

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

August 15, 2005

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

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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 Robert A. Dion
 Alderman Robert Shaw
 Alderman Kathryn D. Vitale

Members not in Attendance:

Also in Attendance: Alderman David D. Lozeau
 Alderman Richard LaRose
 Alderman-at-Large Brian S. McCarthy (7:10 p.m.)
 Janice Tremblay, C.P.M., Purchasing Manager
 David Fredette, Treasurer/Tax Collector
 Cindy Bielawski, Accounting Compliance Manager
 James Hall, Commissioner, Board of Public Works
 Larry Hersh, Chairman, Cable Television Advisory Board

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COMMUNICATIONS

From: Chief Roger Hatfield, Nashua Fire Rescue
Re: Capital Deferred Maintenance Funds

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SHAW TO ACCEPT AND PLACE ON FILE

ON THE QUESTION

Mayor Streeter

Is there anyone who cares to comment on the letter? I assume that this would be subject of other discussions that will be held at other times.

MOTION CARRIED

From: Janice Tremblay, C.P.M., Purchasing Manager
Re: Sprint Tower Lease Revision

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SHAW TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE AND APPROVE THE SPRINT TOWER LEASE REVISION

MOTION CARRIED

From: Janice Tremblay, C.P.M., Purchasing Manager
Re: Purchase of Flu Vaccines for the 2005-2006 Season

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SHAW TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE AND APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF FLU VACCINES THROUGH THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES FOR A TOTAL VALUE OF \$20,353.60. SOURCE OF FUNDING IS ACCT. #542-47015

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Deane

I just wanted to know how much we spent last year on the vaccines. I took 2,200 doses this time at \$9.06.

Janice Tremblay

Actually Alderman Deane you need to multiply it by \$7.54. It was about 2,000 doses. It was less last year.

Alderman Deane

I am multiplying it by the \$7.54?

Janice Tremblay

Correct. That was last year's price. We tried to give you a comparison to show that indeed even though we are working with the State and it is actually kind of a cooperative purchasing arrangement wherein the State tabulates the needs of all the cities, towns, whether they be a large city or small town or whatever, and then goes out and works with the national public health group to get the price and to get the doses that we need. If you recall last winter it was difficult to get the flu vaccine, and this year we have been able to work with the State and assure ourselves of the necessary doses.

Alderman Deane

This didn't come to us last year for approval though did it?

Janice Tremblay

No it did not.

Alderman Deane

Since the Director is gone I guess there is no one to ask. Thank you very much.

Mayor Streeter

Is there any further discussion?

Alderman LaRose

Thank you. I have a two-part question. How can we approve this if we haven't passed the budget because I am assuming it is in this year's budget, and two the appropriation is in the budget as \$17,000, but the expense is \$20,353.60.

Mayor Streeter

This is actually placing an order. Janice is that considered an actual expenditure?

Janice Tremblay

What we are basically doing is we are asking for your approval to yes to go ahead and encumber the funds. There are sufficient funds through the allotment that has been allowed to the department for the city interim budget to be able to do this particular purchase. If I have an operating budget line item there are other things that would have been included in that line, but they will not spend until a complete budget is passed, but they do need to go forward with this in order to be able to assure ourselves of the delivery in time to hold necessary clinics prior to the flu season.

Mayor Streeter

Your answer is under the existing continuing resolution, which expires August 31st; there are funds available in that division to purchase these?

Janice Tremblay

Yes Mayor there are sufficient funds to cover the amount of \$20,353.60 that we are asking for.

Alderman LaRose

I just want to make a statement that I am not against buying vaccines because I need it myself. I was just wondering how the process was going to happen since we don't have a budget. Thank you.

Mayor Streeter

Are there any further questions?

