

REPORT OF THE HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

A meeting of the Human Affairs Committee was held Wednesday, September 30, 2009 at 7:23 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber.

Chairman Lori Wilshire presided.

Members of the Committee present: Alderman Richard LaRose, Vice Chair  
Alderman Marc W. Plamondon  
Alderman Richard P. Flynn

Members not in Attendance: Alderman David MacLaughlin

Also in Attendance: Alderman-at-Large David W. Deane  
Alderman Michael A. Tamposi  
Alderman Jeffrey T. Cox  
Alderman Michael J. Tabacsko  
Katie Patrini, Director, Upper Room Ministry  
Peter Kelleher, President/CEO, Harbor Homes

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COMMUNICATIONS - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

**R-09-232**

Endorsers: Mayor Donnalee Lozeau  
Alderman Michael J. Tabacsko  
Alderman Marc W. Plamondon  
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons  
Alderman-at-Large Brian S. McCarthy

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$190,000 INTO SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT #374-7030 “EDI DOWNTOWN RIVERFRONT REDEVELOPMENT” FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

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

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman LaRose

Do you know exactly what portion of the Riverwalk we are talking about?

Chairman Wilshire

I can tell you the information I got from the Mayor’s Office, and I will just read the little blurb that she gave us. I thought it was helpful. “Thanks to support from Senator Gregg, the city received \$190,000 for the continuation of the design and construction of the Riverwalk downtown along the Nashua River. The funding can be used for design, project management, installation of urban features, construction of the walkway, and other consistent uses. Possible sections of the Riverwalk to be

constructed include the connection between the lower and upper trail near the Senior Center and the construction of the connection between Jackson Falls Condominiums and Margarita's." So it is that portion down behind the library.

Alderman LaRose

Thank you.

Chairman Wilshire

You are welcome. Is there other discussion? The motion before us is to recommend final passage of R-09-232.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**R-09-233**

Endorsers: Alderman Marc W. Plamondon  
Alderman-at-Large Fred S. Teeboom  
Alderman Michael J. Tabacsko  
Alderman Mark S. Cookson  
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons  
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire  
Alderman-at-Large Brian S. McCarthy

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF A NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES BROWNFIELDS CLEANUP REVOLVING LOAN FUND PETROLEUM SUBGRANT OF \$200,000 INTO SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT #371-7035**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN PLAMONDON TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE  
MOTION CARRIED**

**R-09-234**

Endorser: Mayor Donnalee Lozeau  
Alderman Michael J. Tabacsko  
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons  
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF AN ADDITIONAL \$92,495 INTO SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT # 341-6449 "FY 2010 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT" FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

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

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Deane

When you look at it, it states in the paragraph on the front of the resolution, "This funding shall be in effect from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010." So it is going into a special revenue account so it would be just left in there. Can it be utilized in the out years for the same purpose?

Chairman Wilshire

I believe it can and this year it is going to be used to support the H1N1 flu activity. This says the Center for Disease Control and Prevention funding has been made available to states to support planning and response activities related to H1N1 influenza. No match for the city. It says funding will be distributed to greater Nashua public health region in three phases; Phase I \$42,495 for planning activities, includes funding to subcontract for .5 FTE to aid in planning efforts through June 30, 2010, Phase II would be \$50,000 used for planning and initial response activities, includes funding to subcontract for .5 FTE to aid in planning efforts through June, 2010, and the amount of Phase III is yet to be determined, response activities including mass vaccination clinics and acute care activation.

Alderman Deane

Thank you. What was the total amount?

Chairman Wilshire

The Phase I portion was \$42,495, Phase II portion was \$50,000, and what I got from the Mayor the amount of Phase III is yet to be determined. It would have to be the difference, well no that is the \$92,495 isn't it.

Alderman Deane

Yes. So the \$42,495 the explanation for that is what planning?

Chairman Wilshire

Planning activities and funding to subcontract for .5 FTE to aid in planning efforts through June 30, 2010.

Alderman Deane

And the \$50,000?

Chairman Wilshire

Planning and initial response activities.

Alderman Deane

So there is more planning and I take it whatever the balance is going to be is going to probably cover what?

