

BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE
AUGUST 22, 2016
PUBLIC HEARINGS

A public hearing was conducted by the Budget Review Committee for the full Board of Aldermen on Monday, August 22, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber.

Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire, Vice Chair, presided.

Members of Committee present: Alderman-at-Large Brian S. McCarthy
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien
Alderman Sean M. McGuinness
Alderman David Schoneman
Alderman Ken Siegel

Members not in Attendance: Alderman Richard A. Dowd, Chair

Also in Attendance: Mr. David Simmons, Superintendent of Wastewater
Mr. David G. Fredette, Treasurer

R-16-058

**AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY TREASURER TO BORROW AN AMOUNT
NOT TO EXCEED THREE MILLION NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,900,000) THROUGH
THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND/OR A LOAN THROUGH THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES STATE REVOLVING LOAN FUND FOR THE WASTEWATER
TREATMENT PLANT PRIMARY TANK UPGRADES**

As provided for in NRO 5-28, Mr. Simmons gave a brief explanation on Resolution R-16-058.

Mr. David Simmons, Superintendent of Wastewater

The tanks that provide primary treatment to the treatment plant; we have five of them. We have chains, motors and drive units that have outlived their lifespan. Right now we are at the point of taking down a tank every two to three months to make repairs and we have five tanks and it is just not cost effective for us to keep doing this so we do need to upgrade them with new mechanisms, chains as well as cross collectors.

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR - None

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION - None

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR - None

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION – None

R-16-059

**AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY TREASURER TO BORROW AN AMOUNT
NOT TO EXCEED SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$779,000)
THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND/OR A LOAN THROUGH THE NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES STATE REVOLVING LOAN FUND FOR THE
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT BOOSTER STATIONS PROJECT**

As provided for in NRO 5-28, Mr. Simmons gave a brief explanation on Resolution R-16-059.

Mr. David Simmons, Superintendent of Wastewater

We have plant water in the facility and we use plant water for seals and hosing down equipment. We also have a plant water/plant booster station which basically provides us with potable water from Pennichuck. It's Pennichuck's water but it's our pump station. This pump station is old and backflow preventers have failed at times and the concept here is to install new pumps and bring the backflow preventers up above ground because right now we are at the low point in the system so it fills with sand. As a result of that backflow preventers do not work. When we test them they fail often which is not a good thing because the possibility exists that the plant water could back feed into the Pennichuck water system. That's the crux of it right there.

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR - None

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION - None

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR - None

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION - None

The public hearings were declared closed at 7:04 p.m.

Alderman Sean M. McGuinness
Committee Clerk

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PUBLIC COMMENT - None

COMMUNICATIONS – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

R-16-055

Endorser: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman-at-Large Brian S. McCarthy
Alderman Ken Siegel
Alderman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja
Alderman Tom Lopez
Alderman Don LeBrun

ESTABLISHING AN EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND TO ACCEPT DONATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING THE HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL AT ROTARY COMMON

- Also assigned to the Board of Public Works; to appear on its 8/25/16 agenda

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN MCCARTHY TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE
MOTION CARRIED**

R-16-057

Endorser: Mayor Jim Donchess
RELATIVE TO THE RE-APPROPRIATION OF FISCAL YEAR FY2017 ESCROWS

MOTION BY ALDERMAN MCGUINNESS TO TABLE

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman McGuinness

Mayor Donchess is not here and it would be advisable for him to be present to discuss this.

MOTION CARRIED

R-16-058

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ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Schoneman

You talked about having to clean the tanks and the fact that you have to take them down pretty frequently in order to do that. How often do you think that you will still have to take them down with these refurbished tanks? Is that an annual thing?

Mr. Simmons

It would be an annual thing. We would take the five tanks down between March and September.

Alderman Schoneman

How long is a tank down when you take it down?

Mr. Simmons

It depends upon how many repairs have to be made.

Alderman Schoneman

Ideally we would like all of the tanks to maintain to capacity.

Mr. Simmons

Correct.

Alderman Schoneman

So if a tank goes down for a week or two or a month then we are losing basically 20% of our capacity?

Mr. Simmons

That's correct.

Alderman Schoneman

Treasurer Fredette, were these bonds; I assume that they were anticipated as part of the...

Treasurer Fredette

Yes, by the time that we need the money we will look to see what the rates are the loans versus the bonds. Of course we will choose the lower of the two.

Alderman Schoneman

Okay so in other words there is room in our plan?

Treasurer Fredette

Yes.

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R-16-059

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MOTION BY ALDERMAN SIEGEL TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES – None

TABLED IN COMMITTEE

R-16-029

Endorser: Mayor Jim Donchess

**ESTABLISHING AN EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND FOR RIVERWALK WALKWAYS, BRIDGES
AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS AND APPROPRIATING AT LEAST \$500,000 INTO THE
EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND**

- Tabled 5/23/16

GENERAL DISCUSSION – None

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

REMARKS BY THE ALDERMEN - None

POSSIBLE NON-PUBLIC SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN SIEGEL TO ADJOURN
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was declared closed at 7:09 p.m.

Alderman Sean M. McGuinness
Committee Clerk