

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 21, 2009

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber.

Mayor Donnalee Lozeau presided.

Members of the Committee present: Alderman-at-Large Steven A. Bolton, Vice-Chairman
Alderman Richard L. LaRose
Alderman Paul M. Chasse, Jr.
Alderman Richard P. Flynn
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons

Members not in Attendance: Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

Also in Attendance: Alderman-at-Large David W. Deane
Alderman Michael J. Tabacsko
Brian Morrissey, Fire Chief, NFR
Keith Anderson, Assistant Fire Chief, NFR
Daniel Cronin, Duty Deputy Fire Chief, NFR

COMMUNICATIONS

From: Robert Gabriel, Purchasing Manager
Re: Special Police Department Purchase (\$10,499.99)

MOTION BY ALDERMAN CLEMONS TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE AND APPROVE THE PURCHASE IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$10,499.99. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCT.

#331-68045-6613-6226

MOTION CARRIED

From: Robert Gabriel, Purchasing Manager
Re: Purchase of Thermal Imaging Cameras for Nashua Fire Rescue (Value: \$26,000)
Account: 532-64094-6701 Miscellaneous Equipment – NFR
Account Balance Remaining After Purchase: \$13,433

MOTION BY ALDERMAN CLEMONS TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE AND AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,000 TO FIRE TECH & SAFETY OF NEW ENGLAND. SOURCE OF FUNDING IS ACCOUNT NO. 532-64094-6701

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Flynn

I take it we have 8 and now we are buying 2. Is that the optimum number or how did we end up with 10?

Mayor Lozeau

They have 8 currently and they have 3 trucks without it. They are going to get these 2 and then they will be short 1 that they hope to be able to pick up later on.

Alderman Flynn

This training they are talking about, do we actually do that or do we have our own superintendent of training that does these things?

Mayor Lozeau

I see that the Assistant Chief is here as well as Deputy Chief Cronin. If you gentlemen want to join us the next few items on the agenda are yours.

Keith Anderson

The question is regards to training. With these cameras they will have, at the present time, the training is delivered by Fire Tech & Safety as part of the contract.

Alderman Flynn

How many people do we have to train?

Keith Anderson

What we would do is we train the company officers. The company officers then, along with the training officer, would then train the men in the firehouses.

Mayor Lozeau

Sort of a train the trainer.

Keith Anderson

That is correct, but the officers would have that training from Fire Tech & Safety.

Alderman Flynn

Of course you do training all the time. This must be a logistical challenge to get everybody into these classes. They come in like on 3rd shift or 2nd shift to do this kind of training or we have to do that kind of training on our own?

Keith Anderson

They do that over a four day period, on-duty crews with the on-duty officers for that day, Fire Tech & Safety will come.

Alderman Flynn

And then he will pass it on for the 2nd and 3rd shift?

Keith Anderson

The company officers would pass it on to the members that are under them on a daily basis after they have had the training sir.

Alderman Flynn

Thank you.

Alderman Chasse

Are these attached to the helmet or are they hand held?

Mayor Lozeau

Before I have the answer, there is a picture attached.

Alderman Chasse

I know and I can't figure it out.

Mayor Lozeau

They attach to the jacket so that they can pull them and they don't drop them.

Daniel Cronin

The cameras can be hand held. There is a wrist strap that comes with them. We also attach them to our bunker coats with a gear strap so that you can be using the camera then you can let it go and it will just stay on your coat, and you can go back to hands free.

Alderman Chasse

Thank you.

Mayor Lozeau

You are welcome. Is there further discussion on this item?

MOTION CARRIED

From: Robert Gabriel, Purchasing Manager

Re: Purchase of Air Cylinders for Nashua Fire Rescue (Value: \$10,080)

Account: 532-64192-6701 Miscellaneous Equipment – NFR

Account Balance Remaining After Purchase: \$14,001

MOTION BY ALDERMAN CLEMONS TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE AND AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,080 TO INDUSTRIAL PROTECTION SERVICES. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCT. NO. 532-64192-6701

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Chasse

What do they do with the old cylinders?

