

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 18, 2009

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Wednesday, November 18, 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 Richard P. Flynn
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire
Alderman Paul M. Chasse, Jr.

Members not in Attendance:

Also in Attendance: Alderman-at-Large David W. Deane
Karen Smith, Business Manager, Nashua Police Dept.
Brian Sojka, Supervisor, Fleet Maintenance Div., NPD
Sgt. Joseph Fay, Nashua Police Department

COMMUNICATIONS

From: Robert Gabriel, Purchasing Manager
Re: Contract Award for Parking Lot Paving for Nashua Fire Rescue (Value: \$16,150)
Account: 632-08-5015 Deferred Building Maintenance – NFR
Account Balance Remaining After Purchase: \$4,736

MOTION BY ALDERMAN CLEMONS TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE AND AWARD THE CONTRACT TO THERIAULT & SON'S IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,150. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCT. #632-08-5015

ON THE QUESTION

Mayor Lozeau

I would point out that Assistant Chief Anderson who is usually at these things, had something come up and wasn't able to join us tonight. I told him that I thought we could probably carry on without him so I hope we can.

Originally we thought this paving work was going to be under \$10,000. That obviously was not the case. You should know that the lot is original to the building so it was 1971. In 1980 they did the sidewalk on Jennifer Drive. There are issues with the reveal on that, which, from their perspective, have caused a little bit more problems in that lot.

The other thing that I think is important, as many of you know you need a stretch of good weather in order to do paving like this. They are not sure they will have it this year before winter, but the company has agreed to hold their price if it has to wait until the spring.

Alderman Deane

Why would we not include this area with our street paving program when there would be the possibility of getting a better price per ton?

Mayor Lozeau

I am not certain. It did not come up. Of course we are in that area for Main Dunstable Road so I know that there has been a conversation, but I did not ask what the end result was. It could be because they thought it was going to be such an affordable price when they were doing it. Prior to signing the contract I will make sure I ask that question in case there is a different way.

Alderman Deane

The base price is \$485/ton. We all know what happens when you put asphalt down and it doesn't have adequate time to acclimate as we found out on South Main Street down here a couple of times. Poor Pierre's down where we lost large sections of the roadway. I think we have done that 2 or 3 times.

Mayor Lozeau

I know it has happened before, but that is why they wanted to make sure the price would be held because they need a minimum of 4 days of 45 degree weather.

Alderman Deane

So regardless of they do this now or in the spring time they are going to hold the \$485/ton price?

Mayor Lozeau

Yes. That also affords us the opportunity to look into that question you asked.

Alderman Deane

This wasn't a budgeted item either was it?

Mayor Lozeau

Actually it was a budgeted item under their...

Alderman Deane

Well it is under deferred building maintenance.

Mayor Lozeau

Right, but they had planned it then. I knew about it then. I am not sure if it came up during budget discussions, but I have been aware of it since their budget was put together.

Alderman Deane

It would be really nice to know what the cost difference would be between rolling this into our street paving for the spring or summer of 2010.

Mayor Lozeau

I agree. I will look into it.

Alderman Deane

Thank you.

Alderman Flynn

As a city we are not all done paving for the year I take it. Is there some date that normally is a cutoff guideline for the city in November?

Mayor Lozeau

We are basically done paving for the year with the exception of a couple of road projects one of which we will talk about tonight where we will do some base paving and Haines Street where we will probably do a base coat just to close up the street before winter, but other than that we are done our paving for the season.

Alderman Flynn

The decision whether to do this if there are four good days next week I suppose or the spring will be up to Theriault not up to the City of Nashua if we sign a contract right? Is that how it will be?

Mayor Lozeau

No I think that it will probably be a discussion between the two of them to agree whether or not we think that stretch is available. Theriault has indicated that they are pretty confident there is not going to be an opportunity for them to feel like they could guarantee that there will be four days, which will also provide that extra time.

Alderman Flynn

Good. Thank you.

Mayor Lozeau

Is there further discussion?

