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July 12, 2006

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance convened on July 12, 2006, with Chairman William White presiding and Committee Members Aldermen Maryann Heuston and Dennis Sullivan also present and voting. Also present were Aldermen Bruce Desmond, Walter Pero and Rebekah Gewirtz, as well as Mike Lambert from the Mayor's Office, Finance Director Edward Bean, James Kostaras, Steve Winslow, Mark Freidman and Phil Ercolini from SPCD, and several interested members of the public.

Mark Freidman addressed the committee re: a grant for \$99,000 from Department of Housing and Community Development for the renovation of facilities in the city. The actual request will be presented to the Board of Aldermen on July 13th.

Mr. Kostaras and Mr. Bean addressed the committee regarding the request to declare the Vernon St. DPW Garage at 1 Glenwood Road surplus and available for disposition. It is currently used as a storage facility for the Recreation Department, and is not needed. The city must put forth an RFP, and is looking to dispose of the property so that the funds may be put into the city's coffers by November 1, 2006. The RFP could be ready in about 1 week.

Mr. Winslow addressed the committee regarding the acceptance of a donation of land from the Cambridge Health Alliance. Approval would allow the city to begin the application process for an Urban Self Help Grant. An RFP has already been issued and the city is reviewing the proposals. The final deed would have to be approved by BOA. Because Alderman Heuston recused herself from this matter, the necessary quorum was not present to conduct a vote, so the matter will be discharge from committee at the Board of Aldermen's meeting on July 13th.

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

#181484: Communication from Mayor - Requesting that the Board declare the Vernon St. DPW Garage at 1 Glenwood Rd. surplus and available for disposition.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved with conditions (Subject to BOA approval of the Land Disposition Agreement)

VOTE: Unanimous, 3 - 0 in favor

Alderman William A. White, Jr., Chairman
Committee on Finance

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