Chairman Wilshire

What it says here is mass vaccination clinics and acute care center activation. There is no one here to speak on this from Public Health, but this is the information the Mayor sent over to me this afternoon.

Alderman Deane

So they are going to hire 5 FTEs to do the planning...

Chairman Wilshire

Point 5 FTEs.

Alderman Deane

Oh .5 FTEs to do the planning or FTE rather and then they are going to have another \$50,000 for more planning and what was the other thing?

Chairman Wilshire

The Phase III that she put in here is to be determined; response activities including mass vaccination clinics, acute care center activation.

Alderman Deane

So that would be the process that would be carried out once the planning is done by the .5 FTE?

Chairman Wilshire

That is what I understand from the Mayor's communication yes.

Alderman Deane

And you would imagine the rest of it would be probably the medicine that would be distributed through vaccination right?

Chairman Wilshire

Through the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

Alderman Deane

And we add this to the \$364,000 we have already gotten.

Chairman Wilshire

Yes this is an additional grant/additional funding.

Alderman Deane

Do you know off hand has there been any activity with the \$364,000 that was received through R-09-196 to date?

Chairman Wilshire

I couldn't tell you what the activity has been to date. I know that they are still waiting for the H1N1. I

know that the city has gone out to the public schools and done some immunizations, just the regular seasonal influenza not the H1N1. They ran out. They had 500 vaccinations and ran out. They didn't expect to have such a good response from parents for their kids. They ran out of the injection vaccination not the nasal injection.

Alderman Deane

There is a nasal application?

Chairman Wilshire

Yes. There is one that is a squirt type thing.

Alderman Deane

No wonder why they gave them away. If they offered a child a needle or a nasal injection..

Chairman Wilshire

They actually went more for the injection than they did for the nasal spray. They were surprise about it, and they ran out of vaccination sooner than they expected to.

Alderman Deane

Thank you.

Chairman Wilshire

You are welcome. Is there further discussion? The motion before us is to recommend final passage of R-09-234.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**R-09-235**

Endorser: Alderman Michael A. Tamposi

**AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF \$4,000 FROM FY2009 CDBG CONTINGENCY FUNDS INTO CDBG ACCOUNT 374-07163-7109 "UPPER ROOM COMPASSIONATE MINISTRY"**

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

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman LaRose

You know what my feeling is on most of these things. I was over there, but I didn't notice any sinkhole so I would like to know where the sinkhole is.

Alderman Tamposi

It is in the parking lot. It is there. It is pretty noticeable.

Chairman Wilshire

I know we have people from the Upper Room here if the committee has no objection to them joining us for questions.

Alderman LaRose

I haven't.

Chairman Wilshire

Would you like to join us?

Katie Patrini

The sinkhole we have in the building we enter a parking lot off of Tolles Street, we have egress now from Whitney Street all the way from Whitney Street around to deposit the clothing at our drop off doors. Then the cars continue on through the parking lot and out Tolles Street. Just as you go to turn from depositing the clothing, you turn, and the sinkhole is right there in front of you, and if there is a car parked next to the building out it leaves very little room to get through that area where that sinkhole is.

I think that is like 12', it is quite a ways. It is square and it goes right up against the curbing. The whole curbing that was put in is all cracking and starting to fall into the hole as well.

Chairman Wilshire

Thank you.

Alderman LaRose

I don't know how I missed that. Maybe there was a car or something over there. I am assuming that they had somebody that knows how to take care of the sinkhole?

Alderman Tamposi

I know that there were at least three bids. I am pretty sure there were four, and I think it is a pretty common; go in, cut it out, fill it in/stabilize it with some fill, and pave it back over. Mr. Slattery had gotten in at least three bids.

Alderman LaRose

Okay. I am satisfied it is not a figure picked out of the air.

Alderman Deane

Normally a sink hole just doesn't happen. There is usually a reason. Does anyone know what the reason is? Is it the sewer line; is it an old terracotta drain line from the building? Does anyone know? Do you happen to know Mike?

Alderman Tamposi

I don't know off hand, but I am almost positive that was part of the thing that they were looking into. I did bring that up. The companies that they asked to come in and do this are Hudson Paving, and...

