

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

MAY 16, 2005

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Monday, May 16, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber.

Mayor Bernard A. Streeter presided.

Members of the Committee present: Alderman-at-Large David Rootovich, Vice-Chair
Alderman-at-Large James R. Tollner
Alderman-at-Large David W. Deane
Alderman Kathryn D. Vitale
Alderman Robert A. Dion
Alderman Robert Shaw

Members not in Attendance:

Also in Attendance: Alderman David MacLaughlin
Carol Anderson, Chief Financial Officer/Comptroller
Roger Houston, Manager, Planning Dir., Planning Dept.
Stephen Williams, Director, NRPC
Kerrie Diers, Assistant Director, NRPC
Janice Tremblay, Purchasing Manager
Angelo Marino, Chief Assessor
Mike Mansfield, Assistant Fire Chief of Special Operations
Rick Seymour, Division Director, Public Works Division
Steve Dookran, City Engineer
Jeanne Gamache, Wastewater Project Engineer
James Hall, Commissioner, DPW
Richard Reine, Superintendent of Solid Waste
Sally Hyland, Recycling Coordinator
Mario LeClerc, Superintendent of Wastewater
Jon LeBrun, Deputy City Engineer
Wayne Husband, Superintendent of Traffic

COMMUNICATIONS

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

Re: Contract for Professional Counsel related to Land Use Ordinance O-04-19 Completion

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SHAW TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE AND AWARD THE CONTRACT TO NASHUA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCT. #671-24

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Deane

Thank you Mayor Streeter. For whomever can answer it my question is are these funds going to be used to hire an attorney?

Stephen Williams

We do not necessarily plan on hiring an attorney, but if that becomes necessary we will certainly inform the City that we believe it is necessary and get direction from the City on what should be done with regard to that.

Mayor Streeter

Roger did you want to add something to that?

Roger Houston

Not really. I think if we do have a question we can certainly consult with Corporation Counsel. I think most of the major legal issues were addressed at some point or another during the last four years this process has been ongoing.

Mayor Streeter

Please continue Alderman Deane.

Alderman Deane

Thank you Mayor Streeter. Who is going to be doing the bulk of the work? Is that going to be done ...

Stephen Williams

The bulk of the work is going to be done by Kerrie Diers. She is our Assistant Director and specializes in land use. She has significant time set aside in the next 6-8 months to work on this

project.

Alderman Deane

Can you explain the process – you are going to review it, put it together, and then submit it back to the City for further review?

Stephen Williams

Our understanding is that over the course of the last year or so the City has received quite a bit of input through its process on the land use ordinance as it is proposed. We are going to take the input that you have received, review the document, break the input that you have received and anything else you find in the document up into four categories from sort of increasing complexity. The first one will be just minor errors spelling, punctuation, grammatical. The second will be what we call errors of fact. The third will be ambiguities. The fourth will be policy issues. We will basically put those into a list or database with the error of the related text, the input that you received, and then we will work with the relevant city boards and staff to resolve each of those issues by either moving it to another list or by actually coming to an agreement as to what the wording should be. Ultimately we believe that the policy list will be the last one that we settle because we think those will be the most complex questions. Once those are all resolved we will incorporate those into a document and present you with a revised draft that includes all of that new and revised information.

Alderman Deane

It will be considered a revised draft and any changes that are made after that for a final document is that included in this price of \$25,000?

Stephen Williams

That is right.

Alderman Deane

We will get a final document. Thank you.

Mayor Streeter

Alderman Rootovich did you want to pipe in at this point because it will be going to your committee. You have been working with citizens and everybody over the last several years.

Alderman Rootovich

There is not much more I can add. The committee has been working on this document for well

over a year now. We have gone through every page paragraph by paragraph painstakingly. We have had input from staff, from local developers, from businesspeople as well as concerned citizens. We have well over I would think 1,000 pages of documents relative to minutes of the meetings, further testimony, exhibits, letters that have been sent into the committee. We have passed those on to Mr. Houston. I know that he has submitted those to the downtown. We hope to get back a product that the Planning & Economic Development Committee can review and make the necessary changes whether it be in policy or anywhere else in there and give a final draft back to the full Board of Aldermen to ratify. I would expect that would take anywhere between once we get this back anywhere between 3-5 months before we have a final product.

I support it. I think it is necessary. The original amount that we were going to spend on this is \$75,000. I think that we have somebody here that is local and the benefit of that is they can attend our meetings if need be, and I think that is a critical component of getting a product that we need to pass on to the full Board.

Mayor Streeter

You feel comfortable with this agency doing it rather than continuing with the consultants – their fees would be much higher.

Alderman Rootovich

Not only that, but the original company that we dealt with – Mr. Houston can also elaborate on this, but that company has been pretty much dissolved. They moved to CA I believe, and the individual who originally worked on this pretty much doesn't want to do it. I think there is a benefit of having somebody locally. I have no problem whatsoever. I look forward to it. I know they will do a super job.

Mayor Streeter

Are there any additional questions?

Alderman Shaw

I just wanted to clarify a couple of things. I am assuming – I don't believe I saw it in here, but is the priority expected to be basically going through in order of working the correction of minor errors and then the correction of errors of fact and pretty much moving through from the simplest to the more complex if you will? Is that then plan?

Stephen Williams

Pretty much. What I assume is that we will probably end up working on all of them at once, but we will probably settle the minor errors first because they are so simple. Then over the course

of time it will ultimately be the policy issues that remain.

Alderman Shaw

The other thing I wanted to follow up on – I think Alderman Deane was getting at this, but – I think there was a statement in here that it is not necessarily possible to completely scope out the task involved because it very well might be somewhat of a moving target, but considering what we do understand about the task thus far in front of us do you believe that the \$25,000 figure is a pretty good probability of covering all of the work that the NRPC might expect to do?

Stephen Williams

I am very confident that we can do it for the \$25,000, and I think in all likelihood we will do it for less, but as you say I do believe it is kind of a moving target because we don't know exactly what we are going to be getting into on some of these issues and so as Roger and I consult about this we wanted to make sure that the budget was sufficiently high that we were assured that we will be able to get it all done in the time period required without needing to come back to you and ask for an extension or alteration of the contract.

Alderman Shaw

Thank you.

Alderman Deane

I just had a question for Kerrie Diers. It states here on your resume that you were admitted to the New Hampshire BAR in October of '95. Are you still..

Kerrie Diers

I am an inactive member of the New Hampshire BAR.

Alderman Deane

Thank you.

Alderman Tollner

I have a question for anyone who can answer it. Has the NRPC done work like this before and during the process of making a proposal for the City did you provide the City with any references?

Stephen Williams

We have done work like this before. It is very common for us to do zoning work of various types for the community. We as you are probably aware work with the city staff on a daily basis so they didn't ask us for any references because I think they are well familiar with the quality of our work. I actually believe that the largest issue here is not so much an issue of expertise in the area of zoning, but I think it is more a matter of expertise in the area of facilitation because I think what is ultimately going to have to happen on particularly the thornier issues is that it will require some facilitation with the proper city committees to come down to the alternative that might best suit the desires of the committee and the Aldermen and best incorporate the input that was received.

Alderman Tollner

As you touch those thornier issues, who would you view as being your primary customer in this arrangement would it be the Planning & Economic Development Committee or would it be the Community Development Department?

Stephen Williams

I think it would be the Board of Aldermen through the Planning & Economic Development Committee. Undoubtedly we are going to do a lot of work with staff in the course of this process, but I think ultimately the customer is the Planning & Economic Development Committee and ultimately the Board of Aldermen. One of the concerns that I had and that I wrote into the Scope of Work here was that I wanted to make it clear that we were working for the City and the Board of Aldermen, and I didn't want to get into a situation where we were viewed as sort of a one stop shop to provide additional input on the land use ordinance because I don't think we would ever finish if we got into that position. I wanted to make it very clear that we are working for the Planning & Economic Development Committee as an extension of the Board of Aldermen and if the Planning & Economic Development Committee wants us to meet with other individuals that I would like specific direction from them about those activities.

Mayor Streeter

I think you will still be working with the Planning Board as well because they have to sign off on this too.