MOTION CARRIED

From: Robert Gabriel, Purchasing Manager

Re: Purchase of Special Reaction Team Vehicle Requested by Nashua Police Department
(Value \$101,137)

Account: 331-68045-6613-6267 Recovery Act JAG Grant 2009 – Vehicles

Account Balance Remaining After Purchase: \$0

MOTION BY ALDERMAN CLEMONS TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE AND AWARD THE CONTRACT TO NORTHEAST KUSTOM KREATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$101,137. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCT. #331-68045-6613-6267

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Deane

Do we have a picture of this vehicle?

Mayor Lozeau

We do not have a picture of this vehicle. I know that you are familiar with the bomb vehicle, and the closest they could come to describing what this vehicle would look like is that vehicle. It is a vehicle that will allow them, like the bomb vehicle, to keep all of their equipment in the truck plugged in to keep everything charged for when they need it in an emergency.

Alderman Deane

Where is this going to be housed? The Police Department has purchased all of this equipment and it all sits outside. In fact that piece of equipment they have with the thick bullet proof glass that you have to run for an hour and a half in the winter if you have to use it to get the ice off the windshield, where is this going to be parked?

Mayor Lozeau

There are folks here from the police department that could answer, but I am hopeful this isn't that opportunity where they are going to point out how much they have wanted a garage for so long. It has been in the capital improvement planning process.

Karen Smith

We currently house it outside so I would say that will continue until future plans.

Alderman Deane

How often do we use the 1983 Ford Econoline? How often has it been used? Do you know offhand?

Karen Smith

I can tell you that the mileage is extremely low. It is 25 years old and there are 16,000 miles on it. As far as the mileage that is put on it, there is not much. It is the wear and tear; it is the age of the vehicle that is the concern. The number of SRT callouts we answer I don't have that information.

Mayor Lozeau

Currently the vehicle that you just mentioned that the SWAT team is using, other than the fact that it is very old, the problem that was described to me was that they can't keep their equipment in the vehicle. Every time they take that current vehicle out they have to go into the police station area where they keep everything and load the truck. That causes some problem for them when they are responding. When these funds came up through the stimulus dollars they saw it as an opportunity to replace it. The lifetime of this vehicle is similar to the one they have now so they expect it to be about 25 years.

Alderman Deane

Thank you.

Alderman LaRose

Thank you. How many police officers can be in that unit at one time?

Mayor Lozeau

About a dozen right?

Joseph Fay

Right around 12 officers can fit inside it between the front passenger compartment and the rear area.

Alderman LaRose

Thank you.

Alderman Chasse

What are they doing with the old vehicle? Are they trading it in?

Alderman Deane

They are getting \$1,500 for it.

Brian Sojka

Yes we are trading it in.

Alderman Chasse

All you are getting is \$1,500 for it and it only has ...

Brian Sojka

The biggest thing that is hurting that is the age of it with the rust conditions and stuff like that especially underneath the vehicle. It is an aluminum body. It isn't like a truck.

Alderman Flynn

I can see that there is no city match. This is all U.S. Department of Justice money. I am really not that familiar with this piece of equipment. I was a little surprised that we use it as much as we do; 600 miles/year, 12 miles/week. Is that something that happened in spurts? For this kind of SRT vehicle I wouldn't have expected that the city has a lot of needs for it. Does it come up weekly or maybe it comes up in little spurts, but do we get them like 3 or 4 times a year? It seems like a lot of miles to me, 600 miles each year for this kind of use.

Joseph Fay

The team trains monthly so every month that we train, at least once a month, the team takes that vehicle to its training because obviously we incorporate the vehicle into our training and whatnot, and then in addition to the times that we are using it during training, it goes out on all of the call outs that we go on. Whether it be warrant type of service, which is commonly referred to as a drug raid or as a barricaded gunman scenario or any other type of call the special reaction team is tasked with.

Alderman Flynn

I have never seen this vehicle. How many people can get in the current one?

Joseph Fay

Right now the current one only has a driver seat and the front passenger seat. The rear portion right now and that is one of the issues with the current vehicle aside from the fact that it is antiquated, is the fact that there is no seating in the rear of it. It is just those two seats right up front.

Alderman Flynn

This is a huge vehicle it appears from the outside and inside dimensions. This is a big upgrade I imagine. I just wondered how frequently we really use it for the drug raids or whatever, and you helped to answer that question.

