

COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE

JUNE 22, 2016

7:00 p.m.

Aldermanic Chamber

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMUNICATIONS

From: Sarah Marchant, Community Development Division Director & Madeleine Minueau,
Waterways Manager

Re: Update on Hydropower Projects

DISCUSSION

Update on Hydropower Projects

Courthouse Oval Project

PETITIONS – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS - None

GENERAL DISCUSSION

PUBLIC COMMENT

REMARKS BY THE ALDERMEN

POSSIBLE NON-PUBLIC SESSION

ADJOURNMENT



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To: Alderman Cookson and the Infrastructure Committee

From: Sarah Marchant, Community Development Division Director and Madeleine Mineau, Waterways Manager

Date: June 16, 2016

Re: Update on Hydropower Projects

Selection of provider for the operation and maintenance of Jackson Mills and Mine Falls hydroelectric facilities

A request for proposals was issued on February 2nd, 2016 for the operation and maintenance of the City's hydropower project(s). We received 6 proposals for these services. The review committee made up of City staff included: Sarah Marchant (Community Development Division Director), Celia Leonard (Associate Corporation Counsel), Janet Graziano (Financial Manager) and Madeleine Mineau (Waterways Manager).

We reviewed written proposals based on:

1. Technical Qualification,
2. Prior experience and past performance,
3. Understanding, and Approach, and
4. Cost.

From the 6 proposals we selected 3 firms to participate in interviews. We interviewed: Essex Power Services, Northbrook Power Management, and Gravity Renewables.

After much deliberation, we determined that Essex Power Services was our preferred choice. Essex is the current operator and prior lessee of the Jackson Mills facility. We will be recommending them and proposing a contract to the Finance Committee for approval in the near future.

Progress towards the acquisition of the Mine Falls hydroelectric project

In December 2015 the Board of Alderman passed Resolution R-15-188 Authorizing the exercise of the option to purchase the hydroelectric facility in Mine Falls park.

The current lessee, Eagle Creek Renewable Energy, was promptly notified that the City is exercising its option to purchase under the lease. We have also notified them of maintenance deficiencies listed in the inspection report by HL Turner that the City expects addressed prior to closing. We expect that the repairs to the fish lift system will begin this summer and be completed by December 2016. We are currently negotiating the terms of the purchase and sales agreement with Eagle Creek.

The terms of the lease specified that the closing date could be no sooner than 1 year after (December 2016) and no later than 2 years after (December 2017) the exercise of the option. R-15-188 specified that the closing shall occur prior to December 31, 2016. Though a sooner closing date is preferred by the City, Eagle Creek is under no obligation to agree to a closing date occurring prior to December 31, 2016 under the terms of the lease. Therefore, we anticipate submitting a resolution amending R-15-188 to allow for a later closing date for the purchase of the Mine Falls hydroelectric facility.

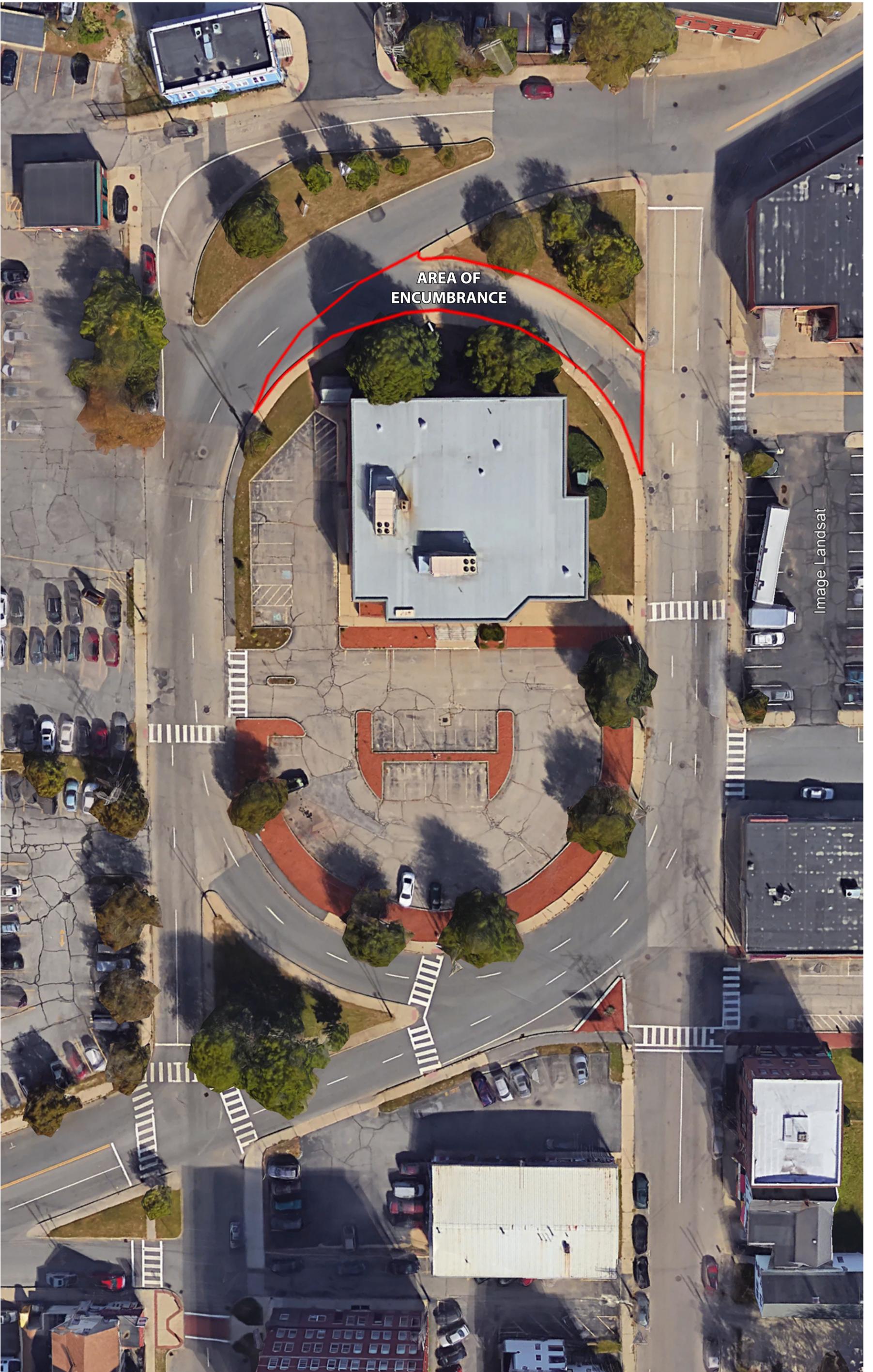


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**Courthouse Oval Temporary Street Encumbrance Map
Downtown Nashua, NH**

Date: June 14th 2016