Stephen Williams

Certainly.

Mayor Streeter

Are there any further questions Alderman Tollner?

Alderman Tollner

I was very pleased with that answer because even though you should work with the city department; Roger and his staff, to get input as well as the Planning Board, but as I think the President of the Board of Aldermen has said many times, we are the ones that are responsible for driving the decision making and the formula as far as what we want to see going forward. I appreciate that answer. Thank you.

Alderman Rootovich

With respect to the consideration of the policy issues if I remember and there are three other members of the committee that sit here and they can refresh my memory, but I think three areas that we spent a lot of time in were the wetlands ordinances, the landscaping design, and one that took a ton of time was the D1, D2, and D3 districts downtown, which had a lot of discussion on that. It is probably one of the most time consuming areas we will be spending time in.

Mayor Streeter

Are there any further comments? Are we ready for the question?

Alderman Shaw

I would like to ask Mr. Houston if he has any thoughts, concerns or opinions about moving forward.

Roger Houston

I think we are moving forward. We have had a short setback with some problems in early winter and now we are moving forward. I share Alderman Rootovich's concern that we move on this and while it is all fresh in our memories what the issues are and start debating those and having the NRPC staff there to help guide and facilitate the process. I think that will be very useful.

Alderman Rootovich

Not only that, but if we do not pass this by December 31st the legislation dies. Mostly likely this committee will not be the same members during the next term, which would add some more time on. I think we have about 7.5 months left to pass this.

Mayor Streeter

In retrospect I think there was some concern early on that this is being rushed through. I certainly hasn't been rushed through.

Alderman Rootovich

No it has not.

Mayor Streeter

Are there any further questions?

MOTION CARRIED

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

Re: Purchasing Mobile Data Terminals for Nashua Fire Rescue

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SHAW TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE AND APPROVE THE PURCHASE FROM MOTOROLA, INC. FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$68,902.20. SOURCE OF FUNDING IS ACCT. #335-64192-9605-6350

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Deane

I have a question to whoever can answer it the Deputy Chief or the Chief Assessor. Are there licensing fees associated with this?

Angelo Marino

No.

Alderman Deane

Is there any extended warrantee to any of this?

Angelo Marino

We don't plan on buying anything after what is in the purchase price of one year.

Alderman Deane

What is the life expectancy of this equipment before it is outdated?

Angelo Marino

Before it is outdated probably two years – the way advancements are made in today's technology.

Alderman Deane

When it comes time to maintain it or do whatever to it, how is that going to be paid for through Homeland Security money or is there another form of ...

Angelo Marino

No that is going to probably be the Fire Department's responsibility, and they don't have any plans yet to buy any maintenance on any of these. When the issue came up recently it was decided not to purchase any hardware maintenance.

Alderman Deane

How do we plan on funding that in the future out of the Fire Department's budget?

Angelo Marino

Out of the existing operating budget or look for some alternative grant funding as has been available in the last 2-3 years.

Alderman Deane

Thank you.

Alderman Rootovich

I assume these are just laptops correct?

Angelo Marino

Actually no. They are not laptops. The problem is that the State will not allow you to buy laptops. These are a component piece of equipment where the hard drive is one box, the monitor is another box. It comes in pieces, the pieces are mounted in different places in the vehicles so they aren't laptops, but they are computers. They are called mobile data terminals. That is what the State makes you buy when you buy it through Homeland Security Funds. If we could have bought laptops we could have come in at half the price.

Alderman Rootovich

Thank you.

Alderman Shaw

I wanted to follow up on the memo that stated about that these units will interface with the CAD system to be purchased by the Fire Department that is identical to the CAD software utilized by

Nashua Police. What is the planning and timing for that software purchase?

Angelo Marino

- We have been looking at software for quite a number of months now, and working with one company in particular to try to see if they can fine tune it to have it work into something that we can utilize with these mobile terminals. We are coming to some sort of agreement with that. We are not too far out when we will be utilizing these things with the software that is being developed at this point. Additionally Alderman Shaw the software that we currently have, the pictometry that I demonstrated for you a month or so ago that we have already tested on these devices and that will be loaded immediately when we obtain these devices so that will be available to all of the vehicles where these are deployed.

Alderman Shaw

- It also talks about the ten units that have already been purchased and will be installed with the mounting hardware and all that. Do those units still also require the software or do those already have what licenses they need for software?

Angelo Marino

Well the pictometry will go on any computer in the city. We already have that license. The CAD software does come – it will be necessary as part of the purchase of that to purchase what is called a mobile license for those individual devices. We haven't purchased the CAD software yet, but when we purchase the CAD software we will also be purchasing the mobile licenses.

Alderman Shaw

So to clarify we still need to purchase the CAD software for all 20 units right?

Angelo Marino

Correct.

Alderman Shaw

Thank you.

Alderman Deane

To Mr. Marino, do we have a price on the CAD software as well as the 20 licenses?

Angelo Marino

Yes, most of it is going to come from money left over from the police CAD project – about \$100,000 of that money will go towards it, and the mobile licenses that is basically \$1,000 each.

Alderman Deane

That is \$120,000.

Angelo Marino

Correct.

Alderman Deane

Maybe the Chief can answer this – when you look at a police car and you see that same component is mounted on a police car it appears to me as though it is mounted in such a fashion that if there was ever an accident and that airbag deployed somebody would end up eating probably part of this piece of equipment because it is right in front of the airbag.

Michael Mansfield

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A lot of these things will be mounted in such a manner that it is not going to be in the way of the deployment at all. Obviously that has been taken into consideration. There was extensive discussion in relationship to that and the safety features and so forth that are built into these vehicles. That has been looked at.

Alderman Deane

I know you can't speak for the police department, but that doesn't appear to be the case in the cruisers when you see where these are located.

Michael Mansfield

I can't speak to that.

Alderman Deane

Thank you.

Mayor Streeter

Are there any further questions?

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SHAW TO AMEND THE COMMUNICATION FROM JANICE TREMBLAY REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF MOUNTING SYSTEMS FOR MOBILE DATA

TERMINALS BY REPLACING IT WITH THE REVISED COPY PLACED ON OUR DESKS THIS EVENING

MOTION CARRIED

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

Re: Purchase Mounting Systems for Mobile Data Terminals for Fire Rescue

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SHAW TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE AND AWARD THE CONTRACT TO WRIGHT COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$11,825.60. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCT. #335-64192-9605-6350

MOTION CARRIED

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

Re: Change Order to Contract for Professional Services related to Design of the Primary Clarifier Rehabilitation requested by Engineering

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SHAW TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE AND APPROVE AMENDMENT #1 TO THE CONTRACT WITH METCALF & EDDY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,175. SOURCE OF FUNDING IS ACCT. #792-53030-3798

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Deane

Thank you Mayor Streeter. Could the City Engineer or the Director of Public Works or the Wastewater Project Engineer explain the deterioration in the primary clarified – how and why that happened?

Richard Seymour

The whole project is for 5 different primary clarifiers. Two of them are from the 1960s. I think the installation date on 1 and 2 is 1962. The other three larger primary tanks are from 1974. The deterioration is due to continual service. They are run 24 hours a day/365 days a year where a lot of goods and materials comes into the plant. These systems are very old and antiquated especially the actually mechanisms from the 1962 system at least the rakes themselves are still in use due to some extensive maintenance that has been done on that system.

Alderman Deane

Wasn't it a short time ago Director Seymour that we emptied a couple of the clarifiers and sandblasted them and refinished the inside of them and then put them back on line?

Richard Seymour

I think you are talking about the secondary clarifiers. These are the primaries. I think what you are talking about the secondary clarifiers that we sandblasted a lot of the mechanisms were within the secondary clarifiers and repainted them.

Alderman Deane

This is the big pool type that ...

Richard Seymour

These are the rectangular – they have traveling bridges that ride across the top. They are very close to the neighbors. This project in particular is meant to solve two problems. One is the deterioration of the system it is just too old and very inefficient energy wise and equipment replacement wise we end up having to make our own parts for a lot of the system. The other major issue with this project is to affect some kind of odor abatement in the neighborhood because these tanks are so close to the neighbors. The only odors that we get onsite at this point are from the primary clarifiers. Part of this project is to cover those and put in an odor controller system.

