

*Long Term Debt Committee
December 21, 2015
Minutes of the Meeting*

Attendance

Councillor Darcy	Present
Councillor Fowler	Present
Councillor McLaughlin	Present
Councillor McMenimen	Present
Chairman Waddick	Present

Chairman Waddick called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Councilor Fowler moved for approval of the November 16, 2015 minutes. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

1. City Council – Capital Improvement Budget FY2017 – FY2021

City Council Vice President Diane LeBlanc appeared before the committee. The Vice President informed the committee that nine chairs are needed for the Hoover Committee Room. Currently six thousand dollars is available in the operating budget. With the total cost for nine chairs confirmed at \$ 9,819.00, an additional four thousand dollars is needed. Councillor Fowler made a motion to approve this request to add four thousand dollars to the Council FY2017 CIP budget request. Councillor Darcy noted that he hopes this additional request would not delay the current order of five chairs. Motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Darcy made a motion to table the City Council CIP budget. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

2. CPC recommendation for an appropriation of \$ 2,001,500 for the WATCH – WHA Tenant Rental Assistance proposal.

Discussed and tabled on 9-21-15

Discussed and tabled on 10-5-15 (with requests)

Discussed and tabled on 11-16-15 (with request)

Council Fowler made a motion to take this matter from the table. Motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Fowler made a motion to hear from off committee members. Motion was adopted on a voice vote. Attorney Azadi appeared before the committee. Councillor Fowler asked Attorney Azadi if the City can run a rental voucher program with CPC funding, and administered by the Waltham Housing Authority. Attorney Azadi said yes. Councillor Darcy asked Attorney Azadi if she has seen the contract. Attorney Azadi said yes, she had requested it from the City Clerk's office previously. Councillor Darcy made a motion that the contract agreement be officially sent to Attorney Azadi.

A roll call was requested.

Councillor Darcy	Yes
Councillor Fowler	No
Councillor McLaughlin	No
Councillor McMenimen	Yes
Chairman Waddick	No

The Motion was not adopted.

Councillor Darcy asked Attorney Azadi about potential conflict of interest issues if City employees own property that becomes part of this program. Attorney Azadi said yes that would be a conflict if an individual was part of the approval process. Councillor Darcy made a motion to add two items to the agreement between the City of Waltham and the Waltham Housing Authority (WHA).

1. No apartments will be eligible to receive rental vouchers issued from the WHA that are owned in part or in whole by the Mayor, a CPC member, or City Councillor. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.
2. That the WHA will file quarterly and annual audit reports to the Mayor, CPC and City Council concerning the rental voucher program. The audit report shall contain among other things a listing of all the income and expenditures by vendor, number of applications received, number of people on the wish list, number receiving vouchers, and a list of all participating vendors including number of units rented and total amounts paid to each vendor. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Councillor Fowler made a motion to approve the CPC appropriation of \$ 2,001,500 for the WATCH Tenant Rental Assistance proposal.

On the motion Councillor McMenimen asked WHA acting director John Gollinger if the WHA has voted on this proposal. Mr. Gollinger said yes it was approved at a previous meeting of the Waltham Housing Authority.

On the motion Councillor Darcy indicated that he was going to support this program but would not support this program if it comes back again. He believes it is an unsustainable program. A roll call was requested.

Councillor Darcy	Yes
Councillor Fowler	Yes
Councillor McLaughlin	Yes
Councillor MCMenimen	No
Chairman Waddick	Yes

Motion for approval of this appropriation was adopted.

Councillor Fowler moved to adjourn. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas J Magno - Clerk

