



CITY OF CONCORD

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FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTUES **June 7, 2018 @ 5:30PM**

Attendance: Mayor Bouley, Councilors Todd, Herschlag, Kretovic, Champlin, Werner, Grady Sexton, Shurtleff, Coen, Keach, Nyhan, Matson, White Bouchard, and St. Hilaire.

Capital Improvement Review

The Mayor made some brief opening remarks regarding the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Taking note of the size of the audience, he polled the audience regarding those projects the public desired to testify about. Projects of interest to the public included: CIP 557 Memorial Field, CIP 59 Terrill Park Turf Field, CIP 40 Langley Parkway, and CIP 502 Whitney Road.

Matt Walsh, Director of Redevelopment, Downtown Services, and Special Projects, provided an overview of the above mentioned projects. The Mayor then opened a public hearing.

CIP 557 Memorial Field Bleachers:

Samuel Habib, resident of Roger Street, made a brief presentation to the City Council regarding the condition of the Memorial Field bleachers and lack of inclusive design for patrons with mobility disabilities such as himself. He asked that when the bleachers are replaced, that the new bleachers feature inclusive design.

Melissa Hienbach, resident, spoke regarding the Memorial Field bleachers and encouraged the City to ensure that ADA and inclusive design are incorporated into any replacement structure.

Chuck Crush, resident, spoke regarding the Memorial Field bleachers and encouraged the City to ensure that ADA and inclusive design are incorporated into any replacement structure.

Karen Knowles, resident, spoke regarding the Memorial Field bleachers and encouraged the City to ensure that ADA and inclusive design are incorporated into any replacement structure.

Betsy McNamara, resident, spoke regarding the Memorial Field bleachers and encouraged the City to ensure that ADA and inclusive design are incorporated into any replacement structure.

Alden Smidtz, resident, spoke regarding the Memorial Field bleachers and encouraged the City to ensure that ADA and inclusive design are incorporated into any replacement structure.

John Tedeski, resident, spoke regarding the Memorial Field bleachers and encouraged the City to ensure that ADA and inclusive design are incorporated into any replacement structure.

Roy Schweiker, Chapel Street resident, made a variety of comments regarding the bleachers at Memorial Field, a turf field at Terrill Park, and Phase 3 of Langley Parkway.

CIP 59 Terrill Park:

Eaton Tarbell, president of Concord Crush, spoke about the need for a turf field at Terrill Park. He specifically discussed how lack of field space is especially problematic for younger age groups as they get bumped when poor field conditions occur. He also discussed the finances of Concord Crush, fees charged to players, and other details about the organization.

Anna Sisti spoke in support of a new turf field at Terrill Park.

Scott Daniels spoke in support of a new turf field at Terrill Park and stated that Concord Crush would like to be a financial partner in the project.

Jillian Curly, student at Concord High School, spoke in support of a new turf field at Terrill Park.

Bob Brown, teacher at Rundlett Middle School, spoke in support of a new turf field at Terrill Park.

Doug McGhee spoke in support of a new turf field at Terrill Park.

CIP 40 Langley Parkway:

Leslie Ludke, resident, spoke against funding for Langley Parkway Phase 3, as proposed in the FY 2019 budget.

Miscellaneous:

Three young adults representing “Change for Concord” spoke in support of the new City-wide Community Center (currently under construction), lights proposed for the Keach Park soccer field in FY 2022, as well as the need for an exterior water fountain at Keach Park.

Dick Lemieux, Washington Street resident; Greg Bakos; and Kelly Ovitt Puc spoke regarding the Merrimack River Greenway Trail and encouraged funding for the project.

Laurie Rauseo, Canterbury resident and Whitney Road property owner, spoke in support of CIP 502 Whitney Road Extension.

The Mayor recessed the public hearing at approximately 7:30 PM and asked the staff to commence with their customary presentation. The Committee then took a ten minute recess.

Matt Walsh, Director of Redevelopment, Downtown Services, and Special Projects, provided a general overview of the City’s three tax increment finance districts, the Capital Improvement Program, as well as a review of each Capital Improvement Project proposed in the FY 2019 Capital Improvement Program by project category.

At the conclusion of the staff presentation, the Mayor reopened the public hearing at 8:20 PM.

Roy Schweiker, Chapel Street resident, addressed the Finance Committee on a variety of topics. He urged the City to divest of the West Street Ward House, to privatize the Beaver Meadow Golf Course, and to close out the City's Tax Increment Finance Districts.

The Mayor then closed the hearing, and invited members of the Finance Committee to offer motions or discussion.

Seeing no other amendments, the Mayor called for a motion on the FY 2019-2028 Capital Improvement Program.

MOTION: Councilor Champlin moved to delay funding for CIP 40 Langley Parkway from FY 2019 to FY 2020. Discussion ensued. Councilor Herschlag moved that the Mayor had a conflict of interested under City Council Rule 6B as the Mayor's government relations firm represents Concord Hospital, a beneficiary of the new roadway and potential financial partner for construction of Phase 3. The motion was not seconded and discussion ensued about the purpose of constructing Phase 3 of Langley Parkway. Specifically, the City Council discussed whether the purpose of the roadway was to promote economic development via potential expansion of the medical corridor, improved public transportation through an enhanced local road network, or enhanced public safety by improving access to the hospital from residents in the eastern and northern areas of the City. After discussion, Councilor Champlin withdrew his motion and Councilor Shurtleff withdrew his second.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem St. Hiliare moved to expedite funding for CIP 59 Terrill Park Turf Field from FY 2021 to FY 2020. Discussion briefly ensued about this project and others in the out years of the CIP in competition for funding. The motion was duly seconded and carried on a voice vote.

MOTION: Councilor Todd moved to expedite funding for CIP 502 from FY 2020 to FY 2019; however, said funds are to be asterisked. Councilor Shurtleff seconded. Significant discussion ensued about the project and whether the funds should be asterisked. Ultimately, it was decided that the funding would not be asterisked. Motion, as amended, carried on a voice vote.

MOTION: The Mayor then called for a motion to tentatively adopt the Capital Improvement Program, as amended. The motion was duly seconded and carried on a voice vote.

MOTION: Councilor Coen moved that the Finance Committee enter into non-public session to discuss compensation adjustments for the FY 2019 budget in accordance with RSA 91-A. The motion was seconded by Councilor Nyhan. The motion carried unanimously.

Following the non-public session, the Finance Committee resumed the public meeting and, upon unanimous vote of the Committee, sealed the minutes of the nonpublic session.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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