

## Budget and Finance Committee

**9/14/23 6:00 PM**

**Meeting Post:** <https://www.cityofnewburyport.com/budget-finance/events/339416>

### **Roll:**

**B/F:** Zeid, Wright, Khan

**Other Members:** Preston

**Staff:** Manning

**Agenda:** (green = coming out of cmte, pink = coming out of cmte amended, yellow = staying in cmte)

Likely to discuss:

### **TRAN00168\_09\_11\_2023 North Jetty Side Dredge Proj \$11,319.00 to Boat Waste Pump Replace \$11,319.00**

- Cllr Zeid spoke to Paul Hogg
- Pump has had a lot of failures
- Getting a good deal
- 3 year warranty instead of 1
- Not exactly free
- Retained earnings
- Work on lot revenues
- EM – Total design permitting \$42k, Salisbury paid half
- Surplus was \$84500 of the funds
- Pump is 9 years
- AK – What connection to lot
- SZ – Unspent funds go to retained earnings
- EM – Retained earnings is \$770k
- AK – There were 3 bids, is this for the highest
- EM – They will go through the formal solicitation, will go with the lowest bidder
- SZ – why not transfer rest of surplus
- EM – Yes we should after certification
- **Motion to approval AK/MW, 3-0**

### **ORDR00486\_09\_11\_2023 Digital Signage Gift Acceptance \$967**

- This is a gift
- From the staff – who should purchase this

- EM – We have talked to Paula about this and assumption was that friends purchase
- **Motion to approve, MW/AK, 3-0**

### **ORDR00487\_09\_11\_2023 Lead Service Line Grant Acceptance \$207,800**

- EM – This project appears in CIP
- EM – Triggered by change in regulations that all cities have a lead service line inventory and replacement plan by Oct 2024
- EM – City solicited grant
- EM – Total cost estimate was \$207k
- AK – Expectation, we need to do this with or without grant
- AK – Future, update, maintenance what is the result
- EM – Regulation is to have a deadline to have a plan in place but no specific timeline for actual replacement
- EM – Worked with Environmental Partners to put together scope but it's up to the department
- EM – engineering like this is exempt from 30b. Good practice is to get a quote
- MW – MassDEP when they get all these plans will come with a plan and funding
- SZ – very expensive
- SZ – estimate by CIP
- EM – Yes
- **Motion to approve AK/MW – 3-0**

### **ODNC00129\_11\_01\_2022 Defining Conflict Rule for Dept. Heads (COTW)**

- SZ – Chair introduced
- AK – Strong did not support before but open but how this can be modified
- AK – Should be an order, not an ordinance
- AK – Reads as guidance, not law
- AK – Overall, overarching everything is guided by the state then ordinance to accept to create our own local
- AK – Orders are guidance
- AK – Rely on the finance director
- AK – Compromise based on experience
- AK – Turn this into an order then more willing to consider and adopt it
- AK – I don't like the structure or the language

- Ben locona Public Comment – Similar to previous concerns. Makes sense to me.
- Cont'd – presenting as an ordinance makes it seem negative
- Cont'd – Administrative Practices, just be job descriptions
- Acting President of the Friends – it should be a training, part of a policy
- Dept. Heads need a framework
- C and E
- C – membership program, we do go to the city to get a list. We can get list from the Clerk but not for others
- E – City addresses email. Get a PO Box. But PO box seems sketchy. PO Box may not feel warm and cozy
- Jane Snow – 9 Coffin St. Hear what everyone is saying but in my job as a teacher but had a list of things to be careful with. Careful.
- CP – I heard everyone everything Jane Snow said. Question is to sponsor
- CP – Given that we have state law that governs a lot, why have this
- SZ – Chair responds
- AK – What does the state have to say?
- AK – Are there are hard rules?
- AK – Where are the liabilities?
- EM – There are different areas, conflict of interest, finance law, anti-aid but not all in harmony. Lots of murkiness
- MW – I'm trying to go back to what started this and what we resolved
- MW – Document addressed to department heads and behavior expect
- MW – Think that separate address is important
- Keep in Committee until 10/2 then try for amendment then take it out

#### **ORDR00472\_06\_26\_2023 Streets Sidewalks Loan Order \$6,000,000 (COTW)**

- Holding until 10/2
- AK – Whatever happened with the Beta report?
- EM – they will be ready to discuss

#### **Unlikely to discuss:**

#### **ORDR00336\_03\_28\_2022 ARPA Amesbury 250K (COTW)**

#### **TRAN00153\_05\_08\_2023 Mayor: Multiple \$3,483,773 to Multiple \$3,483,773 revised 6/15/2023 (Atkinson Common Request only all other matters adjudicated)**

#### **Public Comment:**

See above, if any

**Adjourn:**

Motion to adjourn, 7:16pm, 3-0

**Recording:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/NBejy7bHzplg3Kq8LPimhpHepQy6kbF4Aj7CbhUVa3bXH8Pz-2xrpW6XPGeRTV4g.2UaywqoH9RGqfp09>