

Long Term Debt Committee
October 21, 2019
Minutes of the Meeting

Attendance

Chairman Darcy	Present
Councillor Fowler	Present
Councillor McMenimen	Present
Councillor Nabulime	Present
Councillor Vidal	Present

Chairman Darcy called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Councillor Fowler moved approval of the October 7, 2019 minutes. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

1. The Mayor respectfully request a transfer of funds in the amount of \$97,264 to make major repairs /upgrades to Senior Center, Trapelo Fire Station, Prospect Street Fire Station, Central Fire Station and Waltham Radio Tower.

Councillor Vidal moved to hear from all off committee members. Motion was adopted on a voice vote. Building Superintendent Bill Forte appeared before the committee. Mr. Forte said improvements are needed at these locations to protect against life safety issues and also for maintenance reasons. Councillor Vidal asked about the water issues at the Trapelo Road fire station. Councillor Fowler asked who will be working on these issues. Mr. Forte said a contractor will be selected. Councillor Nabulime asked if the project will be bid out. No Forte said no, the City will get three quotes. Councillor Fowler made a motion for approval. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

2. The Mayor respectfully request a transfer of capital improvement and traffic impact funds totaling \$98,448 to be used to purchase and install 3 video detection cameras at Moody & Common Streets, Main and Lexington Streets and Elm & Church Streets.

Councillor Vidal moved to hear from all off committee members. Motion was adopted on a voice vote. City Traffic Engineer Michael Garvin appeared before the committee. Mr. Garvin informed the committee that these funds would be used to perform various repair and replacement of vital systems necessary to support ongoing emergency operations, mainly the emergency generator replacement at the communications tower at Prospect Hill. Mr. Garvin said once this work is completed the Wires Department can implement hardware and software so that the systems can communicate with each other. Councillor Nabulime asked if all three cameras will eventually communicate with each other. Mr. Garvin said yes. Councillor Nabulime asked why couldn't the City implement the wires departments' portion of this project at the same time. Mr. Garvin said that is possible however that phase of the project has not been funded to date. Councillor Vidal asked if this system is self-monitored. Mr. Garvin said some training will be required. Councillor Fowler made a motion for approval. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

3. The Mayor respectfully requests a transfer of funds totaling \$220,000 to fund the drainage improvements in the Lowell Street and Ash Street area.

Councillor Vidal moved to hear from all off committee members. Motion was adopted on a voice vote. City Engineer Steve Casazza appeared before the committee. Mr. Casazza said the City has been working on this project for over a year now. They have found a crushed pipe that is causing flooding issues in this area. Mr. Casazza said the City will hire a company to do cleaning and lining on these pipes and expand capacity. Mr. Casazza said this work will not prevent flooding on major storms but will help with flash floods. Councillor Vidal asked if Lowell Street would be torn up. Mr. Casazza said yes from Lowell to Ash. Councillor Vidal asked when will the project start and how long will it take. Mr. Casazza said it will start next spring and take about three months. Councillor McMenimen asked why all pipes were not being replaced. Mr. Casazza said that camering showed that some of the pipes are in good shape. Councillor Nabulime said she is voting no on this item as a protest vote against this request. Councillor Nabulime said she feels that there are flooding issues in other areas that should be worked on before this project. Councillor Fowler made a motion for approval. A roll call was requested.

Chairman Darcy	Yes
Councillor Fowler	Yes
Councillor McMenimen	Yes
Councillor Nabulime	No
Councillor Vidal	Yes

The motion was adopted on a 4 – 1 vote.

Councillor McMenimen made a motion to adjourn. Motion was adopted on a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 6:26 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas J Magno - Clerk