

Long Term Debt Committee
May 20, 2019
Minutes of the Meeting

Attendance

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

Chairman Darcy called the meeting to order at 6.00 p.m.

Councillor Vidal moved approval of the May 6, 2019 minutes. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

1. The Mayor requests a transfer in the amount of \$7,000 for the topographical survey and presentation of an Existing Conditions Plan of Land at the Fernald Property.

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 these funds are needed to complete the design plans for the restoration of the wetland project up at the Fernald site. Councillor Fowler asked if additional funds were needed. Mr. Casazza said these are all the funds that are needed to get to the bid process. Chairman Darcy asked if this study was just for the 22 acres around the cottages. Mr. Casazza said yes, just that area. Chairman Darcy asked for a project time line. Mr. Casazza said this should be done within the next month and then he will make a recommendation to the Mayor for funding. Councillor Fowler made a motion for approval. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

2. The Mayor respectfully request an appropriation and a transfer of funds totaling \$567,478 to fund the low and responsible bidder for the Whittemore School playground improvements.

Councillor McMenimen moved to hear from all off committee members. Motion was adopted on a voice vote. PTO President Allison Hutton and project Engineer Arsen Hambardzumian appeared before the committee. Councillor McMenimen asked if these funds were for the construction of the fields. Ms. Hutton discussed the improvements that will be added as part of this project. Off committee, ward Councillor Harris thanked all the committee members and spoke about how this project will benefit all ages. Councillor McMenimen made a motion for approval. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

3. The Mayor respectfully request an appropriation and a transfer of funds totaling \$2,225,000 to fund the construction phase of the Lexington Street and School Street Water and Sewer Improvements project.

Councillor McMenimen 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 this project has been on the Capital Improvement Plan for quite a while. Mr. Casazza said they will be doing a sewer line replacement, and re-lining work from Common Street to Exchange Street. Also a new water main will be installed for School and Lexington Street. Councillor McMenimen asked if this work was all mandated by the ACO. Mr. Casazza said no. Councillor McMenimen asked when the project will be completed. Mr. Casazza said he hopes to have the final surfaced completed by winter. Councillor McMenimen asked who was in charge of the project. Mr. Casazza said he would be handling the construction part of this project and Mike Chiasson will be overseeing the water part of the project. Councillor Vidal voiced concern about the project interfering with the summer program at the Boys and Girls club. Councillor Fowler said he was not happy with the length of time of the project. He voiced his concern about having the castings raised until the winter season. Councillor McMenimen made a motion for approval. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Councillor Vidal made a motion to adjourn. Motion was adopted on a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas J Magno - Clerk