Chairman Wilshire

They are reputable?

Alderman Tamposi

Yes.

Alderman Deane

I had one more question. Thank you very much. Does the Upper Room Compassionate Ministry offer any religious services?

Katie Patrini

We do have on Sunday morning there is a church that meets down below our church.

Alderman Deane

On the property?

Katie Patrini

Yes, it is a church that sort of comes and uses our facility there.

Alderman Deane

For what like an hour or hour and a half?

Katie Patrini

Yes just an hour.

Chairman Wilshire

But it is not your group that provides that?

Katie Patrini

No. They come in and they are there, and we choose to worship there.

Chairman Wilshire

Thank you.

Alderman Deane

But your ministry does not provide any religious services?

Katie Patrini

That is the only religious service. We have a group of volunteers that choose to come to our bible study during their lunch time on Wednesday, and nobody is obligated. We serve anyone that comes whatever the need is. We don't choose.

Alderman Deane

But that is offered by your organization?

Katie Patrini

Yes.

Alderman Deane

Okay. Thank you.

Katie Patrini

You are welcome.

Chairman Wilshire

Is there further discussion?

Alderman Flynn

It sounds like this is something that has to be taken care of quickly. I would imagine lighting gets worse with the shorter days. So somebody is in place to do this before the first of November or something like that?

Chairman Wilshire

That is my understanding yes.

Alderman Flynn

It has all been taken care of? What kind of lighting do they have in this area?

Alderman Tamposi

I think it is just street lighting there.

Alderman Flynn

I imagine it would be difficult to maneuver through there as the days get shorter and the lighting gets worse. And they have somebody in place right?

Chairman Wilshire

Yes.

Alderman Flynn

To get this done this fall?

Chairman Wilshire

Yes.

Alderman Flynn

Good.

Chairman Wilshire

Is there further discussion on R-09-235?

**MOTION CARRIED**

**R-09-236**

Endorser: Mayor Donnalee Lozeau  
Alderman Marc W. Plamondon  
Alderman Michael J. Tabacsko  
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons  
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire  
Alderman Paul M. Chasse, Jr.

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF AN ADDITIONAL \$69,768  
FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT INTO SPECIAL  
REVENUE ACCOUNT #341-6414 "HOPWA GRANT"**

Chairman Wilshire

For the record, HOPWA is Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids.

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN LAROSE TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE  
MOTION CARRIED**

**R-09-238**

Endorsers: Alderman Marc W. Plamondon  
Alderman Richard P. Flynn  
Alderman Michael J. Tabacsko  
Alderman Jeffrey T. Cox  
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons  
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire  
Alderman-at-Large Brian S. McCarthy

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF DONATED MATERIALS AND SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF APPROXIMATELY \$100,000 FROM GREAT AMERICAN DOWNTOWN FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE RIVERWALK**

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

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman LaRose

Former Alderman Richardson said something about \$100,000 and materials, but the way this reads is it is approximately \$100,000 in donated materials and services. It is not \$100,000 plus donated materials and services. I am not exactly sure what the donated materials and services are, but it talks about stairs to the..

Alderman Plamondon

Stairway leading from the Riverwalk down to the Heritage Trail.

Alderman LaRose

And other things. I have to assume that the materials are the building of a seating area and stairs and things of that nature. I believe that also coincides with the \$190,000 that we are getting from the Federal Government, R-09-232.

Chairman Wilshire

I understand that some of the donated materials include decorative pavers and a seating area like you said. I think those are the kind of things they are looking to donate. "The Great American Downtown and the City are partnering to improve another portion of the Riverwalk with funds from the McClain Contributorship. The funds were awarded to G.A.D. and G.A.D. will be responsible for purchasing the supplies, hiring contractors as necessary to complete the project. These goods and services donated by G.A.D. will enhance the capped area with decorative pavers and seating areas as well as create a safer walkway from the parking area along the east side of the Library down to the Heritage Trail. The expertise of city employees will be used to install the decorative pavers and seating area as schedules allow. This portion of the Riverwalk adjacent to the library and the parking lot contained asbestos and was capped by the EPA in 2007." That is the blurb I got on that.

