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June 3, 2008

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance convened on June 3, 2008, with Chairman Maryann Heuston presiding and Committee Members Aldermen Bruce Desmond and John Connolly also present and voting. Also present were Aldermen Robert Trane and William White, Chief of Staff Michael Lambert, Jerry Boyle from Capital Projects, Police Chief Anthony Holloway, Monica Lamboy from SPCD and DPW Commissioner Stan Koty.

185549 – Powderhouse School:

Chairman Heuston asked to know what the plans for the building were and Ms. Lamboy explained the options available and said that she wants to obtain a real estate analysis to determine the property's highest and best use. Alderman Trane suggested, (and the Mayor has agreed to), establishing a community group to work on plans for the building. Alderman Desmond's motion *to place this item on file and to create a new item that includes language for the formation of a committee to explore uses for the building*, was approved.

185707 – Traffic signal system at Medford St. and Highland Ave.:

Mr. Koty explained the procedure for complying with the new city standard.

185708 – Renovation of the bathrooms at the High School:

Mr. Koty discussed the project and said that the bathrooms would be entirely renovated.

185709 – Police motorcycles:

Chief Holloway discussed the advantages of purchasing the Harley Davidson motorcycles and said that 18 officers are certified to operate motorcycles. Alderman White had some concern that the motorcycles would not be utilized and Chief Holloway assured him that they would be. Aldermen Connolly and Desmond stated that they were in favor of the purchase and asked that the order get to the chief ASAP so that the order could be placed.

185710 – Police software:

Chief Holloway discussed the software and how it would be used. The maintenance cost for the software is \$3,000 per year and there is no licensing fee. The funds would cover the software, a new server and the first year's maintenance cost.

185711 – Transportation planner:

Ms. Lamboy described the credentials of the proposed candidate for this position and Alderman Connolly stated that this would be a good addition for the city in dealing with the extension of the Green Line. Alderman Desmond stated his concern over SPCD's requests for additional funds each time there is a job opening.

185712 – Capital Projects homeland security:

Mr. Boyle explained that the funds are to pay outstanding invoices for engineering services related to the homeland security grant work at the Fire Headquarters.

The committee discussed matters before it and took action on the following 9 items:

185549: Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval to appropriate \$15,000 from the Free Cash Acct. to the SPCD Prof. Services Acct. for appraisal and advertising to dispose of the Powderhouse School.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be Placed on File

VOTE: Unanimous , 3 - 0 in favor

185707: Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval of a contract with the city's insurance recovery contractor, Bartlett Consolidated, for repairs in excess of \$10,000 for the traffic signal system at Medford St. and Highland Ave., which was damaged in an accident.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous , 3 - 0 in favor

185708: Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval to appropriate \$260,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to the DPW Building & Grounds Building Improvements Acct. for the renovation of the bathrooms at the High School.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be Placed on File

VOTE: Unanimous , 3 - 0 in favor

185709: Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval to appropriate \$89,360 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to the Police Capital Outlay Vehicles Acct. to purchase 4 Harley Davidson Police motorcycles and earpieces for the officers.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous , 3 - 0 in favor

185710: Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval to appropriate \$24,349 from Free Cash to the Police Office Equipment Acct. to purchase hardware and software for a Dictaphone system.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous , 3 - 0 in favor

185711: Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval to appropriate \$15,000 from Free Cash to the SPCD Salaries Acct. to increase the pay rate for the vacant Director of Transportation & Infrastructure position from \$65,000/year to \$80,000/year.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous , 3 - 0 in favor

185712: Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval for the Capital Management Dept. to pay five prior year invoices totaling \$2,216.68 with FY08 funds for engineering services related to the homeland security grant work at the Fire Headquarters.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous , 3 - 0 in favor

185714: Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$100,000 from the MA c.43D Expedited Permitting program to SPCD for document imaging and record storage services.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous , 3 - 0 in favor

185716: Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval to expend a grant of an additional \$44 from the HUD HOME Investment Partnership Award for SPCD programming.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous , 3 - 0 in favor

Alderman Maryann Heuston, Chairman
Committee on Finance

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