Keith Anderson

The cylinders have a life of 15 years. The program that we have started in the past year is to re-stock. As we re-stock the cylinders that come due are taken out of service completely.

Alderman Chasse

And what do they do with them?

Keith Anderson

They are destroyed. The old cylinders are destroyed.

Alderman Chasse

Thank you.

Alderman Deane

Chief the replacement schedule is how many a year?

Keith Anderson

Sixteen.

Alderman Deane

Sixteen a year?

Keith Anderson

That is correct. I will say this; there are two different cylinders. It will be 16 for the amount that we are looking for this evening and then as we move forward there may be additional for the 1-hour bottles. Other than that, our schedule right now we will never run out of bottles by the schedule we have until 2023.

Alderman Deane

Thank you.

Mayor Lozeau

Is there further discussion?

MOTION CARRIED

From: Robert Gabriel, Purchasing Manager

Re: Purchase of Leather Firefighting Boots for Nashua Fire Rescue (Value: \$11,260)

Account: 532-46030-6701 Protective Clothing – NFR

Account Balance Remaining After Purchase: \$45,367

MOTION BY ALDERMAN CLEMONS TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE AND AWARD THE PURCHASE TO BERGERON PROTECTIVE CLOTHING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$11,260. SOURCE OF FUNDING IS ACCT. #532-46030-6701

ON THE QUESTION

Mayor Lozeau

I will just point out that the picture on the boots is not a Patriots symbol. Are there questions relative to this item?

Alderman LaRose

I have a silly question. I have to ask it anyway. Are the boots all the same size and you have like a filter or something?

Keith Anderson

Alderman LaRose the manufacturer comes in; one of the representatives will come in, and actually measure everybody.

Alderman LaRose

Okay so they are personalized boots.

Keith Anderson

Personalized right. They have everything from triple wides to 15s. We have seen it all.

Mayor Lozeau

They have come a long way from the old rubber boots. Is there further discussion on this item?

Alderman Flynn

Does this buy 40 pairs of boots?

Keith Anderson

That is correct.

Alderman Flynn

Is this another one of those things where we are not able at this time to do the outfitting for everyone? Is that what is happening here?

Keith Anderson

Right. We are going to see later on in our year if we have more money available we may look to purchase some more. We started actually in October of 2008 when we purchased some pairs of leather boots like a trial period to see how the guys liked them and they were very well received. We are looking to outfit the whole department so 40 pairs now would mean that we would have approximately 30 members left to do after this purchase.

Alderman Flynn

If I were a member of the department and I wanted this feature would I be able to buy into this program, and use some of my clothing allowance myself or something like that?

Keith Anderson

Yes. If you didn't want to wait your turn. We go by department seniority and go down the list. If you were down the bottom of the list and you wanted them sooner if you wanted to buy a pair on your own you could.

Alderman Flynn

And get this price as well?

Keith Anderson

You would have to negotiate that yourself with the dealer. We got this price because we are buying so many.

Alderman Flynn

Thank you.

Mayor Lozeau

Is there further discussion on this item?

MOTION CARRIED

From: Robert Gabriel, Purchasing Manager

Re: Purchase of Replacement Staff Vehicle for Nashua Fire Rescue (Value: \$22,015)

Account: 590-23532-9999 Prior Year Escrow – NFR

Account Balance Remaining After Purchase: \$25,629

MOTION BY ALDERMAN CLEMONS TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE AND AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,015 TO M-H-Q MUNICIPAL VEHICLES. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCT. NO. 590-23532-9999

ON THE QUESTION

Mayor Lozeau

Perhaps Assistant Chief you could walk us through how the vehicles are going to change here. I could probably do that. Let's see if I am right. We are going from the SUV to a mid-size Sedan. This Sedan is going to go to the Assistant Chief. His SUV is going to go to the Fire Marshal. The Fire Marshal's old vehicle is going to go into retention status and be used as a backup in the fleet. Is that right?