MOTION CARRIED

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

Re: Legal Services Related to Analysis of HB 616, Education Funding

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SHAW TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE AND APPROVE THE PAYMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED BY SULLIVAN & GREGG, PA, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000. SOURCE OF FUNDING IS ACCT. #590-23502

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Streeter

I think before we get into the next item I would like to report that we received word from the Supreme Court this afternoon that they are transferring the case to the Superior Court. They feel that they want the lower court to make a decision before and ultimately I assume no matter how the Superior Court rules it will be back in the Supreme Court. We had hoped it would go directly to the Supreme Court, but they in turn rejected our hope and accepted the State's position, and that is to have it start in the Superior Court.

Alderman Rootovich

I would have to assume then the costs will be somewhat substantially more based on the appeal to the Superior Court rather than it going to the Supreme Court. I don't know what the Administration's plan is on funding that.

Mayor Streeter

We only have approval to expend \$25,000, and that is all we intend to expend unless and until there is another request. I don't anticipate asking for another request for quite some time if ever.

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

Re: Litigation Services Related to Challenge of HB 616, Education Funding

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SHAW TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE TERMS OF ENGAGEMENT LETTER BETWEEN SULLIVAN & GREGG, PA AND THE CITY OF NASHUA IN LITIGATION CHALLENGING HB 616 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000. SOURCE OF FUNDING IS ACCT. 590-23592 (\$10,863) AND 590-23502 (\$14,137)
MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Streeter

I will keep you posted as this thing goes along to Superior Court. Obviously if it reaches the Supreme Court I will be joined by the other communities that have raised a considerable amount of money. That is why I am even hesitant to even recommend that we spend anything further than the \$25,000. I will keep you posted.

DISCUSSION

A discussion ensued with Larry Hersh, Chairman, Cable Television Advisory Board with regard to a proposed Cable Television Franchise Agreement Renewal Between the City of Nashua and Comcast (copy of the handout is attached hereto and made a part hereof).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

R-05-271

Endorser: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter

APPROVING A PROPOSED CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE AGREEMENT RENEWAL BETWEEN THE CITY OF NASHUA AND COMCAST

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SHAW TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Deane

I am looking at the 1% franchise increase and I think my feeling is that we should have a public hearing because the citizens that live within this community are the ones that pay these bills and they pay the franchise fee. Although we represent them, I would like to have any of them come forward that may have some comments to make on this proposed contract and 10 year agreement. This is 10 years we are talking about; not 1 year or 2 years this is 10 years. I would

recommend Mayor that we have a public hearing to have discussion on this and allow for public testimony. Thank you.

Mayor Streeter

That would require an amendment to the motion. Would you like to make that proposed amendment?

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO HOLD R-05-271 IN COMMITTEE AND SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Deane

My only other question – maybe President McCarthy could help answer whether we have to have that public hearing in front of the Finance Committee or in front of the full Board of Aldermen. What would your recommendation be?

Alderman McCarthy

I don't think there are any statutory requirement to have it at all so we can have it at whichever place makes the most sense. It might be useful to have it before a full Board meeting so that we can then take action on the contract afterwards. I guess the only question I have is whether there is any urgency from a process perspective to when we need to approve the Franchise Agreement.

Larry Hersh

The urgency is that this assumes that any contract would be replaced by September 1st. The farther out we push it the longer it takes to get any of the funding associated with the contract. That is really the gating factor I believe.

Alderman McCarthy

Is there anything in the contract that changes if we don't approve it in that timeframe?

Larry Hersh

I think that there would have to be changes to the contract, but I think it would be primarily more of the dates that would need to change. I don't think anything of substance would necessarily need to change.

Alderman McCarthy

I guess I am willing to schedule a special meeting and have the hearing at the beginning of it. If the sole issue is the increase in the franchise fee, I am not sure that I agree that we shouldn't just go ahead and do that. The entirety of the increase is devoted to improving the service we give to the cable subscribers for covering government access, and it is something this Board has felt fairly strong about that we should be doing more coverage and providing these things, and if we are who better to pay for them than the people who are receiving those services through the cable system?

Mayor Streeter

Mr. Hersh you have had any number of public meetings with CTAB. We have had public comment.