Alderman Deane

So you would be putting a dome over the ...

Richard Seymour

They will be flat so if you look at them they would probably be no more than 5 or 6 inches above the level of the tanks now. They will be completely flush across the whole surface of the tanks.

Alderman Deane

How is the screen going to go back and forth?

Richard Seymour

They are going to all be underwater rakes basically that are – it is a chain and fight system that runs totally under the water. It is amazing. It is plastic chain, plastic sprockets and scrapers. It is all meant to be under water.

Alderman Deane

Thank you.

Alderman Shaw

I am wondering what is the risk regarding clarifier tank #1 both with and without the repairs if you could elaborate at all on that – a failure of any sort.

Richard Seymour

One or two can fail out of 5 and during a normal flow situation that is not a problem. We are upgrading the system to a high flow system with the introduction of wet weather facility. Presently we can go up to about 50 million gallons with the present equipment that is in place. Some of the equipment has been from 1960 so it has been sandblasted, painted, and repaired over and over again since over 40 years ago.

Alderman Shaw

Would you characterize this as more of what might really be somewhat preventative maintenance or just good maintenance that needs to be done because you have identified this deterioration – there isn't necessary any risk of some catastrophic failure, but it is the kind of thing you see you need and want to take care of. Is that a fair assessment?

Richard Seymour

It is definitely preventative maintenance.

Alderman Shaw

Thank you.

Mayor Streeter

Any further questions.

MOTION CARRIED

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

Re: Purchase ¾ Ton Pickup with Plow for Parking Department

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SHAW TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE AND AWARD THE CONTRACT TO RON CURRIER'S HILLTOP CHEVROLET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,988.10. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCT. #599-68070-9852

Mayor Streeter

I will note that Commission of Public Works is here. Would you like to sit in Jim?

James Hall

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ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Deane

Thank you. Superintendent Husband, what do we see for a cost savings with being able to plow our own garages and lots? Are we going to see some reduction out of the Street Department budget for subcontractors?

Wayne Husband

Currently the Parking Department borrows other vehicles from other departments to plow snow during winter storm events. Primarily they were using the sign truck to do the plowing. The difficulty with the Parking Department utilizing other department's trucks is that one they are constantly calling and asking other departments if they can borrow their vehicle, they are often using their own personal vehicles for hauling around meters and equipment and stuff like that and also for collections and so forth they use their own vehicles. We have been trying for quite some time to purchase a truck for the Parking Department so that we can get away from that. In answer to your question I am not sure you will see any direct savings because they do their own plowing now.

Alderman Deane

Will this truck have some sort of beacon on the roof?

Wayne Husband

I would imagine so.

Alderman Deane

So when it was measured to make sure it could fit in the parking garages it was measured with a beacon that was going to be put on the roof as well to make sure that it had adequate clearance?

Wayne Husband

I am pretty sure that the garage looked at that yes.

Alderman Deane

I know in the memo it stated the vehicle is available – provides a lower clearance than Ford. I didn't know if they had figured the clearance with the lights on the roof or not.

Wayne Husband

I am pretty sure they looked at that Alderman Deane.

Alderman Deane

Thank you very much.

Alderman Dion

Thank you Mr. Chairman. I will vote for this because of the fact that I know that the snow plowing in the garages has been hectic, you haven't had the equipment to do the job, and you had to beg, borrow and steal equipment to do the job. I know that at times I have heard..

Mayor Streeter

I think they had to request rather than steal Alderman Dion.

Alderman Dion

Excuse me?

Mayor Streeter

I think they had to request. I don't want to give the impression that they are out there ...

Alderman Dion

It is just a matter of speaking.

Mayor Streeter

I know it is.

Alderman Dion

I know that you have had a problem there, and I think it is high time that you have your own plow vehicle. I also know you have had a problem with the parking meters, lugging of the coins so to speak, and it will certainly facilitate that task. I certainly will go along with that.

Alderman Shaw

Superintendent Husband, I would like to follow up on what Alderman Deane was asking. I thought I recalled in the proposed budget for this upcoming year and some discussion when we were reviewing the Parking Department that there is I think a proposed line item regarding the contract service for plowing that was part of that budget proposal. Would that be affected at all by this purchase or do we see that as a separate need that isn't necessarily addressed at all with the availability of this truck directly?

Wayne Husband

The two are separate – the outside services. We need to contract outside services during winter storm events to assist us in clearing the lots. We use the truck a lot to clear the surfaces at the parking garages and the parking maintenance people work with the outside contractors to make sure that the lots are cleared.

Mayor Streeter

Are there any further questions?

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SHAW TO AMEND THE COMMUNICATION FROM JANICE TREMBLAY REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF A ½ TON PICK-UP TRUCK BY REPLACING IT WITH THE REVISED COPY PLACED ON OUR DESKS THIS EVENING
MOTION CARRIED

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

Re: Purchase ½ Ton Pick-Up Truck for Traffic Department

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SHAW TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE AND AWARD THE CONTRACT TO RON CURRIER'S HILLTOP CHEVROLET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,849.10. SOURCE OF FUNDING IS ACCT. #599-68070-9865 (\$6,202.10) AND #308-83064 (\$6,647)

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Deane

I had a question on the funding. It is coming out of CERF, but it states the title of the account is pickup truck parking department. This is for the Traffic Department. Are they one in the same?

Wayne Husband

It should be the Traffic Department. The two departments work closely together and that would be a typo. It should be the Traffic Department.

Carol Anderson

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Alderman Deane

But the account number is still the same. We can change the title, but the account number the 599-68070-9865 pick-up truck parking department.

Carol Anderson

The 68070 if you just use 599-68070 and ignore the next four digits – we don't always put that in – that is a program number, and that one relates to parking so we will make sure that we change the 9865 to reflect traffic.

Alderman Tollner

Do we need another memo?

Alderman Rootovich

We should hold it in committee.

Alderman Deane

Thank you Chief Financial Officer, Anderson.

Mayor Streeter

Do you have any further questions David?

Alderman Deane

Yes I do have a further question.

Mayor Streeter

Excuse me Alderman Deane.

Alderman Deane

I would like to know what happened to truck 053. It said it was totaled in an accident.

Wayne Husband

Yes it was.

Alderman Deane

What year was that truck – a 2000? Is that what the zero is in the front?

Wayne Husband

Yeah. It was 4 years old. You would like to know what happened? During a winter storm event we actually watched on tape to see exactly what did happen – it is really difficult looking at the tape to really draw any conclusions other than the fact that there was a big gust of snow, the truck was going backwards, and it hit the concrete and the result was that the truck was totaled. We couldn't make any conclusions from watching the tape. We watched the tape several times.

Alderman Deane

Nobody got hurt right?

Wayne Husband

I believe the gentleman that was in the truck did get hurt and did get taken to the hospital for some treatment, but he is back working full time now.

Alderman Deane

Good. Was that truck a four-wheel drive vehicle?

Wayne Husband

That truck was a four wheel drive vehicle.

Alderman Deane

My next question is why is this truck not?

Wayne Husband

When we went – we did want to replace the truck with a four-wheel drive vehicle. We looked at the amount of money that we had available to us between the CERF account and the insurance account, and we had about \$12,800. We looked at the possibility of buying a used four-wheel drive pick-up and we had a very difficult time finding one. Even though we found some that we could they were several years old and not only were they several years old, but it is difficult to get somebody who is selling a used truck to wait for us as we are going through our process to hold a truck for us. Since the truck was primarily a four-wheel drive so it could be used by the Parking Department to plow snow we felt that we would be better off buying a new ½ ton pick-up truck to assist the Traffic Department with its general duties and so forth. I fully agree with you that we would prefer to have a ¾ ton four wheel drive pick-up truck if we had the money for it then I think that is what the motion would be this evening.

Alderman Deane

I always look back at the Street Department of the expenditures that were made on vehicles so that they had multi-purposes and if they had a plow on the front like the other vehicle that we purchased, during snow or whatever these vehicles could be utilized and now we are purchasing a truck that is really going to serve no purpose in the winter except ... you were shy what about \$10,000?

