an overview of what this is going to do for us efficiency wise?

Angelo Marino

Sure. We're purchasing three or licensing three modules from Qscend; the first is a content manager, which will allow us to take and manage the content that we place on our web page. It will facilitate actually posting things to the web page, it will be a lot easier for staff in the different departments to do it. Currently now we have a lot of workarounds with the web page that we have now where a lot of times some of the staff in the individual departments can't post information. This will eliminate that. There will also be an authentication process where the managers in the departments will assign individuals to post things, but before they can actually appear on the web site the manager has to essentially sign off. There is an extra level of security. Currently now anyone who has rights to do that can post anything they want on the web. There will be an extra layer of security. That is one of the modules.

A second module is what is called Q-Scheduler, which will allow us to post all of the calendars for all of the specific happenings that go on in City Hall and around City Hall and they can be individual calendars. One of the features of both of these modules is that you can time stamp them so that it is not necessary once an event has passed to actually go in and delete that information from the web site. It will be a little more efficient in that respect as well.

Finally the last module that we are going to be purchasing is called Q-Notify, which is essentially a feature, which will allow constituents, taxpayers, and individuals to send in requests for information and it will automatically be routed to an individual based on the department that they are in and how the message is sent.

It is going to give us a new web design, new web feel, and it is going to be a much more efficient use of the web than we have now.

Alderman Deane

Who has the final say what is and isn't put on the web site?

Angelo Marino

Quit e frankly I think that is left up to the individual departments. Unless it is a global announcement that affects the entire city. The individual departments have pretty much control over what they want on their section of the web site.

Alderman Deane

That is going to change now because of this extra...

Angelo Marino

It will still be the same it is just that there will be an authentication process. You can't have an individual post something if they don't have rights to post it as a final. It has to be authenticated by – if it is set up that way, and it allows us to set that up that way – let's say I wanted something posted on the web and there was an authentication process where one individual of my staff actually does the posting, before it can be visible on the web I would have to authenticate and it and say yes I agree with that information and that can go out there.

Alderman Deane

Now that task is going to be given to one person?

Angelo Marino

No it will still be in the individual departments. It will be an individual in each division or

department that says this information can go out on the web for what we want in our section of the home page.

Alderman Deane

From the admin side everybody that has a section on the web site will be able to access the admin side and put up whatever they..

Angelo Marino

Again we can set up permissions as we want and that is probably a policy decision that is above me, but we could set permissions. If we want to have one individual in each division authenticating that we can do. If we want to have one individual in each department authenticating we can do that as well. We are allowed with this software to set the permissions for what gets displayed and how it gets displayed.

Alderman Deane

Mayor would the Board of Aldermen set that policy or would it be the administration?

Mayor Streeter

I would certainly hope not Alderman Deane. This is an administrative policy. We do have a web site committee that is working with I.T. and the consultants developing the web site. Certainly I have enough faith in the Division Directors that they would exercise proper control over what goes on the division's web site. Ultimately what goes on the city's web site I would assume would ultimately be the Mayor's responsibility.

Alderman Deane

So if you are not satisfied with something that is on the web site you are going to ...

Mayor Streeter

I didn't say that Alderman Deane I said that the divisions ultimately have the – if there is something that is not legal, if there is something that is out of the ordinary I am sure it will be brought to my attention and I will take appropriate action.

Alderman Deane

Who will be the one monitoring this?

Mayor Streeter

The public will actually be monitoring the web site Alderman Deane.

Alderman Deane

From the admin. side of it Mayor?

Mayor Streeter

I.T. – it is their responsibility.

Alderman Deane

I realize the public will be using the web site.

Mayor Streeter

Correct.

Alderman Deane

If I can continue Mayor.

Mayor Streeter

Please.

Alderman Deane

What sort of cost efficiencies do you see with the I.T. Department with this new software?

Angelo Marino

Once city staff are trained our involvement with how things get posted to the web will be curtailed considerably. We won't have to receive e-mails from any department that says please put this on the web page or I can't get it to go there, I have a formatting problem, it doesn't indent properly – all of those things will go away.

Alderman Deane

What do we currently pay for licensing fees?

Angelo Marino

I don't think we pay any licensing fee right now. We have a consultant that has assisted in our

web design, but we are using active server page technology, which is I can't say that we do have a license fee now.