Alderman Plamondon

If I might, I would like to add to that. Go back about 12 years ago we were still very focused on revitalizing our downtown and we identified one of the major assets was the Nashua River. At that time, you couldn't see the river. It was a focus to cut back the growth and open it up for pedestrian

access. Obviously a project of this magnitude is very expensive so we have been doing it in sections. We have the Cotton Bridge now that is done we just need to develop the other side of the river in conjunction with Mr. Stabile and his company, but once the project is complete, it is really going to do a tremendous amount of a destination to go downtown, walk along the river, go shopping, access into Mine Falls Park. Just for the public benefit, it is a long time working on especially a project of this magnitude where funds are tough to get, and getting a grant of this size, of \$100,000, really helps a lot. We still have a long way to go, but this is still a large step forward. It is one of these projects that I am anxious to see come to completion. We are not far away, but we are getting there. Thank you.

Chairman Wilshire

Is there further discussion?

Alderman Deane

Thank you. I believe this had to go in front of the Zoning Board for the work that was being done down there. There were quite a few stipulations put on the plans that they had brought forward. The stairs were one of them due to different elevations and distance from the river and things of that nature. It is going to be kind of an as-built when they get down there and start figuring out the different elevations and how it will tie together.

I tend to agree that the Riverwalk is nice to have, it looks nice, and it gives people an area to maneuver on if they care to walk down there. The thing that really kind of bothers me the most is when you look at those condominiums that are down there, take a good hard look underneath the cantilevered section of the Riverwalk, it is covered with graffiti. It is unbelievable, and it has been like that for a long, long time. It is nice to build things, it is also nice to maintain them too while you are at it. It would probably be a good place to go down and blast that stuff off and set those cameras up down there that we purchased, and catch these people that are doing this and prosecute them. It is not too tasteful for what is down there now. I just would like to see us do a better job maintaining that. I know there is some private property down there, but the city can speak with some of these people, Code Enforcement or whatever to see if we can do something about cleaning that up. Thank you.

Chairman Wilshire

I agree Alderman Deane.

Alderman Tabacsko

Thank you Chairman Wilshire. I couldn't agree more with the previous speaker about the graffiti and getting that cleaning up and if there is some way, some camera system that would work. I just wanted to point out that a couple of the things that are going on tonight are helping in this direction that Alderman Plamondon spoke about, the overall Riverwalk. The sooner that we get that done and more people are utilizing it, that also in the long term helps prevent those exact same things, the graffiti issues that unfortunately have cropped up. Just wanted to get that out. Thank you.

Chairman Wilshire

The motion before us is to recommend final passage of R-09-238. Is there further discussion?

**MOTION CARRIED**

**R-09-239**

Endorser: Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire  
Alderman Marc W. Plamondon  
Alderman Michael J. Tabacsko  
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons  
Alderman-at-Large David W. Deane  
Alderman Paul M. Chasse, Jr.  
Alderman Jeffrey T. Cox

**RELATIVE TO THE USE OF HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP FUNDS BY HARBOR HOMES FOR AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT LOCATED AT 59 FACTORY STREET**

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

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Plamondon

Thank you. This is another example of Harbor Homes working in conjunction with local, state, and federal government and Harbor Homes' and Nashua's position on assisting veterans, particularly homeless veterans with favorable discharges. One more example of Nashua being in the forefront within the country leading this and supporting our homeless veterans. This is a large project. We have been successful in prior projects on Spring and Amherst Streets, and this just adds to that. I just want to compliment Harbor Homes and the direction they have gone. Also kudos to the city in our support. Thank you.

Alderman LaRose

Thank you. Reading the Resolution, the way I read it is that there are going to be three additional units. Is that correct? So in other words there are going to be 43 units instead of the 40 that they were planning?

Chairman Wilshire

No. What he said earlier at the public hearing was that it was 40 units. I see. There will be 3 additional home assisted units in their proposed 40 units affordable housing project.

Alderman LaRose

I see what you are saying. Okay. I got it now. Thank you.

Chairman Wilshire

Is there further discussion?