Alderman Deane

On the contract?

Larry Hersh

We have not had it on the contract, but we have had ...

Mayor Streeter

We have not had it on the contract, but we have had it on any number of subjects relative to ...

Larry Hersh

We have had three public hearings and in that we have presented the content that was basically which was what we used for the basis of the contract; the research that we have received interviewing City Hall, the questionnaire that we did with the high school to the citizens to get the feedback on what was important --- all of that went into setting up the negotiating positions, which is what we have. I think that also in order to do these kind of capabilities – to be able to implement just the video servers you have seen Alderman Deane, we need staff, and there is no place in the budget to get this staff and this was the additional funding outside of the budget that we felt would support that capability to provide the educational channel, which is something that is brand new plus just to be able to support better what we do today because quite honestly today there is nobody in the Administration that really takes full responsibility for this.

Alderman Tollner

Just looking at the calendar here – I do know that we have a Human Affairs Committee scheduled for this Wednesday, but I was told that there are only two agenda items on that, and

that both of those are relatively quick agenda items for grants if you wanted to do that. I know we have a Budget Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday. If we were to have one we could piggy back that.

Alderman Rootovich

I don't think 48 hours is enough time to alert the public of the meeting relative to this contract.

Alderman Deane

It is 7 days isn't it?

Alderman Tollner

It is 7 days if it is a requirement. There is no requirement so we could schedule it within 24 hours if we so chose.

Alderman Rootovich

I just think it is unreasonable in my opinion to schedule a meeting within 48 hours to let the public know.

Mayor Streeter

I will say that there is a potential of the Mayor calling a special meeting on Wednesday evening, but the item under discussion would be the budget not the cable contract.

Alderman McCarthy

If we are to have a hearing I would certainly want to schedule a meeting for next week at the earliest to get adequate notice out to the public. To do it on Wednesday nobody will be there and it doesn't serve the purpose that Alderman Deane is trying to serve I don't think.

Mayor Streeter

To review once more Alderman Deane your feeling for the necessity of a public hearing – is it the 1% additional fee that the city will get or is it the overall ...

Alderman Deane

It is the overall contract. It is a ten-year commitment that we are making, and I think people should be allowed to come in and voice their opinion. I know you gathered data for different negotiating items that people had concerns with. I am sure there was no data gathered from anyone about increasing the franchise fee, but the rest of the things that people wanted they all

come with a cost. I still think the public should be given an opportunity to chime in with the contract. In the contract it also states that cable service will be provided to any city owned building – monthly cable service.

Larry Hersh

That is correct – no charge. That is today.

Alderman Deane

That is not the case. We have a TV set up at the landfill that we pay \$43 a month for. Correct?

Larry Hersh

They are only required to provide basis. If you want to upgrade the service to the extended then that is something that you have to pay for.

Alderman Deane

What about providing that same line for internet connection?

Larry Hersh

That is done to all of the schools currently, but I don't think that is required of all buildings. The city is basically responsible I think for most of that infrastructure.

Alderman McCarthy

They are not required to, and I don't actually think we want them to. We would not want our internal systems to be on Comcast network we want them behind our firewalls. In the end it would be cheaper and more efficient of us to finish the fiber network to connect the systems together than it would be to accept free connections from Comcast and deal with the firewall issues that we would have to deal with.

Larry Hersh

I don't think the schools use it a lot although the internet access does go to every school in the city today.

Alderman Dion

I too feel as though there should be a public hearing. After all this is a ten-year commitment. The people in Nashua are the ones that are going to get an increase. They should have a right to speak on it and voice their concerns and maybe come up with some ideas that we didn't think

of. I think adequate notice should be given so that we have an attendance and not ram it through in a couple of days and nobody knows about it and the first thing you know there is a public hearing and you have three people here. I don't want to see that happen. I am certainly in favor of having a public hearing on this important issue.

Mayor Streeter

Let me just add to that I can ensure you that the public will not be re-negotiating this contract Alderman Dion.