Mayor Lozeau

Are there further questions?

Alderman Deane

It is coming with a 16; exterior awning with vinyl weather shield aluminum supports?

Brian Sojka

Yes.

Alderman Deane

Would this piece of equipment operate without a generator?

Brian Sojka

Yes it could, but the only thing is they do have outlets inside the vehicle; they do have flood lighting outside the vehicle. The only way that would be able to be used is if we hooked it up to shore power, and air conditioning I should say too. With the generator it would run all of the outlets, the outside lighting, the AC unit, it would be all self-contained. They wouldn't have to find a place to actually plug this vehicle in so they can use the equipment.

Alderman Deane

Without the air conditioning, the rooftop 15,000 BTU AC unit and the telescopic lighting you wouldn't need a generator right? It would operate without those?

Brian Sojka

Without the generator you would have to use shore power for the 110 outlets, the AC unit, and the floodlighting. If they are at a scene wherever it is and they cannot plug it in to 110 they will not be able to use that equipment.

Alderman Deane

So there is no separate alternator in the vehicle that produces...

Brian Sojka

No.

Alderman Deane

What powers the generator?

Brian Sojka

It takes from the fuel tank. It is not diesel it is gas.

Alderman Deane

So this is a gas powered?

Brian Sojka

Yes. We were trying to stay away from diesel.

Alderman Deane

Thank you.

Alderman LaRose

Thank you. What is the \$5,700 options that you are getting?

Alderman Deane

It is the generator and the air conditioner.

Alderman LaRose

Okay. Thank you.

Alderman Chasse

Maybe just a comment. Seeing that it is a brand new vehicle and the old vehicle took wear and tear from weather elements, would it be wise to put this thing in a carport for the time being so it isn't in the elements until you get your garage?

Karen Smith

I would just say that we have other vehicles that we could pay for garage storage if we need to so that is something I would have to discuss with the Chief to see what he is interested in doing or the other alternative is having something built.

Alderman Deane

Are there cystic restrictions on this like that other vehicle where we couldn't put it in a regular garage, it had to be earthquake proof and everything else. Does this have the same restrictions?

Brian Sojka

No.

Alderman Deane

So we only need one earthquake proof bay then if we built a new garage.

Mayor Lozeau

If it will last 25 years in the elements rather than building a million dollar garage - the garage they need is very significant. Is there further discussion?

MOTION CARRIED

From: Robert Gabriel, Purchasing Manager

Re: Contract Award for Boiler House Remediation Consulting Services (Value: \$64,800)

Account: 374-07298-7223-7110 Brownfield's Boiler House - Nashua

Account Balance Remaining After Purchase: \$15,200

MOTION BY ALDERMAN CLEMONS TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE AND AWARD THE CONTRACT TO CREDERE ASSOCIATES IN A SUM NOT-TO-EXCEED \$64,800. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCT. #374-07298-7223-7110

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Deane

What is the total sum that we have to clean up that we have received to date? Do you know off hand?

Mayor Lozeau

Total sum?

Alderman Deane

You have \$200,000 here.

Mayor Lozeau

We have \$400,000 total; \$200,000 from DES and \$200,000 from EPA both of which have a 20% match so we have \$80,000. Then some of that leveraged BEDI Grant dollars and other things, but at this stage I am not exactly sure what the final outcome is going to be. That is the point of getting the consultant in there to give us dollars and cents.

Frankly, if we are going to take the building down, one of the things that I want to know is if we can encapsulate some of this on site, which we have done in other places in the city rather than

pull it all out of the building just to go bring it to the landfill or somewhere else. We may have an opportunity here. Those are some of the things that we can look at with this.

We need to start seeing some forward motion with this as we talked about during the CDBG process a few months back. This is that first pass at some of that.

Alderman Deane

But if you put a bid out for remediation and listed the items that need to be remediated don't you think the people that would bid on it would have the ability to come forward with some sort of a plan in lieu of spending \$65,000 having someone else tell you that you can or cannot encapsulate?