Wayne Husband

We probably had half the money that we needed to purchase this – probably another \$12,000. The other truck – as you note the one that we are purchasing for the Parking Department is about \$24,000.

Alderman Deane

You searched high and low to try to find the balance and you could not find it to go to a four-wheel drive vehicle?

Richard Seymour

Not within the existing budget. There is just not that much money in the traffic and parking budget. They are very small tight budgets. We looked. We scratched our heads and tried every kind of combination to try to get something more than what we ended up getting, but this is the best alternative for the monies that we have.

Alderman Deane

Could I ask Chief Financial Officer, Anderson a question?

Mayor Streeter

Absolutely.

Alderman Deane

Is there a possibility to find any additional money Carol that you know of to purchase a four-wheel drive vehicle instead of a two-wheel drive vehicle?

Carol Anderson

Unless they have some within their department or if we took some from general contingency enough to support that – there is some funding in there. I would doubt that they had monies in some of their other departments given the winter that we just had.

Alderman Deane

Well if you look at the condition of the Street Department pick-ups that haven't been changed out regularly and those are starting to age as well with the amount of use and the winters that we have been having...

Carol Anderson

The only other area and I would defer to Rick is on unallocated CERF for DPW do you have any remaining in that? Maybe the Mayor might know too because you are on that one.

Mayor Streeter

I am not aware of that.

Carol Anderson

Okay. I think you have used it all up, but if you haven't used it all up they could ...

Mayor Streeter

I think it is pretty tight.

Carol Anderson

Pretty tight – okay.

Alderman Dion

Mr. Mayor I tend to agree with Alderman Deane because the truck that we are replacing now is a four wheel drive vehicle that I believe has been used to plow city parking lots. With this new vehicle that we are buying without four wheel drive we will not be able to have that luxury of being able to use that truck to do the same function. I feel strongly that we should have a four-wheel drive vehicle. You are only going to have half a truck here so to speak. If you can buy a four-wheel drive vehicle that will help you plow the parking lots you will be way ahead of the game.

Mayor Streeter

I think the question is where are they going to find the money.

Alderman Tollner

Some similar questions – I would probably recommend that we wait until you get a crack at next year's budget and then maybe take some money out of next year. I just can't see purchasing this truck right now because you don't have enough money in the budget when you do need a four-wheel drive truck. I would wait. I don't think it serves the purpose that the truck that you are replacing used to serve. Did we get any money back from that accident?

Richard Seymour

We did get some monies back. I am not sure of the total, but we did get some salvage money.

Mayor Streeter

I think it was a couple of thousand dollars maybe.

Wayne Husband

It was \$2,800.

Alderman Tollner

I don't know Rick whether you have any other up and coming purchases for cars or anything like that. I would think a truck would be more important. I would recommend that we hold off until we find some avenue where we can get those funds and purchase a four-wheel drive truck.

Mayor Streeter

Where does that leave the sign department at this point?

Wayne Husband

Well I agree with everything that has been said first of all because we would love to have a four wheel drive truck, but where it does leave the sign department is they probably are going to be borrowing the Parking Department's truck for a while because they really need two trucks once it gets to be in the summer and they are running around the city striping and doing signs and so forth.

Alderman Shaw

I concur with my colleagues' sentiments. I was actually disappointed when I saw the revised memo replacing the existing one. I hadn't I guess picked up on the detail of the pricing originally going through the memos, but I actually think that it really would be best if we could find a way to do something about getting a four wheel drive. One thing I did want to ask is is there any possibility of salvaging – I am assuming there was a plow on this truck 053, and is that viable for use or was that part of the totaled vehicle?

Richard Seymour

We had our own city crews look at it and we also had an outside garage look at it, and there was no way to salvage the vehicle.

Alderman Shaw

My question wasn't so much the vehicle as the plow mount and the plow itself.

Richard Seymour

I believe the plow and mount is still good. It wasn't the plow – the truck slammed into the concrete abutment sideways.

Wayne Husband

I am not sure – the plow wasn't damaged or anything. I am not sure that it could be fitted to the new truck though. I am not sure how that works.

Alderman Shaw

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Here is the point I am trying to drive at. We have just approved one purchase of \$24,000, which is the full $\frac{3}{4}$ ton four wheel drive pick-up with the plow on it as I understood that whereas now we are looking at not quite \$13,000 for the half ton non four wheel drive – I don't know what the actual amount of the plow part of the \$24,000 was, but I am assuming that must be something on the order of \$3,000 or something like that – I am not necessarily savvy on what the purchase would be per se, but it seems that we might have less difference to make up between the almost \$13,000 we are talking about and what would be the purchase of a four wheel drive $\frac{3}{4}$ ton

hopefully that could accommodate the existing plow.

Mayor Streeter

I think Mrs. Tremblay might have a response.

Janice Tremblay

The quotation on I guess the State contract that was provided to us listed the – now I am back to the ¾ ton vehicle, fisher plow was at \$3,650. There is a total discount allowed for the entire package price so part of that discount would probably apply to the plow. You are probably in the right range about a \$3,000 difference. I did want to point out one other thing too – these prices go up on Wednesday. I had to do some fancy negotiating. These prices actually went up on March 31st and when I called for the detailed quote was told well those were good prices in March, but not anymore – the vehicles are no longer available and we have to go back to the factory and order. We did some fast-talking and managed to get them to hold the price for this point in time. There will be some increases if we hold off on moving forward on either of the vehicles.

Mayor Streeter

One has already been approved.

Alderman Tollner

I have been on Finance for years. I just can't understand why every time we get a purchase order we hear – I shouldn't say every time – a good percentage of the time we hear if we don't pass something tonight by the stroke of midnight a day and a half from now the price is going to go up. We're going to purchase the ¾ ton pick-up truck. It is just we hear this way too often that if we don't take advantage of this today only at the stroke of midnight the price is going to go up. I don't know why we find ourselves in this position time after time after time. If we know that I think it behooves the City and this Board and the departments to much earlier put these purchase orders in so that if we are faced with a situation like this we have time to go around and look at funds. Maybe I am incorrect, but at other meetings of this Finance Committee – we get this all the time that if we don't get this by the end of the week the price is going up and we are out of luck. I don't understand that.

Alderman Deane

Thank you Mayor Streeter. I want to make a motion to hold this at the Finance Committee level, and I would also through you Mr. Mayor ask the Purchasing Manager, Janice Tremblay, to see what the cost difference is because obviously the car dealership of truck dealerships have to put orders in at certain times in order to get quantity discounts that they pass on through the bid process to people that are looking for these vehicles. Could you find out the difference between

what they have the \$12,849 that they currently have and what the difference would be for a truck with a plow – ¾ ton with a plow?

Mayor Streeter

I might also ask CFO, Anderson, if she would look at the available monies and make a recommendation.

Alderman Deane

That would be helpful. The one thing about the plow – if they got 4-5 years out of that plow I don't know what condition it is in. It just makes sense if we are going to get a new vehicle you might as well have everything – the hydraulics – everything new on it instead of trying to retrofit something that is pretty much probably bent into place on the other vehicle because plowing parking lots and city streets with a pick-up truck is a lot different than doing somebody's driveway. That is my request.

Janice Tremblay

I can answer your question now because I got the price for a four-wheel drive ¾ ton with the plow. It is \$24,427.

Mayor Streeter

The motion is to hold.

**AMENDED MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO HOLD IN COMMITTEE
MOTION CARRIED**

Alderman Tollner

Mr. Mayor through you I would like to get a memo detailing the anticipated purchases of whether it be cars or trucks from the departments and the timing of those purchases say for the balance of this year and the next fiscal year so we have an idea of what is coming down the pike so to speak. Rick if we could very well be here next March looking to purchase a car let's say, well if that is the case and we view this ¾ ton pick-up truck more important than a car where if you need a car and you didn't need it full time you could use that car out of the pool or we had a couple of extra cars we could switch around that money that you are anticipating getting in your budget next year. I just would like to see a snapshot from Public Works, Police, Fire, and any other city department on their schedule of when they are anticipating purchasing new vehicles. That would be for the balance of this years and FY '06 so that we hopefully can better structure when we purchase these. This isn't the first time that we have gone to purchase a vehicle and are told if we don't do it at this particular Finance meeting we will lose out on this special pricing.