Alderman Dion

I have no problem Mr. Chairman with the negotiations. I think Larry Hersh did a great job. The thing is that I like to hear from the people. If they are going to get an increase in their rate they should be given the chance to speak.

Alderman McCarthy

If I might suggest if that is the inclination of the committee it might be the most expedient thing to do would be to send it back to the full Board with a positive recommendation pending a public hearing so that we can schedule a hearing and a special Board meeting to take up the contract a week or so from now.

AMENDED MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE PENDING A PUBLIC HEARING

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Dion

If we vote for this then it is an automatic. What is the public doesn't like it and they want to see changes then we have already passed it or does it go before the full Board?

Alderman McCarthy

It would go before the full Board.

Alderman Dion

Okay that is fine.

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Streeter

Thank you Larry for a fantastic job and your committee for the many long hours that you spent right next to my office battling with attorneys and Comcast representatives. I think you came up with a fantastic agreement, and I hope the full Board recognizes that.

Larry Hersh

Would the Board want me to repeat this presentation that night or do you think that once is enough?

Alderman Deane

I would come back.

Alderman Shaw

I think it would be helpful because I think it helps put the basic information out there in front of whoever is in attendance. I think it would be worthwhile.

Larry Hersh

Thank you.

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO TAKE FROM THE TABLE THE COMMUNICATION FROM CINDY BIELAWSKI REGARDING ESCROW OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT/CAPITAL PROJECT ACCOUNTS
MOTION CARRIED**

From: Cindy Bielawski, Accounting/Compliance Manager
Re: Escrow of Capital Improvement/Capital Project Accounts

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Alderman Deane

I would ask that Ms. Bielawski go to page 1 of the recommended actions – Capital Improvements the 600 account.

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TOTAL REDUCTION OF \$601,448

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Deane

What I am looking to do since we are having a meeting and we approved the escrow – there was a prior year 05-252 that was amended and split into A and B – it is also my intention – a filed a piece of legislation, R-05-274, which addresses removing \$660,000 from the prior year for the HVAC at the police station. That \$660,000 and this \$601,000 will give us a total of \$1,261,449. My plan is with support to attach that number to R-05-275, which is establishing the use of undesignated fund balance for the tax rate for tomorrow evening. That will take our current scenario of 5.9% increase and pull it down to about 4.7%. Those percentages for those interested were rounded up to the nearest whole number not rounded down.

Alderman Rootovich

My understanding is that the 15 or so items you just mentioned to remove those from the capital improvements and the monies go into surplus. Is that correct?

Alderman Deane

Yes. They would be part of R-05-275, which will be on the agenda for tomorrow night.

Mayor Streeter

Is there any further discussion?

Alderman Shaw

In all of those items there was one I thought that might have not been for the full amount that was listed. Is that true or were they all intended – I thought the brick repair and fencing might have been one...

Alderman Deane

I left a little bit of money there.

Alderman Shaw

Could you tell me again how much it was that you wanted to remove?

Alderman Deane

Fifty thousand from 652-25.

Alderman Shaw

Was there another one that was different or was that the only one?

Alderman Deane

I think that was the only one.

Alderman Shaw

Can you clarify again how this ties into 05-275? Does the removal of these – if you could just go through that again because I am not sure I am understanding what exactly your intentions are.

Alderman Deane

I am going to remove these 600 lines and they will be closed off to surplus, which is the new resolution that was filed, 05-275. The R-05-252 legislation that was split into A and B and approved the B section that had the police HVAC money in it – unless I wait until the next full Board meeting I cannot make a motion to reconsider at a non-regularly scheduled Board of Aldermen meeting. What I did is I asked that the other piece of legislation, 05-274 be filed to address that. It is reducing the FY '06 approved escrows by \$660,000. Between that \$660,000 which was the R-05-252-B and this \$601,449, which was the 600 series escrow requests that the city had brought in to do, if you take those two and add it up it is going to be \$1,261,449, which will go as surplus as part of R-05-275 to reduce the tax rate.