Mayor Lozeau

The point of this is not just to tell us whether we can or cannot encapsulate, it is just one of the things I would like them to tell us. It is because there is a requirement that we have somebody develop a plan, and the person that develops the plan cannot necessarily be the same person that is going to carry out the plan. In other words, DES and EPA don't say put it out to bid and have them come in and get a plan and then decide which plan you want. They want a plan that meets their criteria and then they want somebody to bid towards those specs.

Deb Chisholm laid out for you, under that \$64,800, why this company was chosen and what their scope of services might be. It meets all of the criteria that the feds and the state are looking for for the use of the dollars.

Alderman Deane

Thank you.

Alderman Clemons

Thank you. My question on this is the plan is to tear down the boiler house still is that correct?

Mayor Lozeau

Some of us think that is the right approach, but until we complete the final analysis on the Broad Street Parkway we are hard pressed to say that is for certain, but whether it stands or comes down this remediation has to take place.

Alderman Clemons

So there is no way to tear down the building without having to clean it up first is that what you are saying?

Mayor Lozeau

Right unless they agree to let us encapsulate some of it on site, and if we did that it depends on what they find.

Alderman Clemons

It was my understanding that the boiler house is coming down with the path of the parkway that was chosen. I am just trying to get an understanding that we have a goal and we are working towards that particular..

Mayor Lozeau

We are trying to work towards that goal. That is one of the options on the table.

Alderman Clemons

Thank you.

Mayor Lozeau

You are welcome. And I can tell you that it is my and staff's preferred route of the parkway that will take the building down.

Alderman Flynn

So this essentially sets in motion to expend the full \$480,000. We are paying them some \$64,000 and we are asking them to go down this list of 6 or 7 items in this priority and go as far as you can with the remaining money, which will be like \$420,000 will address.

Mayor Lozeau

I don't know that I would characterize it exactly like that. This will set in motion the fact that we have a plan and we will know whether we have enough funds. Some of those funds may be able to be used to take down the building. For instance, if we are fortunate in the remediation of the items that are in there that are a problem don't hit the \$400,000 mark, we could potentially use some of those monies towards taking the building down and other things like that.

Alderman Flynn

Potentially it says I guess it is 6s and 7s. It says here "Based on our discussions with you and our visit to the site on October 7th, it is our understanding you would like to fully utilize the 2007 cleanup grant and the 2008 DES revolving loan grant that were awarded to the City of Nashua." This totals \$480,000 including the required 20% match. The idea I guess is to get the best bang for our buck. We have some priorities, 6 or 7 items that we would like them to do. At least that has been prioritized what was the most sensible plan we feel to start knocking off some of these critical items.

Mayor Lozeau

Exactly, and using the funds before DES or EPA says you have been sitting on them for this long. Identifying the matching dollars has helped us to retain these funds.

Alderman Flynn

I remember how much discussion there was when we did the CDBG funding to try to secure that money to do the match and move forward with this item. Essentially there are no city funds expended except that \$80,000 could have been used on other city activities had we not decided that this was a priority.

Mayor Lozeau

Correct.

Alderman Flynn

This never went out for bid.

Mayor Lozeau

No.

Alderman Flynn

Who gave us this company or who referred us to this Credere as a good resource to do this project for us? How did their name come about?

Mayor Lozeau

It came about from Deb Chisholm working with the state and others, and she lays out what their experience is and specific projects that she thinks had some similarities where they had good results and the communities and others that used them have referred them. She walks through the whole thing. She gives us a list of all of the employees and what their credentials are. As Mr. Gabriel pointed out to me, she really hit the mark on everything the NROs relative to professional services wants us to capture. She is very comfortable with them.

Alderman Flynn

So she has done this same type of approach for several companies and decided that Credere had the best offering for us?

Mayor Lozeau

No. She has recommended them as the best based on her experience and her work with the state and others in this field. Then she took that company and now backed up her recommendation in these sheets that you see here attached to this. She did not look at doing an analysis of each of the companies. She did it based on her knowledge and her expertise in this field. She has always delivered very well for us.

Alderman Flynn

She has been in here many times. I appreciate the value she brings, but I wondered how she ended up singling out this particular one. Thank you.

Mayor Lozeau

Is there further discussion?