Brian Morrissey

That is absolutely correct Mayor.

Alderman Deane

Could you repeat that?

Mayor Lozeau

The SUV that the Assistant Chief has is going to be given to the Fire Marshal. The Fire Marshal's vehicle is going to be retired into what they call the retention fleet and the new vehicle, which is a mid-size Sedan, is going to go to the Assistant Chief.

Alderman Deane

Who takes vehicles home?

Brian Morrissey

There are two vehicles in the fire department that go home; my vehicle and Assistant Chief Anderson.

Alderman Deane

So we will no longer be using the Ford Explorer we will be using a Sedan instead?

Brian Morrissey

Correct a Ford Taurus mid-size Sedan.

Alderman Deane

That ought to help with the fuel consumption considerably. I just had one other question. Chief down the road are we going to look at getting rid of those Excursions and trying to retrofit into something that is a little more compact?

Brian Morrissey

As a matter of fact, we will probably always have a couple of SUVs on the fleet just because of our operations in the winter and off road stuff, but we are downsizing a number of them as they come up for replacement.

Alderman Deane

Thank you.

Mayor Lozeau

Is there further discussion on the item?

Alderman Flynn

Chief Anderson I think you were the one that gave me this printout of the vehicles I think it was about a year ago when we had some discussion about something you were buying. It might have been the Chief's car or maybe it was a fire truck. I don't recall. I kept this. Because you sent it to me electronically I was actually able to keep it. Otherwise I never could have kept it.

The mileage on these vehicles, do you know what the mileage is on this vehicle that we are trading in? When I asked you this last year I think it was 46,460 miles on this vehicle, the 1999 Ford Explorer.

Brian Morrissey

The mileage on that vehicle is about 57,000 miles, and it is 10 years old. We're not actually trading that vehicle. We are retaining that on fleet. The vehicle that is going away is a 1996 Suburban.

Alderman Flynn

1996 Suburban. I guess I don't have that on the list. I think it is on page 2. There was a page 2 I didn't bother; I thought the first page with that many vehicles probably would cover just about anything that would come up tonight.

Mayor Lozeau

The '96 was getting pretty old and it was a second generation Chevy diesel that they had some issues with.

Alderman Flynn

I don't know if it is the Mayor's initiative or not or maybe it is coming out of CitiStat, but I thought you have talked to us before about some kind of an initiative to get a handle on all the fleet, all the vehicles that we have. Is the fire department participating in that?

Brian Morrissey

We met with Mr. Giftos back in June on CitiStat, but we have not had any further meetings since then.

Mayor Lozeau

The fire department has, as you see, a list of their vehicles and how that is going. Right now we are concentrating on the division of public works. We actually today at a meeting had a presentation on the vehicles within the solid waste department so we are trying to get our arms around that and what the best approach is because we are not funding properly to replace our vehicles on a normal schedule.

Alderman Flynn

It just looks like there are an awful lot of support vehicles on the list and at some point it might be something that could be trimmed down rather than continuing to replace. I will wait to see how that evolves.

It says during the last inspection of this 1999 vehicle would need over \$1,200 in parts alone. That is not the one we are trading in that is the one we are making our backup. We are getting rid of a 1996?

Brian Morrissey

Correct.

Alderman Flynn

So we are going to spend the money to get this repaired.

Brian Morrissey

We are not going to replace – there is some leakage at the front end of the four wheel drive and we probably won't fix that.

Mayor Lozeau

I take it we also won't put it in four wheel drive.

Brian Morrissey

That is probably the standing recommendation.

Alderman Flynn

Our mechanics don't do this kind of work, maintenance on cars do they? We have a mechanic don't we in the fire department one or two?

