



City of Malden

Malden City Hall
215 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

Meeting Minutes - Final Finance Committee

Councillor Murphy, Chair
Councillor Condon, Vice-Chair
Councillor-at-Large Karen Colon-Hayes
Councillor Jadeane Sica
Councillor Christopher Simonelli
Councillor Stephen Winslow

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

5:30 PM

City Hall, Rm#105

215 Pleasant Street

Roll Call

Present: 6 - Councillor Barbara Murphy, Councillor Paul Condon, Karen Colon Hayes, Jadeane Sica, Chris Simonelli and Steven Winslow

Also Present: Councillor Spadafora
Yem Lipp- City Engineer
Ron Hogan-Strategy Innovative Officer
Dan Grover-Treasurer
Maria Luise-Mayor's Office

Councillor Murphy called the meeting to order at 5:35 P.M.

Minutes to be Approved

Business

[139-22](#)

Order: That Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) is appropriated from available general fund free cash to fund Human Resources Professional Services.

Sponsors: Barbara Murphy

Paper #139-22 This paper is related to the ongoing litigation with the Malden Police Department. These funds are needed to defend the City's interest in this lawsuit. The litigation is done out of the HR Department.

A motion was made by Councillor Condon, seconded by Councillor Simonelli, that the Order be recommended favorably to the City Council. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[140-22](#)

Order: That One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) is appropriated to pay costs of the Devir Park Revitalization Project, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow said amount under M.G.L. c. 44, §7(1) or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor.

Sponsors: Barbara Murphy

Paper #140-22 Councillor Condon explains they have been working to get the funding in place for the Revitalization Project of Devir Park and this would be the final piece for the \$3.6mill project. Councillor Simonelli commends Councillor Condon for his great collaboration. Councillor Spadafora asks if this project will be done in one phase or two. Councillor Condon said three phases and this would take care of two totlots, sprinkler, electrical and the drainage in the little league diamond. He hopes this money will pay a little more than the first phase. The third phase will be the girls softball field and soccer fields and they are hoping to finish up by F/Y 23/24. Councillor Colon-Hayes is extremely supportive and asked if everything is grass, Councillor Condon confirms it is.

A motion was made by Councillor Simonelli, seconded by Councillor at Large Colon Hayes, that the Order be recommended favorably to the City Council. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

141-22

Order: That Four Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$445,000) is appropriated from available water sewer retained earnings to pay costs of designing, and replacing lead water service lines throughout the City, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto.

Sponsors: Barbara Murphy

Paper 141-22 Councillor Murphy let the committee know there is a total of three papers tonight however, there is a fourth paper which was not on the docket last week but will be referred to Finance committee tonight and the fourth and final piece will be in committee next week. Yem Lipp explained the \$445,000 is for the 35 streets in the contract which were not completed left over from last year and every street has lead lines we want to replace and this is to remove all the lead lines and pave the streets.

Councillor Simonelli asked when you mark a street do we have a way to check to see if there are lead lines going from the homes to the street so that we don't have to open the street up a second time

Yem said he meets constantly with National Grid to see what they need to do and if there is a lead service line we try to do everything underground ahead of time before the street is paved. There is also a generic letter that is sent out to the resident to notify them that they are doing this work and they may qualify to have the lead line replace with the program through the MRA.

Councillor Colon-Hayes asked if the lines from the road to your home are they covered by the City

Yem said today we would replace the line within the roadway and encourage the contractor to talk to the resident to see if the private side could be done and if they qualified for the program to get it done

Councillor Condon said we do check with all the residents to let them know it is their opportunity to get it done

Councillor Simonelli said they see if they qualify for the program but in the event they do not qualify they work with the contractor which is strongly encouraged when the street is opened

Councillor Spadafora said do we fix the hydrants also

Yem said if the hydrant is black due to the pressure from the main to the hydrant we would replace the hydrant

Councillor Murphy explained the Fire Dept. has a color code system with hydrants; Black, Red, Yellow and Green which is order the flow comes out which alerts them to the flow of the water and many have been replaced which makes the city safer with response time with water in the event of a fire.