Mayor Streeter

Certainly the request for all of the vehicles is in the budget in all of the budgets and the timing I assume has already been discussed at the Budget Committee level as to when we intend to purchase the vehicles. Is that correct?

Richard Seymour

To a degree. If I could comment one of the reasons we came to you at this time is because we had that accident in the winter. By the time we got the numbers together and the State bid only lasts so long so we wanted to take advantage of the State bid. If we had purchased these vehicles in January obviously we would have had a lot of time, but now that we are at the end of April and into May we had to go through the process and it took us so much more time. We knew we had at least enough time to get the vehicles in. We obviously didn't want to wait until the last minute in order to make it a do or die situation. Typically we try to bring our purchases forward as expediently as possible.

Mayor Streeter

I do think Mrs. Tremblay did the very best that she could in extending the State contract. I don't think she should be criticized for that. But, the motion to hold with the different stipulations is ready for a vote.

Alderman Tollner

I just want to clarify. I do not think that when the department heads came before Budget that the timing of when they were physically going to purchase those vehicles was discussed in detail at the Budget Committee level. If I am correct I think what was discussed at Budget was these were the dollars that are allocated to purchase vehicles during the course of the fiscal year. What I am asking for – I know the Police Department has a schedule. I would assume that the other departments would. The impetus behind the question is for us to manage and manipulate those dollars possibly a little more effectively than we have been doing. That is all.

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

Re: Bid Summary and Contract Award for Two Recycling Trucks Cab & Chassis
Requested by Solid Waste Department

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SHAW TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE AND AWARD THE CONTRACT TO DARIO DIESEL IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$205,814. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCT. #901-5403

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Deane

Before we spend a quarter of a million dollars I would like to hear from the Superintendent of Solid Waste.

Mayor Streeter

All you have to do is ask to be recognized. Do you have a question of Commissioner Hall Alderman Deane?

Alderman Deane

No. They came here to speak. I am here to listen.

Richard Reine

Would you like me to give a quick rundown of what we ...

Alderman Deane

Absolutely.

Richard Reine

We currently run a fleet of recycling trucks that collect the entire city. We have 6 trucks. Some of them are very old. The newest we have are 3 trucks, which are 1999. They are all the old style curbside sort trucks. Those are very labor inefficient and cumbersome to do a collection on the curb. The other three trucks we have as shown in this memo, two of those 128 and 129, which are being replaced with this potential purchase is a 1988 International and a 1990 International. We experience frequent downtime with these trucks. We experience a lot of breakdowns and repairs, and are pouring a lot of money into them quite frankly.

When we came to this Board several years ago with a conversion to the recycling program that we are currently doing – the two stream recycling program with automated collection, the plan was to at some time in the future replace these trucks with a more efficient two stream type collection truck, which would have two separate compartments for the collection and recycling. One would be fiber and paper and the other one would be all the co-mingles; bottles and cans and things like that. Both would have compaction in these trucks. The intent is that the spec has been written to allow our trucks to go out on the road, do their collection routes, and only have to empty the contents one time at the end of the day. Right now on certain days where each truck may be coming in 3-4 times per day to empty. Going from the 6 that we have and any given day we may run 5 or 6 trucks sometimes 4 trucks we know we will be able to expedite collection and minimize the number of trucks that will have to collect or we will have to put on the road to collect the routes. We settled on two. We put this out for competitive bid and had two respondents on the cab & chassis; one was AutoCar and the other one was McDevitt and we've

demoed all of these trucks between the bodies and the cabin chassis, and we are very pleased with the new AutoCar design.

Mayor Streeter

I may have jumped ahead. We are presently discussing the cab and chassis on the – let's consider this and then we will get back to the other one.

Richard Reine

I was commenting on the AutoCar and the cab and chassis and that is the 205-814. Then the body would be the Heil R-2000 that goes with that. That is the next agenda item. Did I answer your questions Alderman Deane?

Alderman Deane

I didn't ask any.

Mayor Streeter

I think we probably are ready for at least a motion so that we can get the item at the discussion stage.

Alderman Shaw

I did make the motion.... **Tape flipped ...**

Mayor Streeter

Mr. Hall did you want to comment on this?

James Hall

Maybe Mr. Rootovich can help out.

Alderman Rootovich

Superintendent Reine could you tell me again what our costs are to recycle citywide per year?

Richard Reine

I don't have those figures. You mean the budgetary costs?

Alderman Rootovich

They are shown under our 8400 account. I didn't bring that information with me, but I can certainly get it for you.

Alderman Rootovich

Would Mrs. Hyland have it?

Richard Reine

It is in the FY '06 budget if anybody has a copy of that sheet – it is 8400 account. I think it is in the neighborhood of \$454,000 if I remember correctly.

Alderman Rootovich

In the 8400 you said?

Richard Reine

Yes sir. I don't think you will find it there Alderman Rootovich because it is not broken up Mrs. Anderson tells me – your budget book is broken up as one lump sum. Ours are done in objects. If I recall correctly our FY '05 number for our 8400 account was about \$454,000 – that does not include some fixed expenditures such as pensions and other benefits, but all salaries and other costs associated with recycling are in there.

Alderman Rootovich

Thank you. The reason why I am asking the question is because due to our extraordinary budget crisis we have this year we have talked about several times looking at every possible alternative as we go forward from here until the budget is passed. I for one probably would not be in favor of eliminating recycling, but it is something to take a look. Before we expend a quarter of a million dollars maybe I want to take a hard look at during the Budget Committee whether that is something we want to take a look at as we go forward.

Richard Reine

I can comment on that. I understand the crisis that we are in and agree that everything needs to be looked at very closely before we spend money, but this is an investment as well. We have to keep that in mind, investment in the landfill air space as well as if we were to eliminate the recycling program we couldn't possibly pick up the collection or volume of additional trash with the recurring scheme that we have. It would require additional equipment in the way of trucks and carts and such.

James Hall

Under the present system I think people need to recycle in order to stay within the limits of the size of the barrel that we gave them. People who have trouble staying within the confines of that are not doing their share of recycling. Going back as a general statement, I was with the city when we started our initial program, when we bought these two trucks back in 1988 and 1990. We have gotten more than our share of use out of these trucks. We are talking about a 17 year old truck and a 15 year old truck that were asked to go way beyond their service life, usability, and everything else. I think as part of this whole scheme of talking about the landfill and solid waste department being competitive, I would be in favor of buying these trucks a couple of years ago when we did the comprehensive study of the Solid Waste Department and we did buy the current trucks for collection of solid waste. I think what we have accomplished with the current program with the carts and the trucks that we have out there now we have gone beyond what I expected to see as far as volumes and reduction in staff, etc. I think this is an important next step.

I am a avid recycler. I would have liked to have seen this before we did the other waste, but now we are coming of age with this. These trucks will be capable of handling barrels. I have talked to the Superintendent and we think we can come forward with a program where through a grant we can have barrels available at reduced cost to residents that want to utilize the barrels instead of putting out several recycling bins. These barrels will be similar to what we have now so they are covered. If they are putting newspaper and stuff in it it wouldn't be blowing all over the place, if it is left outside it wouldn't get wet. I am really in favor of this. This is a step we need to take to keep the Solid Waste Department competitive and move forward with this program. Thank you.

Alderman Tollner

Rich are these the two vehicles – these are not the bottle and the newspaper vehicles that are being driven around now correct?

Richard Reine

That is 128 and 129 exactly.

Alderman Tollner

I am sorry right now you have how many of those vehicles?

Richard Reine

We have 6. One is essentially out of service. The other 5 are operating. Two of these you see – 128 and 129 are questionable with their annual stickers (every 6 month stickers for inspections). We are always having to pour money into them; transmissions, rear ends, welding

work, and over time it has been several years now that we have had that same occurrence every year.

Alderman Tollner

Thank you.

Alderman Deane

I have a question on the transmission. What are we putting in them?