Brian Morrissey

Yes. We have three actually fleet mechanics and they do work on our smaller vehicles maintenance; brakes, oil, tires, engine repairs. We have actually changed whole engines in fire trucks before.

Alderman Flynn

I know you have spoken several times about all the work they did, but I didn't know if they serviced our own little smaller vehicles or not.

Brian Morrissey

We do. Some things need to go back out because when we look at the time of our mechanics versus the actual sending out and get it repaired sometimes the split rather than putting them on that project we send it out.

Alderman Flynn

Do you as a department feel like you are stretched with the number of cars that you have or you have adequate cars or adequate vehicles or do you feel like you are stretched at times to find enough vehicles for the needs that you have?

Brian Morrissey

Generally speaking the fleet as it exists today sustains us without any issue. Generally speaking we have two reserve so called spare vehicles, but when we have a fire and we call back members we have to have vehicles available for them to run city coverage so those vehicles are pressed into service at those times. Then our major fleet, the big trucks; the fire pumps and the aerial ladders, we retain one reserve aerial ladder and two reserve pumpers.

Alderman Flynn

Thank you.

Alderman Clemons

I know that for example the police department wants Crown Victorias and things like that for their fleet, but I am wondering if we are shifting to the Taurus for a specific reason and just a general question on that, why that was picked.

Brian Morrissey

Last year we bought a Crown Victorian through MHQ. That is the vehicle I am driving right now. All of the components we had on the old Crown Vic went right into the new Crown Vic so it saved us a substantial amount of money just transferring equipment. The equipment that we have in the Explorer currently will transfer directly to the Taurus.

Alderman Clemons

Okay.

Brian Morrissey

Potentially if you had a Crown Vic you may have had to stay with that line, but that wasn't the case in this situation.

Alderman Clemons

Makes sense. Thank you.

Mayor Lozeau

Is there further discussion on this item?

MOTION CARRIED

From: Robert Gabriel, Purchasing Manager

Re: Purchase of Pierce Arrow Fire Truck Requested by Nashua Fire Rescue
(Value \$405,566)

Account: 532-68065-6701 Trucks - Fire Department \$212,222

Account Balance Remaining After Purchase: \$13,778

Account: 599-68065-9861 Capital Equipment Reserve Fund \$193,344

Account Balance Remaining After Purchase: \$0

MOTION BY ALDERMAN CLEMONS TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE AND AWARD THE CONTRACT TO PIERCE MANUFACTURING, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$405,566. SOURCE OF FUNDING IS ACCT. #532-68065-6701 (\$212,222) AND 599-68065-9861 (\$193,344)

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Deane

I had a question on the engine. The truck that was out there this evening, are we going to get the same sort of engine in this truck as we have outside or has that changed?

Brian Morrissey

The answer to that question is two-fold. When we order a vehicle after tonight or if we were to authorize this purchase tonight we will get the same motor that is in the vehicle that we see

outside this evening. If the vehicle is not ordered until say December 1st then we would have to go with a 2010 EPA compliant motor. If we were to authorize it tonight we will be able to get the same motor as in the vehicle that is out back tonight.

Alderman Deane

What is the difference in cost between the two? Do you know offhand?

Brian Morrissey

It is in the neighborhood of \$18,000.

Mayor Lozeau

We appreciate you bringing Engine 3 here for us to see before it is outfitted. It gives us a different perspective looking at the vehicle. I appreciate that. This one, as Alderman Deane is asking, this is also a pumper truck though?

Brian Morrissey

Correct. It will go to replace the vehicle that is currently running at Engine 5 at the airport.

Mayor Lozeau

Are there further questions?

Alderman Flynn

I would like to get an updated copy of this replacement plan if I could. I would like to see it electronically. I guess what I really can't tell from this, I probably should have kept it up, but where are we in terms, it says it is in alignment with the department equipment replacement schedule. There are replacement dates on this thing. I imagine there are things that must have been examined by the fire commissioners. I don't know who decides on the replacement schedule, but I imagine it would be the fire commissioners with probably all of your assistants.