MOTION CARRIED

From: Robert Gabriel, Purchasing Manager

Re: Manchester Street Bridge Study & Design Contract Amendment #2 (Value: \$33,587)

Account: 753-53030-3713 Manchester Street Bridge – Engineering

Account Balance Remaining After Purchase: \$55,233

MOTION BY ALDERMAN CLEMONS TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE AND AUTHORIZE AMENDMENT #2 TO THE CONTRACT WITH CLD CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR A NET CHANGE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,587. SOURCE OF FUNDING IS ACCT. #753-53030-3713

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Flynn

I said this last time. All I really want to know is has Merrimack paid their share on the first amendment to this purchase order? Do you know?

Mayor Lozeau

No actually I don't know, but I do know that the state is comfortable that they will pay their 5%.

Alderman Flynn

They pay their money to us don't they and we pay – we were assigned this contract and I though the state reimbursed us for half of it, Merrimack reimbursed us, and the city somehow was the agent to pay these contracts that the city enters into.

Mayor Lozeau

I am not certain the reimbursement comes to us that way. I know that it is an 80/20 match. I know that the state funds have been allocated towards this. That is squared away. I know that \$126,000 for the construction that is our share, but I am not clear that the money comes to us from the state and from Merrimack.

Alderman Flynn

You think Merrimack pays money into this?

Mayor Lozeau

I think they may give it to the state.

Alderman Flynn

We pay the state as well?

Mayor Lozeau

That is what I had assumed. That may not be the case.

Alderman Flynn

So we don't know if Merrimack is paying their share yet even on the first installment, but the state is comfortable that Merrimack is going to go forward with this. My understanding the first time was a lot of this expense was because Merrimack had decided not to go forward with the project and now we had to go back to square one. Apparently we found probably some good alternatives that may save both of us some money in the end. Nevertheless, the delay in doing that I guess caused us to go back to square one.

Mayor Lozeau

And the delay in doing that has again brought the Historic District Commission to the table talking about things they have changed, and now, based on some of the things they have required, we are actually leaving the old bridge in place and building over the bridge that they have determined to be historic.

Alderman Flynn

I saw some ugly stuff in here.

Mayor Lozeau

The longer we wait the more I am concerned about what our potential costs going forward might be. I have given some thought to maybe looking at this and deciding it is a pedestrian bridge and not letting the traffic go over it.

Alderman Bolton

I don't know anything for certain, but the way the paperwork appears to be set up, it appears to be a contract between CLD and the City of Nashua and the Town of Merrimack. It looks like both the city and the town are getting a state grant that pays for 80% of our respective shares and then we chip in the rest. It appears to me that if Merrimack doesn't sign CLD stops working because the contract is not a contract until everyone signs it.

Mayor Lozeau

Mr. LeBrun told me that Merrimack is committed to the project.

Alderman Flynn

Thank you Mayor.

Mayor Lozeau

You are welcome. Is there further discussion?

Alderman LaRose

Is there going to be a sidewalk installed with this?

Mayor Lozeau

Yes there will be a sidewalk on this on one side.

Alderman LaRose

What did you say about historic bridge? I didn't quite get that.

Mayor Lozeau

I am afraid to tell you. The Historic District Commission on the state level has determined that the current bridge is of historic value and has requested that we not remove it or build on it, but instead build over it so it will stay in place.

Alderman LaRose

Will the bridge be wider than it is now?

Mayor Lozeau

Yes it is which of course is now creating problems for us with the wetlands because it is wider. It is causing more costs to the road. The saving grade is that the new bridge will be safer because it takes the curve out that is there so it won't be as dangerous. Pennichuck is involved with this because of course it is in their area and they are concerned about a vehicle that could go off the bridge and contaminate the water.

I think some of us may have handled this a little bit differently than the Historic District Commission on the state level, but we are subject to their regulations. That is as diplomatically as I can say it.

Is there further discussion?

