

**Joint Committee on Infrastructure & Board of Public Works
Meeting of January 26, 2023**

A meeting of the Joint Committee on Infrastructure & Board of Public Works was held on Thursday January 26, 2023 at 3:15 PM in the Nashua City Hall Aldermanic Chamber, 229 Main Street, Nashua, NH 03060.

Alderman Dowd, Alternate Chair, declared the meeting to order.

Members Present:

Alderman Richard Dowd, Interim Chair
Alderman Ernest Jette
Commissioner Kevin Moriarty
Commissioner Shannon Schoneman
Commissioner Paul Shea

Also Present:

Tim Cummings, Director of Economic Development, Clerk
Dov Jaffe, Project Manager, Harvey Construction Corp.
Alderswoman-at-Large Gloria Timmons

Members Absent:

Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman Alex Comeau
Alderman Michael O'Brien
Alderman Tyler Gouveia
Commissioner June Lemen

2. Public Comment

No Public Comment

3. Approval of Minutes from January 4, 2023

Approved with no comments

4. General Progress Update

- Harvey to Present on Project Status

Dove gave update – on budget/on time. Tim indicated he'd provide updated financials at next meeting

5. Requisition #12 to be paid: \$633,482.67

Approved unanimous

Question was raised about a 2.9% "add" from Commissioner Schoneman as to why it was included. Dov explained it was an administrative fee from Harvey

6. Change Order Review

Approval Needed:

- None

Approved By Chair and Provided as a Report

- PCO #55 - \$1,990, 34 – Install smoke alarms at FD request PCO
- PCO #56 - \$2,595.81 – Change of accent wall color

Alderman Dowd

If there are no objections, then we'll just administratively proceed these [inaudible] and the PCO, PCCO. Yes.

Alderman Jette

Yes, so -

Alderman Dowd

Alderman Jette?

Alderman Jette

I would like an explanation, you know, the change of accent wall color. How did that happen? I mean, you know, it sounds like somebody just decided oh, we'd like a different color. You know, it seems like, you know, a whim and an expensive whim at that. So, how did that happen?

Tim Cummings

Sure, if I may Mr. Chair? I think it's relative in terms of the expense, but what essentially happened is the swatch that was used was smaller in nature. And so, in a small scale, it looked appropriate, but once it went on the larger wall, it was clearly not appropriate because the color was too bright as I understand it. And it didn't fit appropriately, so we wanted to tone it down a little bit, so it wasn't as attention seeking as that accent wall was meant to be. So, that's essentially what happened.

Alderman Dowd

And I believe that it was just the small portion of, where the color was going. The whole building wasn't painted.

Dov Jaffe

No, it was just one wall.

Alderman Dowd

So, it's just the change to the pigment of the color. So, when they painted the rest of the rooms, they'd all be the right color.

Alderman Jette

Well, it was \$2,600 worth of <laugh>

Alderman Dowd

That includes the labor as well as the change in pigment. Right? Anything else? Dov?

Dov Jaffe

The administrative fees.

Alderman Dowd

Administrative fees.

Alderman Jette

Okay.

Alderman Dowd

In the grand scheme of things of payment, that's not a lot of money. Okay. So, we'll wait for the PCCO, which will incorporate that into the contract, but again, it was signed off by Chairman O'Brien.

7. PCCO #9 Approval - \$33,445.10
- (includes PCOs - #40, #50, #53, & #54)

Alderman Dowd

Next is PCCO #9 for approval of \$33,445.10. Again, this is administratively done because, it adds the work in writing to the contract but the PCOs authorizing it have already been approved: #40, #50, #53, and #54. So, I'd like a motion -

MOTION: Alderwoman-at-Large Timmons to approve PCCO #9 in the amount of \$33,445.10.

Alderman Dowd

Any discussion? Alderman Jette.

Alderman Jette

Yes. So, this includes the electronic messaging sign. So, has that work been done?

Alderman Dowd

That PCO has already been approved? So, this is just the - this committee's already given permission to proceed, and this is just to take the PCOs that have been approved and make

the part of the contract. So, it's more administratively, this is not a discussion of the PCOs that have already been approved.