Richard Reine

What kind? They are Allison I think. They are not the heavy duty. They are low end Allison – about \$2,000 every time we purchase one. The new recycling trucks, which we're purchasing they have an Allison what they call the new age or new generation, and it also comes with a 5 year warranty from Allison and the cost of that type of transmission is about \$15,000 or even a little bit more, but it is made specifically for the heavy duty use that these trucks get.

Alderman Deane

The breaking system as well?

Richard Reine

Jim would you happen to know the breaking system? Is that a ... it is specked out in there. If you give me a minute I can look it up. Are you looking for the brand of the breaking system or just the ...

Alderman Deane

Yes. Is it diesel or gasoline?

Richard Reine

It is diesel. I can read the spec. Everybody needed to make this spec; an air dual system for a street truck applications including break chambers, spring, rear park industrials, front and rear cullico with nylon break line, front and rear automatic slack adjusters, air tank drain valves, cables, all tanks, and there are certain specifications on the size of the chambers as well as the drums.

Alderman Deane

Jim Campbell has looked at this?

Richard Reine

Yes. In your package there is a recommendation from him as well.

Alderman Deane

I didn't get one of those.

Richard Reine

There is a recommendation filed from him.

Alderman Deane

He usually does review all vehicle purchases anyway I believe. That is one of his tasks. Thank you.

Richard Reine

Jim was very helpful in specking this out too.

James Hall

I realize right now we are talking about cab and chassis, but really we need to discuss the whole capabilities of the vehicle. Part of this package is the body, which does have its own compaction capabilities on it. I think at the present time I have been at the landfill fairly early and I see the recycling trucks in there at 9:00 a.m. or something because they have already filled up because it is very difficult for them to push the stuff up at a height and push it across the truck and everything else. With these we would have a lot lower loading height, we will be able to tip up to the top, and compact it and I am sure the volumes and weights in these new trucks are 2 or maybe 3 times what the existing ones are. Do you have the figures on that?

Richard Reine

Yeah. The specification that we called for was a minimum payload of 8 ton and 16,000 pounds. Currently our trucks are probably getting 1/8th maybe 2 ton.

James Hall

We are talking about 4 times the capacity, which may mean that during the course of the day they may make one trip back to the landfill versus four with the other trucks. You can see the increase in work output by utilizing these trucks. When we do go to the single strain if we do go to the cart tippers these trucks will still be satisfactory to work under that system.

Richard Reine

Exactly.

Alderman Shaw

Superintendent Reine question on the warranty on these vehicles.

Richard Reine

One year parts and labor on the truck. Additional warranties for components such as the Allison transmission, which is a 5 year.

Alderman Shaw

With your proposed FY '06 budget is that already comprehended these replacement vehicles and the associated reduction in any repair costs?

Richard Reine

Yes.

Alderman Shaw

Okay. Thank you.

Mayor Streeter

Are there any further questions?

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SHAW TO AMEND THE COMMUNICATION FROM JANICE TREMBLAY REGARDING THE BID SUMMARY AND CONTRACT AWARD FOR TWO RECYCLING TRUCK BODIES BY REPLACING IT WITH THE REVISED COPY PLACED ON OUR DESKS THIS EVENING

MOTION CARRIED

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

Re: Bid Summary and Contract Award for Two Recycling Truck Bodies Requested
by Solid Waste Department

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SHAW TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE, AND AWARD THE CONTRACT TO CASEY & DUPUIS EQUIPMENT IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$169,000. SOURCE OF FUNDING IS ACCT. #901-5403

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Deane

Why was there a change?

Janice Tremblay

In preparing my memo from indication of the notes that I received from Rich Reine, I picked up on a wrong line. Two things were changed on this memo. First of all the price – the \$169,000 price from Casey & DuPuis and secondly your original memo that was entered was actually awarding the contract to C.M. Wood who was disqualified. We had to fix it and put the right number in there.

Alderman Deane

The bodies are still installed?

Janice Tremblay

Yes. None of that changed.

Alderman Deane

Do we have to pay the freight to move the vehicles to have the bodies installed?

Richard Reine

They deliver directly to the body manufacturer.

Alderman Deane

Where are they located in Watertown, MA?

Richard Reine

They are in Watertown, MA. That is the dealer. The body manufacturer is down south – I believe it is Alabama.

Alderman Deane

These have compaction?

Richard Reine

Yes they do.

Alderman Deane

How does it offload after you are done compacting? Does it come out the back?

Richard Reine

It comes right out the back. There is a door, which is controlled with latches that open hydraulically and the materials then come out the back.

Alderman Deane

So they have to back into the concrete bins down there and push out one side and then go in the other side with the plastic and glass and ...

Richard Reine

The way it works is actually it is automated. It will dump out in an automated fashion. They don't have to push anything out.

Alderman Deane

It is going to come out of the vehicle, but then you have to move the vehicle into the other slot to offload the other side so there is a split in the middle of the truck...

Richard Reine

Yeah. It is up and down.

Alderman Deane

Thank you.

Alderman Tollner

Just a quick question for Mr. Reine. If we didn't purchase these vehicles, would it extend the anticipated life of the landfill that we have been presented with or will this shorten it?

Richard Reine

Extend it -- purchasing these vehicles and the impact on the landfill?

Alderman Tollner

Right. Remember we had been given a presentation a few weeks ago about the life of the landfill when we were debating back and forth whether to accept outside trash – I forget the years it was 24 years or whatever... If we didn't purchase this equipment tonight would the life of the landfill remain at 24 years because we anticipated buying these or by buying these we would ever so slightly enhance the life of the landfill?

Richard Reine

I think you have to look at it immediate as well as down the road. We hope to immediately the recycling program itself is what increases the life of the landfill. If we purchase these trucks it will make the recycling program more effective and efficient. If we didn't purchase these trucks we would continue with the recycling program we would just do it with different equipment. Long term we hope to move forward as the market develops with a single stream collection where you will then see additional diversion of recyclable products from the trash stream. These trucks as Commissioner Hall had noted would work with a single stream automated collection program. Down the road I see these trucks as enhancing the life of the landfill if we move in a single stream direction. Immediately I think it is really – doesn't make a difference as long as the recycling program remains. It is just the efficiency of the program increases.

Alderman Tollner

Thank you.

Mayor Streeter

I notice Sally Hyland in the back. Did you want to add anything to this? Since you are the voice of recycling in our city. We appreciate your effort.

Alderman Deane

And Channel 16 Mayor as well.

Sally Hyland

Thank you. I just want to point out when I first started with the city as the Recycling Coordinator the first truck was used in our initial phase of curbside recycling and that was a long time ago. It was 1989 that we first started with that truck that we eventually bought. With the help of two grants that were available at that time from the State, the Governor's Recycling Program, we got some assistance in the first two trucks to the tune of \$45,000 or something like that. Those grants are no longer available, and the trucks are much more expensive, but they are much more efficient and ergonomically safe for the drivers and the recyclers. I hope this can pass.

Alderman Shaw

I wanted to follow up on what Commissioner Hall had spoken about having the automated – I am assuming that is a retrofit to these bodies if we were to do that, but does that also with the barrels dedicated to recycling does that require a single stream recycling to be in place or is it possible to do that with the current two stream that we have?

Richard Reine

It is possible to do it with the two stream that we currently have. What we are proposing is we have certain grant monies left over for purchase of recycling bins from New Hampshire the Beautiful. It is about \$7,000 or so. We got a reduced rate on the purchase of 32 or 48 gallon containers similar to what is out there on the street, but smaller in size for people that are interested in purchasing one of those types of containers or two for paper and then co-mingled. These trucks have the capability of dumping them. We will have certain limitations on where those will be available because even with the two trucks in certain areas we will have to run one of our old style trucks. For the most part the trucks will be able to do the lion's share of the collection.

Alderman Shaw

These bodies would require additional – they would actually be capable of doing it right now?

Richard Reine

Yes. They have cart tippers on them.

Alderman Shaw

Great. Thank you.

Alderman Rootovich

What is account 901? I know it says solid waste.

Richard Reine

It is equipment replacement.

Alderman Rootovich

Is that part of the enterprise fund?