Alderman Deane

I had a question of Mr. Kelleher if you don't mind.

Chairman Wilshire

Peter would you join us?

Alderman Deane

Thank you. In my time, I worked on one of these projects where the Davis-Bacon Act came into play, which there is a listing of set wages by the Federal Government of what the prevailing wage should be for people in different varieties of skills. When I first came upon that when we were building the skate park I was really nervous because I looked at that and said boy the Federal Government the wage scale must be off the charts and nobody is probably paying that money so what you end up having to do is whatever the employer is paying you have to make up the difference in the wage so if the cement finisher was being paid by the company \$6/hour and David-Bacon Act said \$10 then you would have to add an additional \$4/hour to that individual's salary.

What I found out at that time was that the David-Bacon Act was completely in reverse of what the reality of prevailing wages for skilled labor was paying in the construction field, and now, with the way the economy is, it appears to have done a complete 180 where the employers are paying a lot less to their skilled labor than what the Federal Government thinks they should be being paid hourly.

When you look at the way the economy is and the way people are bidding jobs and what they are doing to their employees because they just let people go because they can get people in at a cheaper rate, but my understanding is that the prevailing wages as set by Davis-Bacon Act go directly to the employee not to the employer so that the employee of the company does get that wage. It can't be withheld by the employer to use for whatever they might have had planned for it.

Do you happen to know what your total amount of discrepancy is between the bids that you have received to date and what your requirements are to make up the difference?

Peter Kelleher

I don't know the precise number. I know that our Vice President for Finance tells me that it is about \$200,000. What happened for us in the project was that we have a construction management firm that put the project out to bid with the various subs and so forth and the David-Bacon wages changed after we got all of the bids back so we had to sort of re-send it out again to have adjustments made in everyone's bid to comply with what the David-Bacon requirements were. That is pretty much what my knowledge of it is. The main thing from my perspective is that we needed to get more money from somewhere so that is kind of what brings us to this place today.

Alderman Deane

Were the wages updated after you had received your bids?

Peter Kelleher

Yes.

Alderman Deane

So the Davis-Bacon Act was updated. That must have been something a little tough to stumble upon especially when you had everything lined up and ready to go and you're still, even with this \$100,000, you are still short? Is that correct?

Peter Kelleher

The total impact of the Davis-Bacon component was about \$200,000. There are many elements that sort of drove costs in a direction that we need to bring more revenue into the project. As I said earlier, there were other factors as well.

Alderman Deane

You had talked about the sprinkler, the coal ash..

Peter Kelleher

There are about 5 major ones; the coal ash \$98,000.

Alderman Deane

When you change the use of a building that is that old and gut the thing down normally you find a lot of things that were used in common practice way back when that are now forbidden and mostly contaminate issues. That is all I had. I am just surprised because when I had the Davis-Bacon Act it was a complete 180. The wage scale that they had you required to use was significantly less than the wages that were being paid at that point in time. Thank you very much.

Alderman Plamondon

Thank you. While Mr. Kelleher is up here, I would like to pose a couple of questions. Along that same line, cost estimates for February 20, 2009 put the project at a little over \$5 million. The overruns with the coal, the Davis-Bacon, are you about \$5.2 million or more than that do you think? It is a huge project.

Peter Kelleher

Right \$5.2 million is the total project cost.

Alderman Plamondon

So that is where it is tending now so other things are really falling in line then. Thank you for that. My other question is has the site plan changed at all since you started to refurb. and all that? Still the same outline and...

Peter Kelleher

No changes.

Alderman Plamondon

Very good. Thank you. Thank you Madam Chair.

Chairman Wilshire

You are welcome.

Alderman Tabacsko

Thank you. My question is regarding the HOME funds themselves. If you know this Madam Chair, is the \$250,000 that is talked about here, is that the first money we have taken from this year's HOME funds?

Chairman Wilshire

I believe it is yes. It is the only application we have had for this year's funds.

Alderman Tabacsko

It is the only application. That is actually the question. Thank you. And so am I reading this right then the difference is back to that \$394,000 figure that is in the legislation, that is what would be left as a balance in the HOME funds for FY10?

Chairman Wilshire

No. Oh I see what you are saying.