Where are we in terms of that replacement schedule? Are we on schedule? This will be the third fire truck I have seen us buy in my four years here. Are we back on schedule now or where are we in that overall plan?

Brian Morrissey

What the fire commission has adopted by staff recommendation is a 12 year replacement scheduled for front line pumpers. In reality, we are two years behind. We are actually replacing these vehicles at 14 years. If we do approve this vehicle this evening, we would come back next year in FY11 looking to replace Engine 2, which is a 1997 vintage vehicle. Currently that is 12 years old. In year 2010 it would be 14 years old, and the replacement for that vehicle wouldn't arrive until FY11, which would place that also at 14 years.

Mayor Lozeau

And then we get a reprieve in FY12 right?

Brian Morrissey

Correct. We would have an off year in FY12 and then we would be looking for a ladder truck in FY13.

Alderman Flynn

The CERF money for these, are there CERF monies set aside for each one of these trucks or are we pretty much draining that with this endeavor here?

Mayor Lozeau

There are. About ½ is covered with CERF. The rest is in the budget.

Brian Morrissey

For this particular vehicle that we are looking at purchasing this evening, I think there is \$193,000 available in CERF. I would anticipate that we would be in that same \$200,000 range next year also. The ladder trucks just so you will know, they are about double the cost of a pump.

Alderman Flynn

When you said 12 years, I wrote down 12 year front line pumpers, did you have a different year for ladder trucks?

Brian Morrissey

Aerial ladder trucks we look to replace at 15 years and those are currently again off by 2 years so we are looking more at 17 years for front line service of an aerial ladder. Just so everybody is aware, the vehicle that actually is going away due to the fact that we delivered Engine 3 yesterday, is a 1989 pumper. It is 20 years old and actually it was in service today at Amherst Street. We run these vehicles; we get 20 years street service out of these vehicles.

Alderman Flynn

How many days would it have been in service in the last year?

Brian Morrissey

Probably about 8 days a month. When we are servicing other vehicles it goes in and when we have breakdowns it goes in service. We can have breakdowns over a lot of different components, whether it is suspensions, electrical, brakes, any number of things can put a vehicle out of service.

A lot of times if it is after hours, in stead of bringing in a mechanic after hours, we will rotate the front line vehicle out of service and put a reserve vehicle in service, and then we will have the mechanic evaluate it during their regular shift the next day unless it is a failure in the street then we have a different problem.

Alderman Flynn

Thank you Chief.

Alderman Tabacsko

I am all set. I wanted to thank Alderman Flynn for asking the question about the replacement schedule because that is where I was going. Thank you.

Alderman Deane

Thank you. Chief you spoke of a 12 year change out cycle, but that is for your pumpers and for your ladders you are at 15 years?

Brian Morrissey

Correct.

Alderman Deane

Does that 3 year variable have to do with water? Is it the weight of the truck because of the water it carries that causes deterioration? Why is there a 3 year difference in the replacement schedule?

Brian Morrissey

Generally speaking we see a lot more service out of our engines. Ladder trucks roll on a lot less incident types. We will send out engines on a lot more incident types than we do aerial ladders.

Alderman Deane

Does this vehicle include an hour meter?

Brian Morrissey

Yes. Generally it is the National Association of Emergency Vehicle Technicians. There is really no way to actually go from mileage to engine hours and get a real one to one relationship, but we assign somewhere around 35 miles to each engine hour on the truck. That really doesn't overstate it. Over the road vehicles sometimes they said could be 60 miles for each engine hour. We get it down to somewhere around 35 miles so when you get a vehicle that has upward of 10,000 or 11,000 engine hours on it you are really talking not the 300,000 mileage.

Alderman Deane

So it is safe to assume you service on the hour meter rather than the odometer?

