

Long Term Debt Committee
April 4, 2016
Minutes of the Meeting

Attendance

Councillor Darcy	Absent (in another committee)
Councillor Fowler	Present
Councillor McMenimen	Present
Councillor Vidal	Present
Chairman Waddick	Present

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

Councilor McMenimen moved approval of the March 21, 2016 minutes. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

1. The Mayor respectfully requests a transfer in the amount of \$85,000 for CPW Transfer – Vehicles and Equipment.

Councillor McMenimen moved to hear from an off committee member. Motion was adopted on a voice vote. CPW Director Michael Chiasson appeared before the committee. Mr. Chiasson said these funds are needed due to extensive repairs to the Cities Fire trucks. The fire truck repairs are outsourced due to not having the internal expertise necessary to repair these specialized trucks. The cost to date has been about One hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Councillor McMenimen made a motion for approval. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Chairman Waddick asked Mr. Chiasson to update the committee on his current CIP plan. Councillor McMenimen noted that some of his accounts have been consolidated by the Mayor. Mr. Chiasson said he supports the consolidation because it will allow him more budget flexibility. Councillor Vidal asked Mr. Chiasson how he will prioritize projects with the consolidated account. Mr. Chiasson said he will prioritize based on the most pressing needs. Chairman Waddick noted the larger budgeted items such as 500k for burial expansion, and 100k for tree preservation. Chairman Waddick asked if Mr. Chiasson had enough man power and equipment to maintain all the cities green space. Mr. Chiasson said he is not sure at this point. It depends on additional responsibilities assigned at the Fernald property. Councillor McMenimen asked about the Cities tree arborist, and if the City has a tree evaluation program. Mr. Chiasson said yes his department does review and evaluate public trees. Councillor McMenimen noted that this program is very much needed throughout the City.

2. CPC funds for Historic preservation for Gore Estate West Wing.

CPC Chairperson Diana Young informed the committee that this request for 200k would supplement the 88k cost to restore the west wing at the Gore Estate. Councillor Vidal asked if the Gore Estate had all their funds for this project available. Attorney Young said yes. Councillor Waddick complemented Attorney Young how thorough and organized the documentation was for this request. Chairman Waddick also noted how generous the Gore Estate has been with allowing the City of Waltham to use their facility in the past. Councillor Vidal made a motion for approval. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas J Magno - Clerk