Alderman Deane

The \$3,400 of professional services – 40 hours at \$85 – what are we getting for that?

Angelo Marino

Much of it is going to be graphic design – for them to assist us in designing the web page and how it looks. Additionally it will be assistance in migrating our current information to the new web site.

Alderman Deane

That will be done in 40 hours?

Angelo Marino

Yes.

Alderman Deane

Thank you Mayor.

Mayor Streeter

Thank you Alderman Deane. Are there any further questions?

Alderman Shaw

Who is on the web site committee?

Angelo Marino

Claire Rioux, myself, Sue Lovering, Ruth Raswyck, Dwayne Boudreau, Brian O'Neil, and I believe Maureen Lemieux.

Alderman Shaw

As far as training, is that covered anywhere by the vendor?

Angelo Marino

What will happen is one of the IT staff will live through the project and we will train locally the city staff on how to post and how to utilize the software. There will be some training from Qscend, but training in how to manipulate the data that we have so I don't think that there is going to be a necessity for training from Qscend.

Alderman Shaw

How widely deployed is this software already?

Angelo Marino

They have over 100 municipal clients. As a side they are going to be working in Nashua relatively soon. They are going to be doing something for Southern New Hampshire Medical Services. I believe there are over a dozen business entities that want to also attach to this Southern New Hampshire web page, and they are going to be setting up web site for them also.

Alderman Shaw

Have we actually gotten references or talked to any of the other customers of theirs?

Angelo Marino

We have gone to their web sites. We haven't talked to any of their customers, but we have gone to their web sites and we got an evaluation copy of the software. The I.T. staff has examined the software and manipulated it and looked at it and agree that it does what they say it will do.

Alderman Shaw

What is the expected timeframe for deployment and implementation assuming we go forward?

Angelo Marino

We expect to have this up and running in about 60 days if not less.

Alderman Shaw

Thank you Mayor.

Mayor Streeter

Are there any further questions?

**MOTION CARRIED**

From: Janice Tremblay, C.P.M., Purchasing Manager

Re: Bid Summary and Contract Award for Ball Field Fencing at Artillery Field  
Requested by the Parks Department

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN SHAW TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE AND AWARD THE CONTRACT TO GATE CITY FENCE CO. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,438. SOURCE OF FUNDING IS ACCT. #552-75140**

**MOTION CARRIED**

From: Janice Tremblay, C.P.M., Purchasing Manager

Re: Bid Summary & Contract Award for Rental of Portable Toilets during 2005  
Required by Parks & Recreation Department

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN SHAW TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE AND AWARD THE CONTRACT TO DAVE'S SEPTIC SERVICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,688. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN FY 05 ACCT. #552-66000 (\$5,508) AND BUDGETED IN FY06 ACCT. #552-66000 (\$9,180)**

**MOTION CARRIED**

From: Janice Tremblay, C.P.M., Purchasing Manager

Re: Bid Summary & Contract Award for Tactical Ballistic Vests requested by  
the Nashua Police Department

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN SHAW TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE AND AWARD THE CONTRACT TO RILEY'S SPORT SHOP, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,801.28. SOURCE OF FUNDING IS ACCT. #331-64080-6208**

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Deane

Thank you. Could you give me the life expectancy of these?

Lt. Fred Nichols

They are going to be the same as the present ones, which is a five-year life span. That is pretty standard for most vests.

Alderman Deane

Do we own some of these already, this type or this brand?

Lt. Fred Nichols

No. This is a newer version of the vests.

Alderman Deane

Thank you.

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Alderman Dion

How many vests are we purchasing? Is it 9?

Lt. Fred Nichols

It is 16 right now.

Alderman Dion

Thank you.

Mayor Streeter

Are there any further questions?

**MOTION CARRIED**

From: Janice Tremblay, C.P.M., Purchasing Manager

Re: Bid Summary & Contract Award for FY2005 Street Paving Program

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN SHAW TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE AND AWARD THE CONTRACT TO BROX INDUSTRIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,335,052.75. SOURCE OF FUNDING IS ACCTS. #553-45030 (\$420,000), 651-37 (\$152,107), 653-06 (\$700,000) AND 953-5331 (\$62,945.75)**

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Deane

We had some discussion about this last night. The funding in the asphalt contractual – due to our snow plowing – I forget we had to settle up, Scott had to settle up some numbers correct Steve? Isn't that what he said last night so we weren't quite sure what he was going to have for a balance once he got everything figured at year end?