Brian Morrissey

Yes.

Alderman Deane

The other question I had was what have we seen by keeping the vehicles front line for two additional years rather than moving them to the back at 12 and keeping them there until 14? What is the negative affect of that that the department has experienced?

Brian Morrissey

The drawdown is you replace some components twice that we try to get away with replacing once in the lifetime of the vehicle. That is not across the board. Sometimes we take a more proactive approach; we will replace something that appears to be getting to the point where it needs to get changed out rather than waiting for it actually to break knowing that we are going to keep it in the street for another year or two.

If you look at our maintenance budget for all of our vehicles, I think we have 35 or 34 vehicles, the maintenance budget is somewhere around \$90,000. Better than \$10,000 of that is tires. When you start looking at components, Engine 1 within the last month we replaced suspension components on that vehicle. That is a 1991 vintage vehicle so you are at year 8. Normally you would get the next 4 years out of that, pretty decent out of new springs, but we may have to go back into that truck and do springs again just because the whole truck is not brand new.

Alderman Deane

I take it your maintenance data through your mechanics department pretty much shows when failure is eminent due to normal wear and tear?

Brian Morrissey

They will give us a very good idea of where we are. They will make recommendations of changing vehicles. A few years ago we switched a vehicle that was at the airport. We moved that down to Spit Brook Road and we took the pump that was at Spit Brook Road and flipped it to the airport just because of the amount of mileage that we were putting on the vehicles, the amount of engine hours. We were starting to notice that one was really flipping the other so we made an in-house swap of those vehicles.

Alderman Deane

Is Pierce Arrow the only manufacturer that we are purchasing from now and do we have any other trucks that are not Pierce Arrow?

Brian Morrissey

All of our front line apparatus is manufactured by Pierce. The Arrow line they have several lines of apparatus. We have in service at Engine 2 right now is a Saber. It is not the Arrow line. The Arrow line is much more of an urban type fire apparatus; the steering, the cramp angle, the frame rails, the suspension; it is designed for the type of service that we see here in the city. There are a number of other fire apparatus manufacturers that we have looked at, but when we changed the fleet over, this goes back to 1988, and we have been dealing with Pierce and have had very good luck with that equipment.

Alderman Deane

Thank you.

Mayor Lozeau

Are there further questions on this item or further discussion?

MOTION CARRIED

Brian Morrissey

I just want to thank the members of the committee.

Mayor Lozeau

Also thank the three commissioners that are here tonight and another firefighter I see out there. I appreciate you bringing the truck for people to take a look.

Alderman Clemons

I would just like to say my apologies for not being here earlier. I had planned to be and couldn't make it. Thank you for the opportunity though.

From: Robert Gabriel, Purchasing Manager

Re: Nashua Transit System (NTS) Vision Contract with Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) (Value: \$50,000)

Account: 374-09210-7222-7208 Vision Planning 2010-2030 – Planning Studies

Account Balance Remaining After Purchase: \$0

MOTION BY ALDERMAN CLEMONS TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE AND AUTHORIZE THE CONTRACT WITH NASHUA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCOUNT #374-09210-7222-7208

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Flynn

Are you going to speak to this Mayor a little bit? I think there are a lot of people in my ward I know that are very interested and who use the bus pretty regularly. They enjoy the service, they comment about it pretty freely. I just kind of wondered if you could speak a little more globally on what we are doing here.

Mayor Lozeau

Sure. There are two proposals tonight from the Transit Department. Both of them use money that was not expended from federal contracts over the last three years, and they prioritize how the money is to be used. This is an opportunity to work towards one of their priorities, which is local transportation planning.

