

City of Malden

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Meeting Minutes - Final Finance Committee

Councillor-at-Large McDonald, Chair Councillor Condon, Vice-Chair Councillor O'Malley Councillor-at-Large Colon-Hayes Councillor Simonelli Councillor Linehan

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

6:00 PM

City Hall Room 105 215 Pleasant Street

Roll Call

Also Present: Councillors Murphy and Winslow

Zaheer Samee-Assit. City Solicitor

Dan Grover-Treasurer Yem Lipp-Engineer

Carol Ann Desiderio-City Clerk

Councillor McDonald called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM

Present: 6 -

 Councillor at Large Carey McDonald, Councillor Paul Condon, Ryan O'Malley, Karen Colon Hayes, Chris Simonelli and Amanda Linehan

Business

415-23

Order: That the sum of Eighty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Four Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$86,824.30) be and the same is hereby appropriated from the TNC Surcharge Municipal Distribution Account to cover the following expenses: Sidewalk reconstruction, wheelchair ramps upgrade, utility conduit and structure replacement, traffic signal and pedestrian signal upgrades, and new crosswalk line striping with thermoplastic at the intersections of Main/Cross, Main/Medford, and Medford/Madison.

Sponsors: Carey McDonald

Attachments: Final Paper: 415-23

Councillor McDonald asked the Clerk to read Paper #415-23 into the record. He asked Yem Lipp the City Engineer to speak about this paper.

Yem explained the project was run through MassDOT the bottleneck reduction program. They gave us \$457,000 to upgrade Main/Cross, Main /Medford, and Medford/Madison, which was not enough. The TNC Surcharge Muncipal Distribution Funds (Uber money) will be used to offset the overage to complete the project.

Councillor McDonald said that will upgrade the signal infrastructure so we can time it to get people through that section of the City. He asked if the related things are standard pedestrian and accessibility upgrades in these intersections

Yem said yes while we are there we want to upgrade pedestrian ramps and sidewalks Councillor Simonelli asked how is the Uber money offsetting the project costs Dan said the TNC or Uber fund is origination of destination fees the state charges

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anytime someone gets picked up or dropped off in the City the State collects ten cents and they accumulate that money and deposit it with the City in June which this year is the \$86,824.30.

Councillor Murphy said six years ago the City Council discussed when this money came to us that we not split it up but use it for intersections that need help throughout the City. Councillor Linehan thanked the Council for devoting the money they way they have and it is equity distributed. She asked if this money is just for rideshare and zip cars or did it include uber eats. She said it has flipped since Covid that food delivery has gone above the rideshare amounts.

Councillor McDonald asked if the Treasurer could confirm the scope of what we are getting that money for.

A motion was made by Councillor Simonelli, seconded by Councillor O'Malley, that the Order be recommended favorably to the City Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 6 - McDonald, Councillor Condon, Councillor O'Malley, Councillor at Large Colon Hayes, Councillor Simonelli and Councillor Linehan

Adjournment

Motion was made by Councillor Simonelli, seconded by Councillor Condon, that this meeting be adjourned at 6:21 PM. The motion carried unanimously.