Steve Dookran

That is right.

Alderman Deane

So this is going to be – we are approving this for a total amount of \$1,335,052.75, but we are not quite sure whether we will have that amount of money. Is that going to change the charge that they have for us if we reduce the overall amount?

Steve Dookran

That shouldn't be a problem. You can go ahead with the contract and then reduce the contract by X dollars if you don't have the funding.

Alderman Deane

So that is not going to affect our tonnage rate that they are giving us?

Steve Dookran

No I don't think – it is too small an amount to affect the rate.

Alderman Deane

Thank you.

Mayor Streeter

Are there any further questions?

## **MOTION CARRIED**

Mayor Streeter

Joe would you like to introduce yourself? Is this your first meeting?

Joe Mendola

Yes it is. It is Joe Mendola, Street Construction Engineer, working under Steve Dookran.

Mayor Streeter

Welcome.

Joe Mendola

Thank you.

Mayor Streeter

Next time you will be on your own right?

Joe Mendola

Probably.

Alderman Tollner

You will become quite familiar with us very quickly.

Joe Mendola

I am sure.

Steve Dookran

Today is only Joe's second day, and I thought this would be a good initiation for him.

Mayor Streeter

It certainly will. I think his first day was pretty good because he was initiated by the Board of Public Works. He got to meet Alderman Deane yesterday.

**MOTION CARRIED**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

**R-05-187**

Endorsers: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter  
Alderman Lori Cardin  
Alderman Kevin E. Gage

**ESTABLISHING AN EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND FOR ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS AND DONATIONS FOR THE NASHUA FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT PUBLIC EDUCATION/INJURY PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN SHAW TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE**

## ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Deane

I just had a question on the funds. Are these funds gifted?

Mayor Streeter

I think Carol can answer that.

Carol Anderson

These are some gifts, contributions, and donations.

Alderman Deane

They are sum gift contributions?

Carol Anderson

We can accept gifts into this if a community or an organization would make a gift into that we would accept gifts into that.

Alderman Deane

In order to set this up have we received any gifts to date?

Carol Anderson

I believe that there is some money that is pending to be given to us as contributions.

Alderman Deane

Is a contribution considered a gift?

Carol Anderson

I think I would define it this way – a contribution and gifts are very close, but a gift could be given to be spent in a certain way whereas a contribution would be given to be spent as you see fit. That is how I think I would – they are very close in definition.

Alderman Deane

When you take these gifts or contributions or donations how is the use going to be deciphered if the contributor of the gift, contribution or donation wishes to change their mind and have the money used for another purpose?

Mayor Streeter

Let me try to answer that Carol. When someone is giving a gift with restrictions on it they cannot be spent for anything other than that unless the donor agrees to that.

Alderman Deane

Even though we are filing a resolution that will become law then we are allowing the resolution to be opened up and changed?

Mayor Streeter

All the resolution does is establish the trust fund, and gives the Fire Department the ability to accept contributions and gifts particularly for their public education and injury prevention programs. If an organization wishes to contribute to this trust fund with restrictions it cannot be spent for any other purpose. The Fire Department if they decide not to accept a gift because they don't want to agree with the restrictions then that is their prerogative.

Alderman Deane

My question though Mayor is how is that going to be tracked?

Mayor Streeter

I think that is one of Carol's responsibilities.

Carol Anderson

Right, exactly. Where this is an expendable trust fund it goes through as you know the staff that we have, and if there are specific limitations on that then that is tracked through the system. If they said that it was for a specific program there would be a commodity set up that was just for that program.

Alderman Deane

Unless of course the gifter or contributor or donator wanted to come back after the fact and change that.

Carol Anderson

Yes. If the person who makes the contribution – say it would be the Rotary that gave the money and said it was to be used for a specific training program that is what it would be used for. If they came back and said it is open you can use it for whatever training program you wanted to then we could go by that. This is an expendable trust fund so it comes under the city at that time, but if they change their mind, if the donator changed their mind, then we would change the purpose of that.