MOTION CARRIED

From: Robert Gabriel, Purchasing Manager
Re: Net Metering Project Construction Phase Requested by DPW Engineering
(Value: \$281,370)
Account: 792-01310-3743 Construction Phase – Net Metering Project
Account Balance Remaining After Purchase: \$119,152

MOTION BY ALDERMAN CLEMONS TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE AND AWARD THE CONTRACT TO REILLY ELECTRIC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$281,370. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCT. #792-01310-3743

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Flynn

I am somewhat familiar with this. It doesn't seem that long ago that we entered into this contract with Stearns & Wheler I guess. That wasn't that long ago, and now we have this electrical company. When does this close out? What more is there to come before we actually get this project completed?

Mayor Lozeau

There are two projects that we got stimulus dollars from the state under the Division of Public Works. One was Haines Street and this is the second one, the net metering project. This one was approved because of its energy value. The contract with Stearns & Wheler is based on them completing the work, the hookup of electricity, to move us from; we are currently generating power from the methane between 50-60%. This new work will get us between 90-100%. What is left to be done is everything that goes with this project. It is going forward now. This contract with them is for this specific project.

Alderman Flynn

So is this project done after this or is there another phase?

Mayor Lozeau

The net metering project should be done after this.

Alderman Flynn

It will come in under the \$450,000 or whatever that we at one time felt this was going to cost? It will come in under the funding that we secured?

Mayor Lozeau

I believe so.

Alderman Flynn

I know it is a 50/50 match I think I read earlier.

Mayor Lozeau

Our payback in it is 3.5 years for our share of the money. Is there further discussion on this item?

Alderman Flynn

Several months ago we passed the bond and we had a price increase for the waste water plant right. Was this one of the items that was in that very detailed plan? It was a very well done thought out plan of all I guess capital expenses, projects that we expected to do. Was this included in that project?

Mayor Lozeau

No. It was not. We didn't know at that time that we...

Alderman Flynn

It was something we just felt we couldn't afford to do until the stimulus money came?

Mayor Lozeau

What happened was we had a list of projects that we provided to the state when they asked what communities were interested in having projects considered. While this was an important project to us, it wouldn't have been in our let's say top 5 priorities, but because they were searching for an energy project that is why this one got funded. We had not included it.

Alderman Flynn

It wasn't in our plan?

Mayor Lozeau

No.

Alderman Flynn

Thank you.

Mayor Lozeau

You are welcome.

Alderman Deane

Well the criteria was for the municipality to issue a prioritized list of public works projects and we did that and they decided to fund things that were low on the priority list, and this was one of them.

Mayor Lozeau

Correct, high on their priority list low on ours.

Alderman Deane

A lot of time and effort went into that, and it is too bad somebody didn't say something from the get go so that people's time wasn't put to waste.

Mayor Lozeau

Is there further discussion on this item?

MOTION CARRIED

From: Robert Gabriel, Purchasing Manager

Re: Contract Award for Combined Sewer Overflow Sluice Gate Design Services

(Value: \$95,229)

Account: 792-53030-3791 Engineering Services – CIP - Facility

Account Balance Remaining After Purchase: \$ 636,561

MOTION BY ALDERMAN CLEMONS TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE AND AWARD THE CONTRACT TO HAZEN AND SAWYER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$95,229. SOURCE OF FUNDING IS ACCOUNT #792-53030-3791

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Flynn

It is fresh in my mind. We only did this in the spring. Was this something that we had factored in? I have always paid some attention, but I think this CSO project has been a little overwhelming for all of us. It is on most agendas with something going on. Now that we have seen it as part of a rate increase and we have seen it as an actual bond, I would feel better knowing that this was within our plan as opposed to something that, even though I thought the plan was well thought out, would this have been included in those costs that we had put in when we did that extended spreadsheet?

Mayor Lozeau

Yes. As a matter of fact, the design here we went back and asked to take another look at some of the size of our storage tanks and other things. This was a result of us believing that we can

now reduce the size of our storage tanks by storing some of this within the pipe, by having a gate there. This actually, in the long run, when it is done, may save us some money. It was included in the plan.

Alderman Flynn

Thank you.

Alderman Deane

This was a direct result of the second round of modeling we had done right?

Mayor Lozeau

Right.

Alderman Deane

We don't want to talk about the first round of modeling.

Mayor Lozeau

Well anything that helps us reduce things.

Alderman Deane

Thank you.