Richard Reine

Yes sir.

Alderman Rootovich

You realize there is \$3 million deficit now right and then we will add another \$400,000 to that.

Richard Reine

This is money in the account as it is right now.

Alderman Rootovich

We are running a deficit currently.

Richard Reine

Right.

Alderman Deane

We can change that though. We can change the deficit. Alderman Tollner had brought up a point about the life expectancy of the landfill and taking years off by recycling. These trucks will have absolutely no affect on any of the life expectancy of the landfill at all. As Commissioner stated they are beyond their life expectancy and there will be improved efficiencies with what they can bring in, but the same amount of material will come in on these trucks as they would on other ones in just less trips correct?

Richard Reine

Right.

Alderman Deane

There is no adverse affect to the life expectancy of the landfill unless of course you take this up to the face of the landfill and start unloading them up there then there will be an affect. I know they used to do that with the glass at one point in time they used to build the roads with glass.

Richard Reine

It was a beneficial reuse. They do it throughout the state actually and in Massachusetts where glass is used as road base in certain areas. It is in demand.

Alderman Deane

I would like to see them do that in this State. I know they do it in Europe – they use tires and glass – over in Germany it all goes into the asphalt. Thank you.

Alderman Tollner

Where I was going is if we stopped the recycling and just picked it up as garbage and put it in the landfill that would reduce the life expectancy.

Richard Reine

Yes very detrimental.

Mayor Streeter

Are there any further questions? Are we ready for the question?

MOTION CARRIED

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

Re: Contract Extension for Four Hills Landfill Groundwater Analysis requested by Solid Waste Department

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SHAW TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE AND AWARD THE ONE-YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION TO ATC ASSOCIATES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,553.30. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCT. #801-53130-8001-8100

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Tollner

I see that they are the low bidder as far as the Four Hills Landfill total, but there is also a column here total fee proposed. Can you just explain to me what the difference is?

Richard Reine

That is unrelated to this. What we also had was some other groundwater work done at other locations as part of some other regulatory requirements. That column includes that. This column is the only one – the highlighted column is the one that we are talking about.

Alderman Tollner

This is the only one we are going to be acting on?

Richard Reine

Tonight right.

Alderman Deane

Thank you. Where is this groundwater monitoring going to be done down at Four Hill?

Richard Reine

Yes.

Alderman Deane

You had mentioned about 30 seconds ago that there is other monitoring that has to be done.

Richard Reine

Yes.

Alderman Deane

Where is that?

Richard Reine

We have groundwater permits at Shady Lane Landfill, we have a groundwater permit at Lincoln Park, one at Rousell Gardner Park, and one at the Old Nashua South Stadium Landfill, and one – let me correct that one is pending at Rousell Gardner, but we still are required to do the analytical testing on that.

Alderman Deane

These are tasks that have to be put out to bid and paid for from the Solid Waste Department even though they have absolutely nothing to do with the Four Hills Landfill?

Richard Reine

Specifically the Four Hills Landfill no.

Alderman Deane

There is the problem. Landfill – current landfill is funding testing on former landfills that this

landfill had nothing to do with – there is one of your deficit issues right there. The larger one is the multi-site, which we will talk about at budget tomorrow night – the \$5 million multi-site landfill closure project that should not be funded out of Four Hills Landfill either, but it is. Thank you Rich – I mean Superintendent Reine excuse me.

Richard Reine

Rich is fine. We're friends here.

Alderman Deane

No it isn't.

Mayor Streeter

Are there any further questions or comments? Are we ready for the question?

MOTION CARRIED

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

Re: Payment Authorization for Emergency Sewer Repairs

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SHAW TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE AND APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF THE REVISED NEGOTIATED INVOICE FROM HUDSON PAVING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,508. SOURCE OF FUNDING IS ACCT. #802-59230-8500-8900

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Deane

Thank you Mayor. I was going through some of my old e-mails tonight, and I remember this like it was yesterday. I had a citizen who had some issues down there having backups into his house – Mr. Gallant who I thought was very patient considering the amount of years that he had to deal with this problem. My one question is when you go through from 9-13-05 when the purchase order was put out for \$6,986 and they began the emergency repair work and during the excavation it was determined that the top of the sewer main was 19 feet deep not 13 feet deep and there was damage to the 18 inch sewer main requiring further excavation to perform the necessary repairs, since Hudson Paving was not prepared to perform such work they ceased the job without repairs being completed. They were to reschedule to return and finish the job. At that point in time, on 10-4 it states Hudson Paving returned to the ...am I allowed to use the name of the Company Mayor if it is in the memo?

Mayor Streeter

In this case you are yes.

Alderman Deane

In most cases I am.

Mayor Streeter

Not if there is potential litigation.

Alderman Deane

Hudson Paving returned to complete the repair. It was anticipated that the additional work required would cost more than the original P.O., but no amount was ever discussed. That is where I am wondering what happened – why there wasn't some – why didn't we know what the total cost was going to be from Hudson Paving at the time because that is a pretty significant increase. I do realize that the depth went down an additional 6 feet, which means they probably had to open the street up a little wider to get their trench box in or whatever they had to put in there. Could you explain that Superintendent LeClerc?

Mario LeClerc

Alderman Deane the information we had when we solicited the initial bids in the GIS system indicated it was 13 feet deep and we provided the contractor with that information. Upon beginning the excavation, and again this work was directly related to the sewer issued we experienced in that area, you mentioned the gentleman's name, and he was very patient. When it was determined that the excavation was going to be much deeper and the angle of repose would have to be larger worked ceased. I was remiss in following through on the proper procedures on what the next steps were. I have been guided by Director Seymour on what the proper procedures are, and this will not occur again. But again it was an emergency sewer repair. The work that was performed is in direct relation to severe root intrusion in that area and that directly related to the sewer problems that the gentleman was experiencing.

Alderman Deane

If I remember correctly the camera system was broken at the time and Director Seymour had sent it out to be repaired so we brought somebody else in there to camera it because Mr. Gallant had his line cameraed out of his house. The process has been explained. Has there been any other problems in this area since the repairs have been done?

Mario LeClerc

No sir. We need to complete the investigation in that area. The root intrusion that was discovered and subsequently repaired with this contract the camera could not proceed further up

the sewer main so we have no more knowledge if there are any more problems in that area. We are confident since there have not been any sewer backups that if there are future problems they are not as severe as the one we found here. The camera allows us to determine the flow rate or the anticipated flow rate through the blockage. We were experiencing areas of 80% sewer blockage in that area. With an 18" sewer main we weren't getting any flows through it.

Alderman Deane

I know Mr. Gallant had said that the backflows that the plumber had installed just from the jetting of that line were blowing off his sewer line inside his house just from the jetting from the street with the water backing up. Have you heard or talked to Mr. Gallant since then about whether he has experienced any problems? You probably would have heard from him right?

Mario LeClerc

Yes sir. It is a blessing in disguise. We have not heard from Mr. Gallant, which indicates he is not experiencing any problems.

Alderman Deane

That is good. Thank you.

Alderman Tollner

Mario maybe someone could call him to make sure. Not that we are looking for any problems, but I think it is the right thing to do given everything he has been through.

Mayor Streeter

I will say that he did write a nice letter of thanks for everybody.

Mario LeClerc

I will take care of that this week Alderman Tollner.

Alderman Tollner

I am sure that maybe this is a typo. It says 9-13-05.

Mario LeClerc

Yes that is a typo sir.

Mayor Streeter

Director Seymour has properly advised you Mario of the proper procedures?

Mario LeClerc

Yes sir. I made a guarantee that this will not happen again.

Mayor Streeter

I am sure. I was prepared to say that the proper personnel were notified. Are there any further questions?

MOTION CARRIED

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

Re: Bid Summary and Contract Award for Lamb Road and Main Street Improvements requested by Engineering

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SHAW TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE AND AWARD THE CONTRACT TO HUDSON PAVING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$368,758. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCTS. #653-38 (\$82,800); 590-23553-9989 (\$168,735); 772-01310-3720 (\$78,840) AND 972-5344 (\$38,383)

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Deane

I had a question on the Main Street portion. Is that the section that crosses E. Dunstable Road? Is that the section of sidewalk to complete?