Alderman Deane

If we look at other expendable trust funds that we have set up in the recent past we have documentation from the gifters, donators, or contributors on what the monies can and can't be used for on file when the money is put into those trust accounts?

Carol Anderson

Yes. If there is a specific purpose yes.

Alderman Deane

It is not just this trust account. We set up a number of trust accounts, and I just want to be assured that once we set them up that the monies – if people are going to move the money around as they want to do with the Amherst Street Expendable Trust Fund and use the money over on Southwood Drive and Tinker Road project ...

Mayor Streeter

If that was done that would require specific legislation. This is not – your question is really if in fact funds are going to be used for purposes broader than Amherst Street for instance then that has to go back to the Board of Aldermen to make the necessary changes. They have the authority to do that.

Alderman Deane

We were told last night those weren't impact funds that was a gift.

Mayor Streeter

I am using impact as because most people understand the term impact fees, but they are gifts.

Alderman Deane

The way it was described by Corporation Counsel there is a different between an impact fee, which they found unconstitutional, and a gift.

Mayor Streeter

That is true. Technically you are right, but most people understand the term impact fee and don't understand the term gift. This particular gift that was made by Target was a gift.

Alderman Deane

Because the impact fees were outlawed in 2001 I believe.

Carol Anderson

I am not aware of that. We have had impact fees for the school.

Mayor Streeter

We have, and you are right. This particular one was considered a gift according to the Office of Corporation Counsel.

Alderman Deane

But now we can file the trust fund legislation, put the monies in there, and then have whomever lobby the gifter or contributor to the funds to utilize those funds in another area that they weren't initially applied to.

Mayor Streeter

I think Alderman Deane you are straying from the motion or from the resolution.

Alderman Deane

I am trying to better understand the trust funds Mayor.

Mayor Streeter

This particular gift from Target..

Alderman Deane

You don't understand them. I am trying to.

Mayor Streeter

After listening to the Office of Corporation Counsel last night with you being present I think he gave a very clear explanation.

Alderman Deane

Yeah that what you were trying to do was wrong.

Mayor Streeter

Pardon.

Alderman Deane

That what you were trying to do with those funds was wrong. I am just trying to understand if this falls in the same category. That is the question I am asking.

Mayor Streeter

This is an entirely different category.

Alderman Deane

I asked if the money was gifted. I was told it was. What is the difference? Explain the difference to me from this one to the Amherst Street one.

Mayor Streeter

They are both gifts – gifts or contributions. In this particular case, it is my understanding that there may be either an organization or a company that would like to make a contribution to the Fire Rescue Service to be used for public education and injury prevention programs, and this gives the Fire Department the mechanism to accept them and to spend them according to the donor's wishes. Your reference to last night's discussion before the Board of Public Works was Target when they built on Amherst Street the Planning Board suggested that they might want to make a gift to be used for further improvements on Amherst Street, the Public Works Department felt that the extension that hasn't yet been built off Tinker Road would have a favorable impact on Amherst Street, and they made the suggestion that perhaps these funds could be used for that. They then went to Target and said do you have any objection if these funds were used other than for Amherst Street in particular, and they said they have no objection. Office of Corporation Counsel as you know because you were there Alderman Deane indicated that any change like that has to be made by the Board of Aldermen.

Alderman Deane

That was after I brought the issue to light.

Mayor Streeter

That is correct.

Alderman Deane

What was being done was wrong ...

Mayor Streeter

You raised the issue and Corporation Counsel – I asked Corporation Counsel to be there to explain that.

Alderman Deane

We have already figured this out. My question is can the same thing be done to this trust account – can the Fire Department go back to the gifter and say we want to spend this on something else other than what it was initially intended for.

Carol Anderson

I would say no because this is set up, it is accepted into this fund for those purposes. You would have to change the fund because it was accepted for this purpose. I think one of the things on the other one ...

Mayor Streeter

The purpose is public education and injury prevention. It is public education programs. That is the purpose of the expendable trust fund.

Carol Anderson

Right and that is what it would be used for.

Mayor Streeter

It couldn't be used to buy cameras for instance.

Carol Anderson

Right unless you were going to use those cameras for some educational purpose. If there was some connection. It would have to be within this.

Alderman Deane

But you can take money from the Amherst Street road improvement....

Mayor Streeter

Alderman Deane we are not discussing that particular ...