Mayor Lozeau

You are welcome.

Alderman LaRose

Thank you. The 20% that we can get from the state grant, that is 20% of the \$95,000? At the very bottom it says the project is eligible for 20% NH DES state Aid Grant.

Mayor Lozeau

Yes that would be the case. We don't know if we will get that.

Alderman LaRose

But we are eligible to get it.

Mayor Lozeau

This \$95,000 is the total cost of the project without the 20%.

Alderman LaRose

If we should prevail on getting 20% does that money go back into this engineering service?

Mayor Lozeau

No. It will just reduce the overall project cost.

Alderman LaRose

In other words, we don't have to pay the \$95,000 up front.

Mayor Lozeau

Even if we were eligible for the 20% from the state we would have to pay it up front and would be reimbursed. The state right now has basically suspended those payments.

Alderman LaRose

That is exactly what I mean the reimbursement goes back into this account.

Mayor Lozeau

Yes. I thought you meant to the engineering company or something. Yes it would go back in. Is there further discussion on the item?

MOTION CARRIED

From: Robert Gabriel, Purchasing Manager

Re: Contract Award for 2009 Stormwater Improvements Requested by DPW Engineering
(Value: \$74,420)

Account: 792-53181-3794 Stormwater Abatement – NWTF

Account Balance Remaining After Purchase: \$257,437

MOTION BY ALDERMAN CLEMONS TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE AND AWARD THE CONTRACT TO CSSI IN THE AMOUNT OF \$74,420. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCT. #792-53181-3794

ON THE QUESTION

Mayor Lozeau

I would just point out Alderman Flynn this is one of the projects I mentioned earlier about base paving happening. Some of you have noticed I don't know if it has come up in Finance or somewhere else, where we talked about this piece of Main Dunstable Road that didn't happen. Part of this project is that, letting them get in there and do the work, which is why that hadn't had final paving done. The other part is the Sanborn Drive culvert cleaning because of some of the flooding over there in that area. Those are the two projects that this will take care of.

Just in case some of you are interested, the Main Dunstable road work is about two weeks worth of work now and then two weeks in the spring. The Sanborn Drive that work should be done before January, but it is rather weather dependent.

Alderman Flynn

I have been on this committee for a few years, but it is always different and interesting how the city approaches things. Even though this is written up in, if you read the communication from Robert Gabriel, the second paragraph starts off "The second part of this project is located on Sanborn Drive". On the flip side of the page, I am assuming that those costs are just the

opposite of that; that the cleanup on Sanborn Drive must be the \$10,000 and the other one must be the \$64,000. I don't think the cleanup on Sanborn Drive would be \$64,000. Sanborn Drive doesn't sound like a huge project for \$64,000.

On the bid sheet about the third sheet back they are flip flopped as well, Sanborn Drive is at the top.

Mayor Lozeau

The five catch basins, the reinforced concrete pipe, and the riprap and all of that is much more expensive than cleaning the culverts and inlet structure.

Alderman Flynn

When I first read it I thought it was the other way around, but now I think I have convinced myself it has to be flip flopped.

At one time wasn't the school department going to take care of this Sanborn Drive issue? I thought I heard about this a number of times that the Joint Special School Building Committee – I know this was an interest to Alderman Cookson. I thought somehow money had been set aside and he had talked to the neighbors and that this was being addressed through the school district.

Mayor Lozeau

I have gotten myself in trouble on Sanborn Drive before because Alderman Cookson at one meeting asked me if the work was completed and I said yes because I had remembered going through this discussion, and then realized the work hadn't been done.

There are two parts to this project is my understanding. One is the culvert inlet cleaning piece that we are talking about here. The other one is a swale piece that is very expensive where there are trees and all kinds of other things in the way. I think that is the one that the discussions with the school have been about is that whole swale piece versus the culverts and what needs to be done there. Although I know with the culvert cleaning part of what they are doing is they are going to put in some screening ahead of the culverts to try to catch debris before it blocks pipes and things like that, but I couldn't tell you with any certainty what role the school has had in this discussion. I just know that this is part of those items that we have been collecting in Public Works that demonstrate drainage problems some of which we can solve and get our arms around and some of which we can't. I know that this has two parts to it, but I do not understand the school's role in it to answer with any confidence.