Alderman Shaw

There is no action that will continue funding any of these items.

Alderman Deane

When we cut them that money is going to reduce the current tax rate as we know it at 5.9%, which will bring it down to about 4.7%.

Alderman Vitale

I know that Alderman Deane has spend a considerable amount of time going over these items, and even though you wonder about cutting the funding for some of these, I think in response to the full Board and where we stand on the budget it is a compromise that can be made, and maybe Alderman Deane can explain how he has spoken to the different divisions regarding where especially the Police HVAC stands and how they feel about that.

Alderman Deane

Well we had a meeting – Alderman Lozeau’s HVAC special committee that meets on occasions – we had a meeting with the police department and due to the current budget issues that we have been having ... **tape flipped** ... had on hand to help reduce the tax rate and I had spoken briefly with Alderman Lozeau and then we had further discussion about the 700 account where there were monies that have been sitting in there for periods of time, and we felt that it would probably be appropriate to deal with the HVAC problem that they are having at the police department out of those funds because it is a long term project – it would be nice to use cash and it is unfortunate that we have got to the point where we are cutting capital projects, but if it will help move the budget along I felt it would be worthwhile doing. There are some things that I left on there – the pedestrian safety improvements up on Concord Street and over on East Hollis Street was left. Deferred maintenance – I looked at that \$200,000 out of the fire department and had some discussions with Alderman Lozeau about that. That was the trust account money that was being set up in case – somewhat similar to the snow contingency that we had for public works. When we went over there was a trust account that we could go into to help offset some of the funding. The police department is aware of it and I spoke with Alderman Lozeau about sitting down and bringing forth legislation that will be filed to deal with the funding of the HVAC.

Alderman Lozeau

We have notified the police department. They weren’t real happy about any potential slow down of the project, but we have a bond that was approved in 2003 for repairs to the HVAC system for about I think it was \$375,000 that we have never taken. The police department has in themselves in their own budget, placed these monies aside. In a meeting in the Mayor’s office with Carol Anderson and Alderman Deane everyone sat down and pretty much agreed to reallocate some of the bonded money from other areas such as the southwest quadrant with about \$700,000 in that account that was taken out several years ago that hasn’t been spent down yet. We’re told that we can move bonded money that has been bonded and put aside for this project. That is the intention. The police department realizes the situation that the budget is in. One of the other things that I should also bring up is through the Police HVAC Ad Hoc Committee we have recognized, and are due to come out with a report from that committee, we have recognized that this job should be done. However, we also have recognized that it wasn’t a do or die situation as we thought it was 2 years ago through additional testing that we have conducted on the infrastructure of the system and have actually found monies that we can save by not replacing the whole return loop of the system and in fact we’re not going to demolish the system at the police department, but we are going to reconfigure and rebuild the system saving a significant amount of money on demolition of the entire system, which was the original plan.

Yes the HVAC project does plan to go forward. There is a bond that has already been approved in 2003. We plan to let that bond and to find additional funds to complete the project before the fall. I am quite confident after discussions with the Mayor’s office, Carol Anderson, and Alderman Deane that is going to happen.

Alderman Vitale

I just wanted to say again I think it is important that we have capital improvement money set aside, but where we stand on the budget I can maybe go the compromise and go along with Alderman Deane's suggestions and the work that he has put into this.

Alderman McCarthy

I actually think this is a good idea to go forward with. I think it sort of in one sense refines some of the concerns that Alderman Rootovich had brought up the other night about capital projects. Moving the bond money that we are clearly not going to spend at the moment to pay for the HVAC project – we are already paying principal and interest on our money and we may as well be using it. We are in fact paying fines on the fact that we have the money invested and are receiving interest on it. It makes a lot of sense to redirect that to this project. I would actually urge us not to let the other bond until we are done with this and know how much of that bond authority we actually have to use because that does in fact increase our debt service where all of the bonds that we recycle will simply put cash to the project at this point and not affect the budget flow.