Alderman Tabacsko

Was the \$394,000 the original HOME grant for...

Chairman Wilshire

I believe it was, and then it would be the difference between that and the \$250,000 that would be the balance for the FY10 account.

Alderman Tabacsko

Thank you. I just wanted to make sure I understood that.

Alderman Deane

There may be additional money from prior years in that HOME because at one point in time there was a significant amount of money in those accounts. I thought the, maybe I am wrong, but I thought that project on Lake Street where they had that fire, I thought we had authorized some HOME funds to help fund that project too.

Chairman Wilshire

I don't know if that was from FY10 funds or prior year.

Alderman LaRose

I believe it was the FY09.

Alderman Deane

But it was still HOME funds though.

Chairman Wilshire

It was still HOME funds yes.

Alderman LaRose

I think it depleted the fund.

Chairman Wilshire

I can get the balance and e-mail that out to the committee.

Alderman Tabacsko

I was just curious. I know that the application has got its own; the HOME application is a little more restrictive than some of the others.

Chairman Wilshire

Than the regular CDBG funds or anything yes it is.

Alderman Plamondon

Just another example of difficulty answering these questions without someone from staff here that is familiar with the allocation of funds, what year they are coming from, and the variety. It is unfortunate. That is all I have to say it is unfortunate.

Alderman Deane

Well we can change the ordinance if you would like because when you look at the resolution since there is no fiscal impact locally there is no fiscal note required. Since it is all federal grant funds, when we had put that requirement on that fiscal note on the legislation for all legislation that had appropriations, if it was locally generated funds then the fiscal note had to be part of the legislation. This is just federal money that has no, it does have an impact on us because we all work and we all pay taxes. It has an impact on everyone directly, but not indirectly with our tax rate. I understand your point.

Chairman Wilshire

I can get that information Alderman Plamondon and forward it to you.

Alderman Plamondon

If I might just to continue, in our conversations typically like what we just discussed, the HOME funds and Lake Street, was it from the FY09 or FY10, we don't bring all of those spreadsheets in with us. We are not neck deep in that data and it comes up in our conversation because it is nice to know where these funds are coming from, and yes they are federal, but there is an impact, so we could try to stay on top of these things. That was my point. It just helps tremendously and it is something that since '96 when I was first on this committee, we always had somebody to help us with – the other

thing that is important too is the federal guidelines on these funds are extremely restrictive so it is not something that we can muddle through or guess or stick our finger in the air and can we spend this money. This is federal law, these guidelines, we need the professional staff.

Chairman Wilshire

Right and this account is restricted to certain activities so it is not just anyone that can apply and get these funds. Mr. Slattery has been very good about making sure they comply with all of the requirements.

Alderman Deane

I wanted to comment on that. If this request wasn't vetted by Mr. Slattery who goes through his process, that is why he works here, and the Legal Department, the legislation wouldn't be here to begin with. If there is a problem then the administration has a problem with it or if there is a misunderstanding, but I would imagine Mr. Slattery and the Legal Department go through this and they understand it. That is what Mr. Slattery does for a living. He is well educated in this bureaucratic process of letting these funds be released.

Chairman Wilshire

Yes he is.

Alderman Deane

I have a lot of faith in him as well as our Legal Department when this type of legislation comes in.

Chairman Wilshire

Is there further discussion? The motion before us is to recommend final passage of R-09-239.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Peter Kelleher

Thank you. We are very grateful. If I could just add one other thing, I overheard Alderman Deane's comments about the graffiti. It reminded me of the fact that we have been working with the city for about 15 years on something called Operation Brightside. It is sort of a joint venture where Anheuser Busch funds us to pay a number of our clients each summer who go out and look for city beautification projects. When I go into work tomorrow I will see if we can offer our services in that area. Thank you.

Chairman Wilshire

Thank you.

Alderman Deane

That would be awesome.

Alderman Tabacsko

Thank you.

Chairman Wilshire

Very nice. Thank you Peter.

PUBLIC COMMENT

GENERAL DISCUSSION - None

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN PLAMONDON TO ADJOURN  
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Alderman Richard P. Flynn  
Committee Clerk