

*Long Term Debt Committee
September 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 7:00 p.m.

Councilor McMenimen moved for approval of the August 3, 2015 minutes. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Request – Councillor Waddick – Approved 8-3-15

That the Mayor and the City Engineer attend the September 21, 2015 meeting and provide an update to any proposed solution to the chronic sewer backup issues on Oakley and Valley View Road. Original request dated May 26, 2015.

Councillor McMenimen moved to take the matter off the table. Motion was approved on a voice vote. City Engineer Mr. Stephen Casazza was before the committee. Mr. Casazza informed the committee that a problem currently exist with the sewer line at Beaver and Lyman. Due to the problem at this location, the residents on Valley View and Oakley suffer from sewer backup. Mr. Casazza said that a fix is feasible; however, funding is needed to evaluate the beaver Street sewer infrastructure. Chairman Waddick asked Mr. Casazza what would be the next step. Mr. Casazza said the City Council should seek a funding request of \$ 500,000 from the Mayor. Chairman Waddick asked if the funds were currently available to do this work. Mr. Casazza said no, funds would need to be transferred for this specific issue. Councillor Stanley said that this is a major problem for these residents and is needs to be fixed. Councillor McMenimen asked if this has been a problem for many years. Mr. Casazza said yes. Councillor McMenimen asked if Valley view was a private way. Mr. Casazza said yes. Mr. Casazza said the work will be on Beaver, not Valley view. Mr. Casazza noted that Beaver Street is a public road. Councillor McMenimen made a motion to request that the Mayor provide funding to resolve this issue. Motion was approved on a voice vote. Councillor McMenimen made a motion to table this matter. Motion was approved on a voice vote.

1. I respectfully request a transfer of capital improvement funds in the amount of \$37,800 for the purpose of completing design services for Graverson and Elsie Turner improvement projects.

FROM:

#310-630-2015-6310 Cedarwood Improvement Project

TO:

#310-630-2015-6320 Graverson/Elsie Turner Improvement project

AMOUNT:

\$37,800

Attached is a copy of a letter dated September 9, 2015 that was received from the Director of Recreation. Ms. Tomasello will be available to answer questions concerning this request.

Councillor McMenimen made a motion to hear from an off committee member. Motion was approved on a voice vote. Recreation Director Sandra Tamasello appeared before the committee. Councillor McMenimen asked what would be the next step once this request is approved. Ms. Tamasello said she could then get moving on this current project. Councillor McMenimen asked if this funding would be sufficient. Ms. Tamasello said yes. Councillor Darcy asked if a neighborhood (public) meeting could take place around the middle of October. Ms. Tamasello said yes. Councillor Darcy made a motion for approval. Motion was approved on a voice vote.

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

Attorney Diana Young appeared before the committee. Attorney Young informed the committee that currently the CPC has over fourteen million dollars that is undesignated. She mentioned that each year 10% of the annual revenue must be appropriated to the Housing fund. To date only 300,000 has been spent out of the Housing portion of the Trust. Councillor McMenimen asked Ms. Young to provide additional information on how these funds would be used. Ms. Young indicated that this would be a pilot program, Waltham residence would have preference, and a lottery system would be used. On average a thousand dollars per month would be given to fifty households. Housing Director Walter Maguire indicated that currently there is roughly a one and a half year wait for subsidized housing. Councillor Fowler mentioned that to date only \$ 300,000 has been spent. Ten thousand for a study, and 290,000 for repairs on the Orange Street Housing property. Councilor Fowler said in the past nine years the City has not added any Housing. Ms. Young mentioned that this program is for about fifty families, but roughly six thousand families would qualify. Councillor Fowler publically declared that he was a former member of Watch, but has no conflict of interest. Councillor McMenimen asked how is market rate value determined. Mr. Maguire said the Federal Government has guidelines.

Councillor McMenimen asked why can't the CPC give the money to the WHA to distribute. Mr. Maguire said this program would run the same way as the WHA. Chairman Waddick informed the committee that it was almost eight o'clock and the committee must finalize their thoughts. Councillor McMenimen made a motion to table. Motion was approved on a voice vote.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas J Magno - Clerk