

City of Woonsocket Budget Commission

City Hall

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Working Session Minutes

August 16, 2012 3:00-3:30PM Closed Session; 3:30PM Open Session

City Hall, Third Floor - Harris Hall

Four members were present. President Ward was absent. Also in attendance were David Eaton, Director of Budget Commission Affairs, and Edmund Alves, Esq., Legal Counsel to the Budget Commission.

Agenda Item #1 – Approval of July 19 Minutes

Motion was made by Mayor Fontaine and seconded by Commissioner Dutremble to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 19, 2012, as presented, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

Agenda Item #2 – Public Comment

Dennis Desaulniers, Michael Davis, Estelle Bubble, and Peter Fontaine addressed the Commission.

Agenda Item #3 – a.) Cash Flow Summary

Finance Director Thomas Bruce reviewed the cash flow summary.

b.) Monthly Expense Report

Mr. Bruce reviewed the monthly expense report.

c.) City/School Purchases/Payments \$15,000 over/under

After review by Mr. Bruce, motion was made by Commissioner Schaefer and seconded by Mayor Fontaine to approve purchases and payments in the amount of \$1,756,175.76, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

d.) Review of Budget Commission Action Timeline

Mr. Eaton reviewed the action timeline with the Commission.

e.) City and School Bid Requests

- 1. No Bids.**

Agenda Item #4 – School Committee Appeal

After discussion with Attorney Alves, motion was made by Mayor

Fontaine and seconded by Commissioner Schaefer to send a written communication to the School Committee and Administration that the School's attorney should not be doing any further work on an appeal until that is approved by the Budget Commission, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

Agenda Item #5 – City Personnel Supplement

Matthew Wojcik, Director of Economic Development/Human Services/Administration reviewed a draft of the personnel supplement. Chairman Sequino asked that vacancies be included in the final document.

Agenda Item #6 – Police Promotions

After discussion with Police Chief Thomas Carey, motion was made by Mayor Fontaine and seconded by Commissioner Schaefer to approve two promotions (one lieutenant position and one sergeant position), a voice vote on same being unanimous.

Agenda Item #7 – Library Vacancies

After review with Library Director Leslie Page, motion was made by Mayor Fontaine and seconded by Commissioner Dutremble to approve hiring a temporary part-time reference librarian for no longer than thirteen (13) weeks, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

Agenda Item #8 – Boys and Girls Club - Kendrick Ave. Park

After review by Mayor Fontaine of the proposal that was presented to the City Council by the Boys & Girls Club of Woonsocket, motion was made by Commissioner Schaefer and seconded by Commissioner Dutremble to designate the Mayor to obtain an appraisal of the subject property at a cost of no greater than \$1,000 and to negotiate with the Boys & Girls Club, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

Agenda Item #9 – School Transportation Contract

After discussion with Superintendent of Schools Giovanna Donoyan and School Facilities Director Peter Fontaine, motion was made by Commissioner Schaefer and seconded by Mayor Fontaine to renew the contract on the same terms as the original contract (not as amended) for a period of one year, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

Agenda Item #10 – School Update on Closure of 5th

Dr. Donoyan gave an update on the status of the closing of Fifth Avenue School.

Agenda Item #11 – Waste Water \$5M BANS Resolution

After review with Mr. Bruce, motion was made by Commissioner Schaefer and seconded by Mayor Fontaine to approve the resolution authorizing and approving the issuance of up to \$5,000,000,000 in Wastewater System revenue bond anticipation notes, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

Agenda Item #12 – Other Commission Items.

There were no other Commission items discussed.

Agenda Item #13 – Adjourn

Upon motion of Mayor Fontaine seconded by Chairman Sequino it is voted that meeting be adjourned at 5:28 P.M.

Attest: Andrea M. Bicki City Clerk