With regard to the other capital projects, I am concerned about doing it. I certainly will support as much of that as we need to get to a reasonable budget. I guess the only ones that I have real concerns about and I just want to put those on the table are first of all the bus garage because that is the local match on a fairly substantial amount of money from the federal government and I would hope that we will figure out how to find that match when the time becomes appropriate so we don't lose that federal money.

The other one is the land use code update. I would like to actually ask Alderman Rootovich where we stand and how much we anticipate in additional bills from NRPC and/or whatever consultants because we do have about \$200,000 sunk into the land use code at this point. I think it would be beneficial to finish that process if we can do it for short money at this time.

Alderman Rootovich

At this time we have about 6 more sessions with the sub-committee and the Planning & Economic Development Committee which run anywhere between 2 hours and probably an hour of their time outside of that committee for the necessary changes. It is all on a laptop so it is not a very long process. I don't know what the remaining balance is. I know there are a couple of outstanding bills. I would have to get an answer for you Alderman McCarthy I really don't know, but I don't think we need the full \$37,000. Alderman Deane is that the entire amount that is left in that line?

Alderman Deane

Yes it is.

Alderman McCarthy

If I could I guess I would suggest that we take maybe \$20,000 or \$25,000 out of that line item and leave some amount of money there that we would be able to use to finish up the land use code.

Alderman Rootovich

Let me get you an answer prior to tomorrow night's meeting. I will speak to her and find out exactly how much time she thinks she will need and what the final cost will be to finish that.

Alderman Deane

We have to amend this communication this evening correct? That has to be done this evening in order to be able to utilize this tomorrow as part of the legislation.

Mayor Streeter

The Finance Committee does have to act.

Alderman Deane

I would ask Alderman Rootovich if we took that \$37,451 and left \$20,000 in there and made a reduction of \$17,451 would that ...

Alderman Rootovich

I would feel comfortable with that.

Alderman McCarthy

If we were to strike the entire amount this evening and Alderman Rootovich finds out what the number is we can actually just make an appropriation in the FY '06 budget that is appropriate for the amount tomorrow evening, which I would believe was better budgeting anyway.

Alderman Shaw

I actually had concerns that despite the fact that makes sense, it would be a more appropriate way to act – I actually have concerns that if we cut this complete amount out and try to add it back in as a line item that it will not necessarily be supported at the full Board level despite the summing it up – just based on what I have seen our Board willing to do and not willing to do. I guess I would rather try to come up with our best estimate and do it that way here at this

committee level.

Alderman Deane

It is \$37,000 one way or the other. I understand where you are coming from. I would just assume take it out and let Alderman Rootovich continue with his committee to get the re-write done and if there is money to pay that so it could be implemented. If we have spent \$200,000 on it.

Alderman Rootovich

Just from my perspective Alderman Shaw I am going to support it either way. We have spent \$200,000 and 4.5 years putting this document together. I can't tell you how many hours of work staff and committee and outside contractors have done on it. To throw it away at this time would be ridiculous. I plan on supporting it either way; if we take it out of here and make a motion to put it to the full Board I will support it either way.

Alderman Deane

I would just assume take it out so that way that process can move forward.

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ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Deane

Cindy Bielawski the total I would have now would be \$563,998?

Mayor Streeter

Cindy do you agree with that?

Cindy Bielawski

Yes.

Mayor Streeter

I know that Commissioner Hall would like to comment.

James Hall, 11 Baldwin Street

I am speaking for myself tonight and not for the board. I agree with most of the things that Alderman Deane has proposed except I would like to comment on one thing – the brick repair and fencing – that was originally funded at \$85,000. We have given out one contract for about \$20,000 and since that time the Street Department has done that work. I don't see any sense leaving much of anything in that account. You recommended \$15,000, and I think I would agree to taking that down to \$1,000 or something. The same way with the citywide traffic calming – we originally started out at \$75,000 in 2001 and in 4 years we have spent \$1,730. The projects that are on the book are \$500 to \$1,000 a piece projects. I think we will all be long gone before this will be spent at the rate we are spending it.