Jon LeBrun

It is on the East side of Main Street from the intersection of E. Dunstable Road – northerly to Dickerman Street.

Alderman Deane

Okay. I saw the stakes out there. Thank you.

Mayor Streeter

There being no further discussion all of those in favor say yea.

MOTION CARRIED

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

Re: Bid Summary and Contract Award for Sewer Frames and Covers

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SHAW TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE AND AWARD THE CONTRACT TO NEENAH FOUNDRY CO. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,700. SOURCE OF FUNDING IS ACCT. #802-59230-8500-8900

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Deane

Thank you. I just had a question on a couple of the other low bidders. There is an explanation for one – oh both of them. If you are stockpiling these what is the sense of urgency? You want to get 100 frames and covers. How many do we have in stock now?

Mario LeClerc

To my understanding we have 12 in stock right now.

Alderman Deane

What would be the delivery time from these other firms? One of them is in Raymond, NH.

Mario LeClerc

Again they didn't meet specifications – that is the issue.

Alderman Deane

It doesn't say that here.

James Hall

The only manufacturer here is Neenah Foundry in WI. All of the others are suppliers. They would be representing a foundry someplace else. All they are is middlemen. The actual product would not be made in Londonderry, Raymond, etc., versus Wisconsin. Even though it is Neenah Foundry, WI they have a local supplier. I believe they still have a local supplier up in Concord.

Alderman Deane

So they have a local supplier and will sell them direct and cut out the middleman.

James Hall

Well I am not saying whether he is cut out or not. That is their business.

Alderman Deane

Well if they are selling them direct he ...

James Hall

That is their business.

Alderman Deane

I know it is only sewer frames and covers, but if you can pick them up in Raymond, NH, but we are ordering them from Wisconsin.

Mayor Streeter

Janice do you want to add to that?

James Hall

You can't really pick them up in Raymond. They came from someplace else to Raymond. They were dropped there and would be picked up again there and brought to Nashua.

Alderman Deane

Correct.

James Hall

They are not made in Raymond.

Alderman Deane

I understand that. It is a lot shorter drive to Raymond than it is to Wisconsin.

James Hall

But we don't know where General Foundry or these other supplies are buying their castings from. I know some of these suppliers – I don't know today, but when I was Superintendent of Streets I bought a lot of castings that came out of Canada. I also know the cheapest castings out there were made in India. I refused to buy them because the quality was not there. They were coming all the way from India and being the cheapest supplier in the State of New Hampshire.

Janice Tremblay

I called Neenah Foundry to clarify on this because we have been purchasing from Neenah castings of sewer frames and covers in small quantities for here and there and we have been buying through the distributor in Concord. I called Neenah because we had the bid from them to clarify whether we would actually so the memo would be accurate whether we would be actually awarding the contract to Neenah or whether we would be awarding the contract to their authorized distributor up in Concord. What they explained to me was that when they do a large order such as this where they are actually going to ship all 100 units or sets at one time they would drop ship directly from the factory to our Streets Department. The distributor is a fine vehicle for smaller quantities because a distributor will bring in some number, but he will then service a number of customers from that supply.

If we were to buy these from the distributor the price is the same. They are not really cutting out the distributor but basically they have a good working relationship with them to handle the smaller quantities and make them readily available to us on a small quantity level, but when there is 100 it is much more cost effective for us in the long run to have it drop shipped. I did have that discussion with them. Yes they do have a fine distributor in Concord and they work very well with them.

Unidentified Speaker

I did submit an explanation sheet to Purchasing outlining what our decision was and I asked the Street Department their input because they are the ones that are going to be using this, and the two low bidders, Vellano Brothers and Water Works Supply use General Foundry. They come from different factories and in the past they have proven unreliable. Another interesting point would be Neenah Foundry is also interchangeable with a LeBaron frame, which was used extensively in Nashua. There was another bidder, but his price was \$284. There were two bidders that made specification and the \$177 was the lowest price.

Alderman Deane

Are these guaranteed not to rattle no matter how they are put on?

Unidentified Speaker

I don't believe that is included in the specification.

James Hall

The only ones that don't rattle are the triangle ones.

Alderman Deane

There you go and they are made right across the street.

Mayor Streeter

Have you seen the ends of the triangle ones that we take great pride in that they were made here?

James Hall

I think part of the problem is I don't think there is – maybe Mr. Deane could get through a triangle manhole cover, but I don't think the rest of us could.

Alderman Deane

They don't meet life safety with the triangle?

James Hall

They definitely don't meet that.

Alderman Tollner

Talking about the price of these – is there a shipping charge on top of it or are these prices inclusive of that?

Janice Tremblay

Yes there is a shipping charge on top of it.

Alderman Tollner

Throughout the bids for these – you had made a statement earlier that he has a distributor in Concord that we could get these for the same price. Why would we not have them sent to Concord and for them to be shipped from Concord to here? There has to be a considerable cost if they are shipping these manhole covers from Wisconsin. I would assume that would affect the price per unit.

Janice Tremblay

If they were shipping 100 frames and covers to Concord we would pay the freight to Concord and then we would pay the freight from Concord to Nashua. It is much more effective to come direct.

Alderman Tollner

Then let me go back to the ...

James Hall

Can I make a statement about that?

Mayor Streeter

Alderman Tollner would you allow Commissioner Hall...

Alderman Tollner

Absolutely.

James Hall

I can't believe that this bid is not FOB Nashua. It is not?

Alderman Tollner

That is what I was getting at. If we are paying a delivery charge on top of the \$177 and the product was similar – we could purchase it from Concord – I have to believe it is more than \$6 or \$7 delivery charge to ship it from Wisconsin than it would be for us to pay \$6 more and get it from Concord, NH. Do we know what the delivery charge is going to be per unit? What I am saying is Prescott is from Concord and the one from Wisconsin is of similar quality – I have to believe that the swing of the cost of delivering that equipment will be prohibitive. Can someone find out what the cost of delivery would be and then the effect of it per unit?

Unidentified Speaker

I do not have the information on delivery charges, but the only other manufacturer/supplier that met specifications was the Sigma Product and that was \$284 per unit.

Alderman Rootovich

I would say you are probably going to pay a minimum of 17% shipping charge on this. I mail out bulk items for my business – they come a lot from the south and the average across the board is about 17% freight.

Alderman Tollner

I would ask that in the future if we have something like this that it is all inclusive of the delivery

charge. We could possibly get a great deal on manhole covers, but if it costs us \$150 per manhole cover to ship it from Wisconsin maybe the competitiveness of the bid isn't what it looks like.

Janice Tremblay

I stand corrected. I have gone back to read the invitation to bid, and we do make a – I will call Neenah in the morning – we do make a statement prices are to be quoted FOB Streets Department, 6 Riverside Street.

Mayor Streeter

What is the future Commissioner Hall of the triangle ones?

James Hall

They are going to be in some antique museum someplace. You can't play tiddlywinks covers with them.

Mayor Streeter

Will they be collector's items?

James Hall

They are awful big to be collector's items. Awful heavy.

Mayor Streeter

There are very few of them in the country right?

James Hall

Only place is Nashua.

Mario LeClerc

To make a point on that, we were contacted by the Nashua Historical Society and we will provide one to them that still has the legible markings on it because they do not have one in their collection of Nashua memorabilia.

Mayor Streeter

There being no further discussion all of those in favor say yea.

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

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NEW BUSINESS – None

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WARRANT

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SHAW TO APPROVE WARRANT #21 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$8,623,408.50 OF WHICH \$1,754,043.45 ARE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, \$4,493,974.98 ARE PAYROLL AMOUNTS, \$1,150.00 ARE PREPAY AMOUNTS AND \$2,374,240.07 ARE WIRE TRANSFERS

MOTION CARRIED

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DISCUSSION

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Mayor Streeter

I want to thank you Carol for coming out tonight. I know you are not feeling well. I appreciate the fact that you sat through this meeting as I did Commissioner Hall with his expertise as well.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The Finance Committee meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Alderman Rob Shaw
Committee Clerk