Alderman Flynn

I probably didn't keep up with that discussion well. I thought at one time the neighbors had been presented with both projects and had decided this project was less intrusive to the neighbors and this is what they voted on, this is what they wanted to have. At that time I thought the school district was going to address it.

Alderman Bolton

I know the answer to this if anyone is interested.

Mayor Lozeau

Yes. Thank you.

Alderman Bolton

This was all part of the Joint Special School Building Committee's deliberations on what to do when the first spring after the north high school was built we had significant flooding in the athletic fields and how to cope with that. Various designs were worked up and cost estimates done for how to control that flooding problem and estimates on how often we would have it, if it would be a yearly event or once every ten years or how often it would be.

One of the solutions was this very expensive and complicated project to basically deal with the drainage from Lincoln Brook all the way down and out to the river and improve the capacity of the existing channel and piping system. Ultimately the neighbors were not all that interested in that it was going to be very intrusive and change the landscape of what effectively are the backyards of some of the people.

Other plans were to redirect some of that runoff through piping to the westerly side of the high school and reach the river from that path. Ultimately when everything was considered, it was determined that the amount of time we thought or the number of occasions we thought the problem would develop, the cost of repairing the fields and equipment in the fields, the drainage facilities and irrigation facilities and so forth, would be less long term than doing either one of the significantly costly projects.

Basically as part of the high school construction there was no value in doing anything downstream beyond Sanborn. The high school didn't contribute to the problem, the high school wasn't there when the problem basically developed over decades, and the high school would not significantly benefit from anything else, and so basically the matter was returned to the city in general, the Division of Public Works in particular to deal with it as it would deal with any runoff issues anywhere else in the city.

It was a situation that as I say at one time neighbors were involved to the extent if we were going to impact them they were consulted. Ultimately we decided that it was not any part of any benefit to the high school project so it was not done and we never were going to do this cleanup aspect and this minimal work that apparently is needed and going to be addressed through this project.

Mayor Lozeau

Thank you.

Alderman Flynn

Thank you. That is pretty consistent with how I remember it although I thought the school district was going to do the final addressing of the issue. Thank you that is pretty much how I remembered it.

How did we happen to decide to gang these two projects together? How did they end up being brother and sister?

Mayor Lozeau

I have no idea. I think that what happens is they are projects that the engineering department prioritizes and they are working on them together I think they just brought them in together.

Alderman Flynn

And then they asked somebody to bid on them as a group right? It is kind of funny how some can do one part of the project so appreciably less than the other project. One can do the project for 10 and the other one can do it for 20, but on the other two projects they are flip flopped; one can do it for less. If you had put them out as separate bids I don't know what you would have got for prices. It is not characteristic I think to see pretty much disassociated projects put out on the same bid asking for someone to bid on both or none.

Mayor Lozeau

I didn't think to ask that question. I just know they are priority projects of engineering and they probably coupled them together because the same engineer was working on what the project was. I know that this company is familiar to them and that they have done work for the city before, utility work at the transit building. I think they felt comfortable with their bid and what they deliver for work based on that.

Alderman Flynn

I didn't have a problem with who won the bid, but if they had gone as two separate bids I don't know if the price would have been less or not. It is unusual to see totally disassociated projects put out that way. I see us do two different areas for sidewalks. Mill City I think got the sidewalks on South Main Street and over on Lund Road. That seemed more projects that were somewhat associated compared to cleaning out culverts and putting in storm drains or whatever it is. Thank you.

Mayor Lozeau

I didn't think to ask how they got coupled. Is there further discussion on the motion?

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

DISCUSSION - None

WARRANT

MOTION BY ALDERMAN CLEMONS TO APPROVE WARRANT #9 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$10,652,402.27 OF WHICH \$1,823,639.41 ARE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, \$5,241,886.54 ARE PAYROLL AMOUNTS, \$4,123.87 ARE PREPAY AMOUNTS AND \$3,582,752.45 ARE WIRE TRANSFERS
MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

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

The Finance Committee meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons
Committee Clerk