NRPC was able to provide a match for this, and what they are doing in this first one is it is the Transportation Task Force that I created just about a year ago is looking at citywide local transportation, what is going on; pedestrian, bicycle, buses, vehicle transportation, roadwork that may need to be done. It is a 10,000 foot view. We're hopeful the report will be wrapped up over the next few months. Then it will be presented to the Board of Aldermen. It still has some public meetings that are going to take place. The group has been meeting on a regular basis. Three of the members of this board are on that task force. That is what these funds are for, for NRPC to do basically the heavy lifting; the research, the answers, take the public input, and produce the report that talks about how they see the needs of the community going forward.

I will talk a little bit more about the second one, which is more directly related to just the bus and how that public transportation may or may not expand.

Alderman Flynn

And again this is no city match at all.

Mayor Lozeau

No city money at all.

Alderman Flynn

It is usually like an 80/20 match.

Mayor Lozeau

There is an 80/20 match, but that 20% is being provided in both of these by NRPC.

Alderman Flynn

NRPC is finding other grants or something to come up with the 20%?

Mayor Lozeau

Right. Their services and other grants yes.

Alderman Flynn

Thank you.

Mayor Lozeau

You are welcome. Is there further discussion on this item?

MOTION CARRIED

From: Robert Gabriel, Purchasing Manager

Re: Nashua Transit System (NTS) Planning Contract With Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) (Value: \$108,000)

Account: 374-53063-7222-7207 New Metropolitan Planning Grant – Planning Studies

Account Balance Remaining After Purchase: \$0

MOTION BY ALDERMAN CLEMONS TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE AND AUTHORIZE THE CONTRACT WITH NASHUA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$108,000. SOURCE OF FUNDING IS ACCOUNT #374-53063-7222-7207

ON THE QUESTION

Mayor Lozeau

As I said just a moment ago, these are funds from the federal grant. There is a three year review required by FTA about public transportation in a community particularly as a community is growing is one of the things they look at. This is designed to review the system and to look regionally about how the needs are being met. That is what this contract with NRPC is for. They again are providing the 20% match.

One of the things that we are concerned about if you look at the memo, the second paragraph from the bottom when they talk about where the census puts our urbanized zone over 200,000 in population that could hurt our funding. There is legislation that is pending right now on the federal level to change the standard that they have now for what the numbers are before they cut their funding. As you know, we realize the majority of our public transportation is paid for through FTA, and we put about \$400,000 of city money in that system. If we hit a certain threshold they could cut their funding by 50%. That would really have a significant negative impact on our ability to have the public transit system that we have.

The legislation that is pending is looking at moving that threshold and saying anybody with 100 buses or less it won't impact that. We hope that will pass. Because it would hurt so many areas like ours, we think there is a good shot of that legislation passing and us not being impacted this way.

Further discussion on this item?

Alderman Flynn

I still don't quite understand it in writing, but I understand it better now that you spoke to it.

MOTION CARRIED

From: Robert Gabriel, Purchasing Manager
Re: Purchase of Case Management Software Requested by City IT & Legal Departments
(Value: \$18,000)
Account: 524-64060 Citywide Computer Software
Account Balance Remaining After Purchase: \$11,425

MOTION BY ALDERMAN CLEMONS TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE AND AWARD THE CONTRACT, CONTINGENT UPON FINAL PASSAGE OF R-09-246, TO LEGAL FILES SOFTWARE IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$18,000. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCOUNT #524-64060

ON THE QUESTION

Mayor Lozeau

You have distributed to you tonight before the meeting the technology purchase I.T. Assessment and Recommendation as required in the ordinance. It is a format somewhat different than the one you used to have. Mr. Barker was able to put it on a two sided single sheet and hit all of the requirements that we believe you want to make sure I.T. is aware of.

You will also note that one of the reasons that there is a resolution associated with this is because some of the transfer of funds to help pay for this are actually coming from the I.T. Department. Mr. Barker pointed it out to me as just another way to demonstrate his support for this. He had some idea that when City Counsel came in and had a chance to look at the systems he might want to make some changes. For over a year Attorney McNamee was convinced that he would find a way to use the systems and tools that we had in place, and he just, no matter how much he tried, couldn't make it really fit for the management of the cases that they have up there because it is just not your typical project management type of thing. This is what they recommend.