Alderman Jette

Okay. So, if I could, I would like to, you know, I would like to, you know, just say on the record that, you know, we're spending an awful lot of money on a sign that we don't have permission to put up yet. You know, I don't understand why. I mean, if you were, I mean, you know, think about it. If you wanted to, you know, build something and you knew that it was prohibited by the zoning ordinance and that you had to get a variance in order to go ahead with it, I mean, wouldn't you first go to the ZBA, find out whether or not you can get the variance before you would spend, you know, this is \$24,000. I think there's more money that we're spending.

Alderman Dowd

So, just so you know, the money on the sign, the sign has not been erected. The sign has not been, maybe some, but not very much has been spent on the sign yet until it gets all its final approval. So, it's been authorized but not spent. So, still has to get all the approvals required and that's where any further discussion should happen.

Alderman Jette

Okay. So that was my question, you know, is this money, you know, we approved the PCO, now we're approving the PCCO, but we haven't spent any money, and the money isn't going to be spent yet until we get the proper approvals.

Alderman Dowd

Correct. We can't build anything until we get the approvals of the committee's involved. So, the money's been authorized by this committee. And now it's going to be made part of the contract, but it still has to go through the regulatory agencies, and that's where it should be discussed. Again, the PCCO has already been approved.

Alderman Jette

Okay. I misunderstood. I thought we were approving the payment of this money to, you know, whoever's building the sign.

Alderman Dowd

You go out there, you'll see there's no sign yet.

Alderman Jette

What's that?

Alderman Dowd

I said, if you go by there, you'll see there's no sign.

Alderman Jette

I know there isn't.

Alderman Dowd

So, we don't -

Alderman Jette

So, I guess I thought we were approving the payment of this money, but we're not doing that yet. Right?

Alderman Dowd

Right. We've approved the authorization to move forward with it. It still has to clear any administrative hurdles.

Alderman Jette

Okay.

Alderman Dowd

So, it's not like we build it and then we go back and ask forgiveness. It's not the way it works. So, alright. But then, now this particular thing before us right now is the PCO, which is just taking the approved PCOs and making them part of the contract. It's more of a cross the T's dot the I's. Any other discussion? Seeing none, all in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed?

MOTION PASSES: Unanimously

8. Other Expenditures For Approval

- Fiber Optic Splicing and Test Quote \$24,415 – Relocate Fiber
- Mt Major Tech Change Order \$1,337.58 – Rewiring Needed
- Mt Major Tech Change Order \$518.74 – Add of release button

Alderman Dowd

Other expenditures.

Tim Cummings

Yes, if I could, Mr. Chair?

Alderman Dowd

Certainly.

Tim Cummings

Thank you. So, under other expenditures for approval, these are quotes that have come in from Nick Miseirvitch in the IT department. It's all part of the project. This has all been part of the project budget and necessary to be able to proceed with the building. So, first is approval for fiber optics. And that is for \$24,415. Mr. Chair, I'm not sure if you want to take these as individual motions for approval?

Alderman Dowd

Since it's all IT, unless there's an objection, we can take these as a group after he gets done reading what they're for.

Tim Cummings

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. So, with that being said, the next one is a quote for services from Mt Major Tech. This is some rewiring that was necessary, that was an unforeseen condition for \$1,337.58. Another one is again, Mt Major Tech, and that's for a change order of \$518.74. This was an additional release button added to one of the doors, which would help us from a life safety perspective, and comply with codes.

Alderman Dowd

So, these are all IT things being worked through Nick. Are there any questions on the IT expenditure? Seeing none, all in favor signified by saying - oh, I guess we need a motion to approve? These three items, do you have a total?

Tim Cummings

I did not total it. You'll give me a second? I will get a total.

Alderman Dowd

Certainly.

Tim Cummings

\$26,271.32

Alderman Dowd

Read that once more -

Tim Cummings

\$26,271.32

Alderman Dowd

Okay. I need a motion.

MOTION: Commissioner Shea to approve the IT changes for the building, in the amount of \$26,271.32 cents.

Alderman Dowd

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed?

MOTION PASSES: Unanimously

9. Old Business

Alderman Dowd

Old business. Anything?

Tim Cummings

Nothing.

10. Adjourn

- Next Meeting: TBD

Alderman Dowd

Nothing? Nope. Okay. And there's nothing else. I need a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Alderwoman-at-Large Timmons to adjourn.

Alderman Dowd

All in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed?

MOTION PASSES: Unanimously

Alderman Dowd

We're adjourned at 3:36 PM.