Alderman Deane

What is the difference?

Mayor Streeter

We are discussing R-05-187. Hopefully you have had all of the answers that you posed to this particular resolution. You will have your opportunity to discuss the Target gift to the city at a later date.

Alderman Deane

I will?

Mayor Streeter

If legislation is file. I intend to file legislation to allow the use of a portion of those funds (\$30,000 or \$40,000 of the \$400,000 gift) to be used to help fund that extension off Tinker Road. I will be filing the legislation and I hope that you will be supporting it and signing onto it because it is a much needed project.

Alderman Deane

I am not debating that Mayor I am just trying to understand – I didn't want to have precedence set by utilizing funds that were gifted for another purpose that is all. Thank you.

Mayor Streeter

I think Carol that certainly when you issue the checks from these funds it has to be for the specific purpose.

Carol Anderson

Yes.

Mayor Streeter

Unless of course if the donor says that it can be used for another purpose.

Alderman Deane

Except for this one.

Carol Anderson

Right.

Mayor Streeter

In this case, it has to be used for those two specific programs.

Alderman Deane

Why can't we change it?

Carol Anderson

You wouldn't change it. If you pass it as is we wouldn't change it.

Alderman Deane

Couldn't you go back to the gifter and change the use of the funds if they wanted to? If you can do it with the Amherst Street trust fund why can't you do it with this one. That is where I am kind of confused. You can get back to me on that if you would like tomorrow or Friday or whatever.

Carol Anderson

You are saying if somebody gifted the money to us could we go and get the money changed, the intent of the gift changed is what you are saying?

Alderman Deane

As we are doing with the Amherst Street Road Improvement Trust Fund. I am trying to understand the difference between the two. The Mayor says there is a difference. I can't see it. If you could – whenever you have a free moment. I know you are busy. Thank you.

Alderman Tollner

Who makes the decision on the allocation on the funds. Suppose there is someone in the Fire Department who thinks that we should purchase videotapes for the kids and someone else

thinks that we should be giving out say smoke detectors?

Mayor Streeter

I would assume Alderman Tollner that would be the Chief's ultimate responsibility to determine that.

Alderman Tollner

Or the Fire Commissioners maybe?

Mayor Streeter

Maybe in consultation with the Board of Fire Commissioners. Are there any further questions on R-05187?

## **MOTION CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES - None

WARRANT

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN SHAW TO APPROVE WARRANT #17 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$8,040,367.14 OF WHICH \$2,185,929.16 ARE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, \$4,641,087.01 ARE PAYROLL AMOUNTS, \$49,224.28 ARE PREPAY AMOUNTS AND \$1,164,126.69 ARE WIRE TRANSFERS**

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Deane

The \$10,000 + that was spent for Gateway is that an open P.O. for replacement computers?

Carol Anderson

I could look that up. I can't tell by looking at this if that is an open purchase order or not. I would almost think no that it is not an open purchase order.

Alderman Deane

Then why didn't it come to Finance or did it?

Carol Anderson

I remember when they first went out, and Janice may be able to help with that – they have made an effort to use only Gateway. We did that standardization several – quite a few years ago so they have been just going with that.

Janice Tremblay

To answer your first question Alderman Deane it is not an open order. Each time they buy one or more units they cut an individual purchase order because we need to put the specific data/the specification of what it is we are buying. We do handle them individually and they do get the confirming quotations from Gateway. To reiterate the Gateway purchases that we make they are all based on State contract. I question whether if the amount on the Warrant is \$10,000 that may have been a processing of several different purchase orders and we are looking at one payment.

Alderman Deane

I only see one number. I didn't see a number of purchase orders I just saw the total was \$10,385 if I remember correctly something like that.

Carol Anderson

Generally they provide me with anything over \$10,000, and on this one I don't have the information on Gateway for the \$10,435.

Alderman Deane

That is what it is right \$10,435?

Carol Anderson

Right.

Alderman Deane

The other question I had was on the ESRI software maintenance fee. What does ESRI stand for?

Carol Anderson

I don't know the name of it. I have the purchase order with me for the entire amount. It is all maintenance.

Alderman Deane

It is software maintenance fee for \$11,000. Could you just check on the Gateway and see if that was a combined number of units that were purchased into one – why it wasn't brought to Finance? Thank you.

