

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 6, 2019

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Wednesday, February 6, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber.

Mayor Jim Donchess, Chairman, presided.

Members of the Committee present: Alderman Michael B. O'Brien, Vice Chair
Alderman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman June M. Caron
Alderman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja
Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright

Members not in Attendance: Alderman-at-Large Brandon Michael Laws

Also in Attendance: Dan Kooken, Purchasing Manager
John Griffin, CFO/Comptroller
Steve Buxton, Deputy Nashua Fire & Rescue
Sarah Marchant, Director of Community Development

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

COMMUNICATIONS

From: Dan Kooken, Purchasing Manager
Re: Purchase of One (1) New Pierce Arrow XT 1500 GPM Pumper Truck (Value: \$641,206)

MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN KELLY TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE AND AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE FROM MINUTEMAN FIRE & RESCUE APPARATUS, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$641,206. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN DEPARTMENT 152, FIRE RESCUE; NEW PUMPER TRUCK BOND

ON THE QUESTION

Mayor Donchess

Now the Deputy is here in case there are any questions, maybe you should come forward and sit at one of the seats, just in case. I don't know if people have met you before. Any questions or comments? Do you know this guy, do you know him?

Alderman O'Brien

Thank you Mr. Mayor. Deputy Buxton in the past we have gotten tools and everything on some of that apparatus, is this just the price for the apparatus itself?

Steve Buxton, Deputy Nashua Fire & Rescue

This has a minimal amount of equipment.

Alderman O'Brien

So we will get some new equipment to upgrade.

Deputy Buxton

Correct.

Alderman O'Brien

Very good, very good.

Mayor Donchess

And which station is this pumper going to go to?

Deputy Buxton

Conant Road Fire Station #6.

Mayor Donchess

Any other questions or comments? Also Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja is here. Please record her as present.

Alderman Caron

Did we have any money put aside for this?

Mayor Donchess

Any money what?

Alderman Caron

Any money in our CERF account or is this a new ... I know sometimes we have a little bit of money put aside but I didn't see anything.

Mayor Donchess

I think this is totally a bonded piece of equipment.

Alderman Caron

Ok thank you.

Alderman O'Brien

Maybe a point to clarify, would I be correct in assuming that some of the last trucks we have bonded in the past, so it seems to be a little bit of an efficient way of purchasing them? Am I correct to assume that, make that statement?

Mayor Donchess

Yes definitely. Anyone else? Thank you Deputy Buxton for visiting us.

MOTION CARRIED

From: Dan Kooken, Purchasing Manager

Re: Comprehensive Lighting Design and Electrical Plan for Downtown Riverfront (Value \$100,000)

MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN KELLY TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE AND AWARD THE CONTRACT TO LUMEN STUDIO, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000. SOURCE OF FUNDING IS DEPARTMENT 181, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT; GENERAL OPERATING FUND

ON THE QUESTION

Mayor Donchess

Ms. Marchant is here, she is going to come forward and give you the background on this to the extent you already don't already know it.

Sarah Marchant, Director Community Development

Good evening, thank you all. I am Sarah Marchant, Director of Community Development. So this is a contract to hire lighting professionals and electrical engineers to design a riverfront lighting plan for the riverfront from say the Broad Street Parkway all the way down past the Main Street Bridge to the railroad bridge. So it is to look at a comprehensive lighting plan for that area and it is to create a community public input process to design this and then also full bid documents at the end. So it is something we can move to implementation with.

Mayor Donchess

Now Alderman Harriot-Gathright has arrived and should be recorded as present. Could you give a little bit of background on the Riverfront Master Plan and how this fits into that?

Ms. Marchant

Absolutely so the Riverfront Master Plan was a large community outreach that was completed in the fall/winter of 2017 and some of the six big ideas and the biggest priorities out of that from the community were that they wanted the Riverwalk to be better lit, to feel safer and to be more open. So this is a huge component of that to understand full lighting design; many years ago the City invested into some solar lighting on the riverfront. As many of you know, our solar lighting didn't turn out so well and doesn't really work. So this is to make sure that we are putting in a fully electrified system and that it does not rely on solar and will work regardless of the gray days or some of the tree cover in this area.

Some of the other priorities that the Mayor is also moving forward with is looking at cleaning up all the invasives so that you can see the river which also will help the safety level. We should be coming to you with something in the near future on that as well.

Mayor Donchess

Questions or comments for Ms. Marchant.

Alderman O'Brien

Would this be replicated again with the new bridge that goes over the canal there, are we going to look at lighting possibly in that area as well too?

Ms. Marchant

That's a great question. At this time we are not looking at lighting in that area. Mine Falls Park is not lit on the other side and there are street lights right there at the crosswalk that will be lit and Ledge Street has lighting. Gate City Fence's parking lot is somewhat lit but there is no intent to start lighting parts of Mine Falls Park.

MOTION CARRIED

From: Dan Kooken, Purchasing Manager
Re: Unleaded Fuel Contract (Value Estimated \$366,625)

MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN KELLY TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE AND AWARD THE CONTRACT TO DENNIS K. BURKE, INC., IN AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$366,625. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN DEPARTMENT 186, TRANSPORTATION; GRANT AND GENERAL OPERATING FUNDS
MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

RECORD OF EXPENDITURES

MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN KELLY THAT THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HAS COMPLIED WITH THE CITY CHARTER AND ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO THE RECORD OF EXPENDITURES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 11, 2019 TO JANUARY 31, 2019
MOTION CARRIED

GENERAL DISCUSSION - None

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

REMARKS BY THE ALDERMEN - None

POSSIBLE NON-PUBLIC SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN TO ADJOURN
MOTION CARRIED

The Finance Committee meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Alderman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly
Committee Clerk