Going back up to another project, when I was Superintendent of Streets working in the Street Department, I was always looking for work to do in the wintertime and I see this renovation in the welfare department and with the capabilities and the talents of the people down in the street department they could probably do most of that project for just materials. We did most of the work out at the landfill; the new offices out there, the scale house, most of the outlying buildings there, we did the traffic department, we just did the pool house at Sargent Ave and have a nice winter job for the street department. I am sure they would like that.

I support a lot of this. I would like to comment on the two bond issues; the southwest park I agree with re-directing that money. As far as the money for the parking lots I have been concerned since the public works division has taken over the oversight of the two parking garages I am not too sure that the structural part of the two parking garages have been properly taken care of, and I would like to see \$10,000 - \$15,000 left in there to at least hire a structural engineer to look those two garages over and see where we stand. I think that is something that should be done every 2-3 years. I know under the management company they used to do it. They used to have some special projects just about every year doing certain things in the garages to keep them up to date. Thank you very much.

Mayor Streeter

Thank you Commissioner Hall. As Chairman of the Board of Public Works I can support those.

AMENDED MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO AMEND BY REDUCING LINE ITEM 603-02 BY \$18,000, LINE ITEM 611-10 BY \$19,544, LINE ITEM 631-11 BY \$230,389, LINE ITEM 641-06 BY \$18,000, LINE ITEM 641-07 BY \$3,000, LINE ITEM 651-39 BY \$16,795, LINE ITEM 651-53 BY \$13,000, LINE ITEM 652-24 BY \$48,993, LINE ITEM 652-25 BY \$65,862 LINE ITEM 653-10 BY \$25,012, LINE ITEM 655-17 BY \$73,270, LINE ITEM 671-19 BY \$45,000, LINE ITEM 675-07 BY \$1,819, AND LINE ITEM 681-38 BY \$1,175 FOR A TOTAL REDUCTION OF \$579,860

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Deane

The amendment included – we took 671-24 out and 652-25 we added \$15,862. The grand total reduction is \$579,680.

Alderman Rootovich

That includes the amounts we talked about with the re-write correct?

Alderman Deane

Yes.

Mayor Streeter

I would like to reiterate what Alderman McCarthy said about the match. I would hope at some point in this process, perhaps not now, but in the near future that we consider the city match for the transit garage. I know this is not the right time to consider the proposal that was before you earlier this summer, but at some point we need to address that issue. I hope that in the months ahead that money can be found. Are there any further comments?

Alderman Shaw

I would like to clarify the wording of the motion to make sure that I am capturing both the intent and the technical – basically I have the motion as to remove the following amounts from the following accounts – that we will not escrow into the FY '06 account.

Alderman Deane

Right it would remove and close to surplus. Tomorrow evening the R-05-275 will be amended by adding these amounts. There were some items placed in there, but it was difficult to do that. I figure they are included in the packet, but it would take the vote of this committee to figure what we are going to do and we already have amended it so I could just take this \$579,860 and apply that number along with dealing with the other \$660,000 on the subsequent piece, R-05-274, as well.

Mayor Streeter

Are there any further comments?

MOTION CARRIED

WARRANT

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SHAW TO APPROVE WARRANT #3 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$8,160,180.01 OF WHICH \$2,733,815.53 ARE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, \$3,299,560.57 ARE PAYROLL AMOUNTS, \$13,097.20 ARE PREPAY AMOUNTS AND \$2,113,706.71 ARE WIRE TRANSFERS

MOTION CARRIED

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Mayor Streeter

Before we get into discussion I want to thank Cindy and Mr. Fredette for their attendance this evening.

DISCUSSION

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Alderman Deane

I would like to thank Cindy and Dave for coming in Carol's absence as well. We always enjoy having you Cindy. You did a great job.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DION TO ADJOURN

MOTION CARRIED

The Finance Committee meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Alderman Rob Shaw
Committee Clerk