A motion was made by Councillor Simonelli, seconded by Councillor Condon, that the Order be recommended favorably to the City Council. The motion carried

by a unanimous vote.

[142-22](#)

Order: That Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) is appropriated to pay costs of designing, and replacing lead water service lines throughout the City, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow said amount under M.G.L. c. 44, §8(5) or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor. All or any portion of this amount may be borrowed through the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority's Lead Service Line Replacement Program, and the Mayor and any other appropriate officials of the City are authorized to execute and deliver any agreements or other documents in connection therewith.

Sponsors: Barbara Murphy

Attachments: [Finance Handout 4522](#)

Paper 142-22 Ron Hogan gave a handout which explains the five year plan (see attached). The first two examples of funding \$5.6mill and \$3mill are the papers before the committee tonight. We cannot pay for roads restoration with water and sewer money so the \$3mill from Chapter 90 Money is anticipated to be used to cover the road peice and the final piece \$5.5mill is an anticipated annual appropriation which would flex up and down depending where bids come in. The four funding pieces together are the entire funding sources for the entire \$17.262 million over the next five years.

Councillor Winslow asked if this is for five years and asked if this is about 2.5 miles of road resurfacing so what is the perspective if some roads are not water main roads Ron said it is five years and the second paper being referred for next week will address that

Councillor Winslow asked in terms of anytime you spent this kind of money you need the staffing and he said he understands we now have someone who will oversee this and asks how that is working

Yem said it's a combination some contracts are covered by contracts and some are in-house city staff

Ron said through the ARPA money you are replacing storm water and lead lines which puts pressure on the engineering staff and they will keep up with how they can supplement but it is a lot of work

Councillor Winslow said to let the community know we have dedicated some of the ARPA money to another staff person so we can expedite that program and anticipate under the Federal Infrastructure Bill there will be more money to spent on lead service line replacements and are trying to put together the pilot program to be able to have the staff to pursue the grants and work together hand in hand

Councillor Colon-Hayes said the Chapter 90 funds cover anything ADA accessibility and aksed Yem if anything on the roads will include road updating and curb cuts

Yem said yes and Ron added that's why this is more per linear foot

Councillor Spadafora asked about the mains under the \$5.6mill do we identify them or is that the MWRA

Yem said no we do internal

Councillor Spadafora asked was there Federal Money from Rep. Clarke or Markey's office and is that included in this to help with lead line replacement

Maria said it is not included in this amount that is a separate air mark she and Yem applied for. We applied last year and got approved quickly we were told a month ago that funds need to be secured and we are going through that process now.

Ron explained this is being attacked with many different angles but we still have a long

way to go

Councillor Murphy said she hopes one of the issues Councillor Condon will look at on his Long Term Financial Planning & Strategy Committee which she sits on will be to address the debt as we start to take out these loans we need to focus on that and how it impacts the debt do we move faster or slower and would like to tackle that sooner rather than later. She was happy to hear Mr. Lipp say we are trying to do these things so we can close the streets. She mentioned the gentleman that put together the grid where the majority of children live in the City. She feels that is very important.

Councillor Winslow said it was Issac Slavitt the ARPA funding is being put in the streets that have most kids and see how that goes. Yem has been looking at other programs also to figure out what works best.

A motion was made by Councillor Simonelli, seconded by Councillor at Large Colon Hayes, that the Order be recommended favorably to the City Council. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

143-22

Order: That Five Million Six Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$5,683,200) is appropriated to pay costs of designing, reconstructing and constructing water mains, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow said amount under M.G.L. c. 44, §8(5) or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor. All or any portion of this amount may be borrowed through the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority's Local Water System Assistance Program, and the Mayor and any other appropriate officials of the City are authorized to execute and deliver any agreements or other documents in connection therewith.

Sponsors: Barbara Murphy

Paper #143-22 Councillor Murphy said we have already addressed in the previous discussions. There were no further questions.

A motion was made by Councillor Simonelli, seconded by Councillor at Large Colon Hayes, that the Order be recommended favorably to the City Council. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Other Business

Adjournment

A motion was made by Councillor Chris Simonelli, seconded by Councillor at Large Karen Colon Hayes, that this meeting be adjourned at 6:16 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.