Alderman Deane

Are we going to have to fly these people in from Illinois to put them up and...

Mayor Lozeau

No.

Alderman Deane

What is the yearly fee and how many licenses are we buying?

Mayor Lozeau

We're buying enough licenses to cover the legal office.

Alderman Bolton

Five.

Alderman Deane

Thank you Alderman Bolton. We're buying 5 applications. I guess it would be for each paralegal and Attorney McNamee, Attorney Clarke, and Attorney Bennett.

Mayor Lozeau

Yes.

Alderman Deane

Thank you.

Mayor Lozeau

Is there further discussion?

MOTION CARRIED

From: Robert Gabriel, Purchasing Manager

Re: Contract Award for Sewer Point Repair Project (Value: \$38,900)

Account: 792-59231-3795 Capital Improvement – Sewer Rehab

Account Balance Remaining After Purchase: \$710,807

MOTION BY ALDERMAN CLEMONS TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE AND AWARD THE CONTRACT TO NATIONAL WATER MAIN CLEANING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$38,900. SOURCE OF FUNDING IS ACCOUNT #792-59231-3795

ON THE QUESTION

Mayor Lozeau

This was before the Board of Public Works and they passed it at their last meeting. Pilot program – 5 streets.

Alderman Deane

We are going to see how it works.

Mayor Lozeau

We are. Well actually I felt a little better when I found out that in the '90s we did the CIPP as they call it on the CSO 4 under the railroad tracks at the end of Burke Street and they haven't had any problems with it. I felt a little bit better about that. The other one, the short lines and point repairs, we haven't used that product yet, but if we are successful at that the CIPP is three times less expensive than replacing the pipe and the short line liners and pointer repairs are 5 times less expensive. We're hoping it works out. On Lake Street, I am not holding out a whole lot of hope because I think we are going to have to replace that pipe one way or the other because we have been replacing it as we come down.

Alderman Deane

It is kind of hard to line pipe that is totally deteriorated. There is no bottom or side or top. I hope this works.

Mayor Lozeau

As do I. Is there further discussion?

Alderman LaRose

At some point you are still going to have to replace those pipes. Am I right? The fix is not indefinite.

Mayor Lozeau

I don't think it is a forever fix, but it certainly is something that will have an impact for a longer period of time and they are hoping as technology changes when we get in there – we have had concrete pipes, we have had clay pipes, we have had we don't know what kind of pipes, and we have PVC pipes. As things change – we have 330 miles of sewer and of the ones that we are talking about here, the ones they are going into here are sewers prior to the 1900s and many of them they have no idea. We have 11 miles of them that are unknown or concrete prior to 1900. Whatever we can do for those for now.

Alderman LaRose

Have they come across wooden pipes yet?

Mayor Lozeau

I don't think so. It could be the unknown. Maybe it was wood and it rotted. I don't really know.

Alderman Bolton

I think Pennichuck still has some wooden pipes.

Alderman Deane

Wooden water lines, they do exist.

Mayor Lozeau

Do they?

Alderman Deane

Yup.

Mayor Lozeau

Wow.

Alderman Deane

Bass wood.

Mayor Lozeau

Who knew?

Alderman Deane

Try sweating a fitting onto one of those.

Mayor Lozeau

Okay. Is there further discussion?

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

DISCUSSION - None

WARRANT

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN CLEMONS TO APPROVE WARRANT #7 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$11,573,730.69 OF WHICH \$1,862,131.42 ARE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, \$5,995,133.16 ARE PAYROLL AMOUNTS, \$28,018.89 ARE PREPAY AMOUNTS AND \$3,688,447.22 ARE WIRE TRANSFERS
MOTION CARRIED**

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN CHASSE TO ADJOURN
MOTION CARRIED**

The Finance Committee meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons
Committee Clerk