Carol Anderson

You are welcome.

Alderman Shaw

Mr. Mayor if I can through you to Alderman Deane – I wanted to find out if Alderman Deane had received feedback on those various items that you had questioned.

Alderman Deane

Yes I did.

Alderman Shaw

I guess – I don't know in the future I would like to be copied on those responses as well if possible.

Carol Anderson

That is fine. We will do that. If any other members would like to be copied if you could just let me know and we will make sure to send that along to you.

Alderman Deane

I was happy to see a vendor note on the school department by changing the word pub to publishing.

Mayor Streeter

Are there any further questions?

**MOTION CARRIED**

DISCUSSION

Alderman Tollner

I would like to follow up on the conversation on the transfer of funds that we received from Target from Amherst Street to Tinker Road. While I fully support the work that the people have been looking forward to at Tinker Road, one who travels Amherst Street for a number of years there has been a bottleneck of traffic in front of Peters Auto and Burger King where there are two lanes and regardless of what time of day it is there is probably close to a dozen or so cars looking to make a right hand turn off of Amherst Street onto Charron Avenue. It seems that when you get past that particular intersection the traffic flow seems to open up.

I would think a good chunk of the traffic that goes by there probably comes from Target. I would love to see the traffic study that would stipulate that a lot of the traffic from Target or from Tinker Road for that matter jams up Amherst Street. Speaking for myself, before we pass any legislation I would like to see a traffic study.

I would also like to see a traffic study on the traffic that is driving in the easterly direction on Amherst Street from say Somerset Plaza to where Peters Auto is to Route 3 so we can make an informed decision because \$400,000 would go a long way in adding a turning lane expansion by Peter's Auto and that truly is Amherst Street. I understand that Target has said they have no problem with us using the gifts that they gave us over on Tinker Road. I think from a corporate perspective I think they are based out of Minnesota. They have already given us the money. I am sure they really could care less where we spend the money given the fact that the intersection has been built u p and the new traffic light has been put out in front of their store. I would appreciate that.

### Mayor Streeter

I believe the Public Works Department is, through the Regional Planning Commission, is participating in the study of the whole Route 101A corridor, but in particular to Charron Avenue I know that Public Works is looking at that and if Steve were here he could give you that answer. I think they are working on it as we speak.

### Alderman Tollner

I think they are working on the turning lane at Charron Avenue onto Amherst Street because I think that came to Infrastructure a while back. I am more concerned with the traffic on Amherst Street that the flow of that would provide the opportunity for people coming from Charron to at least get onto Amherst Street.

What I would also like to do is wish Alderman Rootovich well. I know he is not here tonight. I know he is not feeling well. I think he may have had a procedure done today so I know he is not watching this, and shouldn't be watching this, but I want to extend the committee's best wishes to him. Get well. Thank you.

### Alderman Deane

For Alderman Tollner's info. the Amherst Street widening project – a project that is being 100% funded by the NH DOT would not need developer contributions at this time. The State is going up that whole corridor. I believe that is going out to 2007 or 2008.

Mayor Streeter

The contract line is Charron Avenue. Anything West of Charron Avenue is a State highway.

Alderman Tollner

Perfect. Thank you Alderman Deane.

Alderman Deane

Anytime.

Alderman Dion

I want to expand on what Alderman Tollner said about Alderman Rootovich. I spoke with him this evening around 5:45 p.m., and just to give you an update on Alderman Rootovich's condition, back two weeks ago he experienced chest pains and there was a stint installed in one of his arteries at the Catholic Medical Center. He was recovering nicely – still weak, but then last Thursday he experienced some more chest pains, drove himself to the Catholic Medical Center in Manchester, and they were monitoring him. They found that he was experiencing some strong discomfort. They gave him a series of tests yesterday. He is still awaiting the results of those tests. I must say that he is very weak, tired, and very sick. I am sure that the Finance Committee will join me in wishing him a speedy recovery, and I am sure a prayer before we go to bed tonight certainly would help. I wish him nothing but the best. I am sure you do too. Thank you.

Mayor Streeter

I am sure he appreciates that.

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DION TO ADJOURN  
MOTION CARRIED**

The Finance Committee meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Alderman Rob Shaw  
Committee Clerk