

CITY OF GARDNER, MASSACHUSETTS
CITY COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUNE 25, 2018

Finance Committee Members present were Council President Scott J. Graves and Councillor Ronald Cormier. Councillor James Walsh was absent.

Other Officials Participating: Mayor Mark Hawke; DPW Director Dane Arnold; City Auditor John Richard; and, City Clerk Alan Agnelli.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Scott J. Graves at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, Room 219, City Hall.

President Graves asked if anyone present planned to record the meeting, in accordance with the requirements of the Open Meeting Law, as follows:

Any person may make a video or audio recording of the open session of this meeting so long as it does not interfere with the conduct of the meeting. All documents and exhibits used or referenced at this meeting shall be submitted in duplicate to the City Clerk, as they become part of the minutes of the meeting. Is there anyone present who will be recording this meeting?

No one responded.

2-1 An Order Appropriating \$100,000.00 from Sewer Surplus to Sludge Landfill Expense.

DPW Director Dane Arnold informed the Committee that the funding would be used for professional engineering and geotechnical services for the preparation and submittal of permitting documents to Mass DEP and other agencies for the proposed Sludge Landfill expansion.

On a motion by Councillor Ronald Cormier and seconded by President Scott Graves, it was voted to recommend that the following Order ought to pass:

AN ORDER APPROPRIATING FROM SEWER SURPLUS TO SLUDGE LANDFILL EXPENSE.

ORDER: That there be and is hereby appropriated the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$100,000.00) from Sewer Surplus to Sludge Landfill Expense.

2-2 An Order Appropriating \$96,000.00 from Sewer Surplus to Pump Stations Expense – Willis Road.

DPW Director Dane Arnold informed the Committee that the funding would be used for engineering services to design the rehabilitation and other improvements to the existing Will Road sewer pump station. He noted that the existing wet well and pump equipment are beyond their useful lives and need to be replaced. The study will include options to either replace the station entirely or to fully rehabilitate the existing station. He added that the appropriation does not include any construction funding. He added that 90% of the flow goes to NCCI.

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Mayor Hawke informed the Committee that the City annually receives mitigation payments from the Commonwealth to offset the impact of the prison facility on municipal services. He added that the annual payment is between \$130k and \$140k, which is credited to the General Fund.

On a motion by Councillor Ronald Cormier and seconded by President Scott Graves, it was voted to recommend that the following Order ought to pass:

AN ORDER APPROPRIATING FROM SEWER SURPLUS TO PUMP STATIONS EXPENSE – WILLIS ROAD.

ORDER: That there be and is hereby appropriated the sum of Ninety-Six Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$96,000.00) from Sewer Surplus to Pump Stations Expense – Willis Road.

2-3 An Order Appropriating \$229,009.00 from Sewer Surplus to New DPW Building Capital Project.

DPW Director Dane Arnold informed the Committee that the funding would be used to reimburse the City for the construction of the new DPW/Engineering Administration Building, Cold Storage Building, and for remodeling the existing Municipal Garage. He added that the funds were approved in previous budgets and encumbered over the past two years, but the actual funds were not properly transferred to proper line item.

On a motion by Councillor Ronald Cormier and seconded by President Scott Graves, it was voted to recommend that the following Order ought to pass:

AN ORDER APPROPRIATING FROM SEWER SURPLUS TO NEW DPW BUILDING CAPITAL PROJECT.

ORDER: That there be and is hereby appropriated the sum of Two Hundred Nine-Nine Thousand Nine Dollars and No Cents (\$299,009.00) from Sewer Surplus to New DPW Building Capital Project.

2-4 An Order Appropriating \$229,009.00 from Water Surplus to New DPW Building Capital Project.

DPW Director Dane Arnold informed the Committee that the funding would be used to reimburse the City for the construction of the new DPW/Engineering Administration Building, Cold Storage Building, and for remodeling the existing Municipal Garage. He added that the funds were approved in previous budgets and encumbered over the past two years, but the actual funds were not properly transferred to proper line item.

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On a motion by Councillor Ronald Cormier and seconded by President Scott Graves, it was voted to recommend that the following Order ought to pass:

AN ORDER APPROPRIATING FROM WATER SURPLUS TO NEW DPW BUILDING CAPITAL PROJECT.

ORDER: That there be and is hereby appropriated the sum of Two Hundred Nine-Nine Thousand Nine Dollars and No Cents (\$299,009.00) from Water Surplus to New DPW Building Capital Project.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councillor Ronald Cormier and seconded by President Scott Graves, it was voted to adjourn at 5:37 p.m.