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August 27, 2008

### **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

The Committee on Finance convened on August 27, 2008, with Chairman Maryann Heuston presiding and Committee Members Aldermen Bruce Desmond, Walter Pero, Dennis Sullivan and John Connolly also present and voting. Also present were Chief of Staff Michael Lambert, Monica Lamboy, Steve Winslow, Rob May and Anne Thomas from SPCD, Commissioner Stan Koty and Steve McEachern from the DPW and Chief Fire Engineer Kevin Kelleher.

#### **FY-09 Capital Investment Plan:**

Commissioner Koty explained the reasons for the various requested appropriations from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund and Mr. McEachern reviewed the need for new equipment in the Public Works Department.

#### **Davis Square:**

Ms. Lamboy and Mr. May addressed the committee regarding the parcels of property in Davis Square and explained the bidding process to be utilized for developers seeking to build a hotel on the site. Ms. Lamboy told the members that plans of proposed hotels should be ready by early next spring. Chairman Heuston expressed her concern that the bid is going out during a down real estate market and could potentially result in the city receiving much less money for the properties.

#### **Safe Start Program:**

Alderman Sullivan's motion **that the revised version of the Safe Start Program be sent to the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety for a public hearing**, was approved.

Ms. Lamboy and Mr. Winslow reviewed the locations and informed the members that the priorities were assigned based on SPCD's recommendations. Chairman Heuston stated that the Washington Street/Beacon Street location should be a priority since a fatality occurred there and she requested that discretionary funds be appropriated for this location. Chairman Heuston stated that safety issues must be addressed now, and that this matter should not wait for the 2011 Mass Highway Project.

Alderman Pero's motion **that SPCD provide the Board of Aldermen with a corrected Table II Safe Start Recommendations to the Safe Start report, reiterating Alderman Heuston's safety concerns**, was approved.

The committee discussed matters before it and took action on the following 15 items:

**185951:** Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval for a Non-Exclusive Trademark License agreement allowing TWH Collectibles to make a scale replica of the city's new Seagrave Tractor-Drawn Aerial Ladder Truck.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should be approved

**VOTE:** Unanimous, 5 - 0 in favor

**186008:** Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval of an amendment to #184669, which declared 3 city owned Davis Sq. parcels available for disposition, to reflect new property values.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should be approved

**VOTE:** Unanimous, 5 - 0 in favor

**186010:** Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval to appropriate \$200,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund as part of the FY09 Capital Investment Plan for the DPW to install decorative benches and barrels.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should be approved

**VOTE:** Unanimous, 5 - 0 in favor

**186012:** Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval to appropriate \$76,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund as part of the FY09 Capital Investment Plan for the DPW to seal, coat and paint various school

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should be approved

**VOTE:** Unanimous, 5 - 0 in favor

**186013:** Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval to appropriate \$50,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund as part of the FY09 Capital Investment Plan for the DPW to reconstruct private ways.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should be approved

**VOTE:** Unanimous, 5 - 0 in favor

**186014:** Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval to appropriate \$20,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund as part of the FY09 Capital Investment Plan for the DPW to install bulletin boards at parks and

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should be approved

**VOTE:** Unanimous, 5 - 0 in favor

**186015:** Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval to appropriate \$20,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund as part of the FY09 Capital Investment Plan for the DPW to install a new water heater at the Healey

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should be approved

**VOTE:** Unanimous, 5 - 0 in favor

**186016:** Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval to appropriate \$20,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund as part of the FY09 Capital Investment Plan for the to install a new water heater at the Kennedy School.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should be approved

**VOTE:** Unanimous, 5 - 0 in favor

**186017:** Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval to appropriate \$12,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund as part of the FY09 Capital Investment Plan for the DPW to purchase a jack hammer kit for the skid steer

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should be approved

**VOTE:** Unanimous, 5 - 0 in favor

**186018:** Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval to appropriate \$6,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund as part of the FY09 Capital Investment Plan for the DPW to purchase two 8" spare plow blades.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should be approved

**VOTE:** Unanimous, 5 - 0 in favor

**186019:** Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval to appropriate \$5,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund as part of the FY09 Capital Investment Plan for the DPW to purchase a trailer for the skid steer bobcat.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should be approved

**VOTE:** Unanimous, 5 - 0 in favor

**186020:** Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval to appropriate \$3,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund as part of the FY09 Capital Investment Plan for the DPW to purchase a John Deere plow attachment.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should be approved

**VOTE:** Unanimous, 5 - 0 in favor

**186021:** Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval to appropriate \$700 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund as part of the FY09 Capital Investment Plan for the DPW to purchase forks for the skid steer bobcat.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should be approved

**VOTE:** Unanimous, 5 - 0 in favor

**186044:** Communication from Mayor - Requesting to appropriate \$41,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund as part of the FY09 Capital Investment Plan for DPW to purchase a tree chipper.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should be approved

**VOTE:** Unanimous, 5 - 0 in favor

**186045:** Communication from Mayor - Requesting to appropriate \$15,000 from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund as part of the FY09 Capital Investment Plan for the IT Dept. to install a screen and projector in the Aldermen's Chambers.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should be approved

**VOTE:** Unanimous, 5 - 0 in favor

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Alderman Maryann Heuston, Chairman  
Committee on Finance

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