

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 16, 2016

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Wednesday, November 16, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber.

Alderman-at-Large Mark S. Cookson, Vice Chair, presided.

Members of the Committee present: Alderman-at-Large Mark S. Cookson, Vice Chair
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien
Alderman Benjamin M. Clemons
Alderman June M. Caron
Alderman Ken Siegel

Members not in Attendance: Mayor Jim Donchess, Chair

Also in Attendance: Mr. Dan Kooken, Purchasing Manager
Mr. John L. Griffin, Chief Financial Officer
Captain E.Z. Paulson, Nashua Police Department
Ms. Sarah Marchant, Director of Community Development
Ms. Madeleine Mineau, Waterways Manager

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

COMMUNICATIONS

From: Dan Kooken, Purchasing Manager
Re: Purchase of One (1) 2017 Ford Transit Cargo Van and Upfit (Value: \$37,469)

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN SIEGEL TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE AND AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE FROM NORTHEAST KUSTOM KREATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$37,469. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN DEPARTMENT 150, POLICE; CERF
MOTION CARRIED**

From: Dan Kooken, Purchasing Manager
Re: Purchase of Dispatch and Calltaker Consoles (Replacement Furniture (Value: \$89,491)

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SIEGEL TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE AND AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE FROM WRIGHT-LINE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$89,491. SOURCE OF FUNDING IS DEPARTMENT 150, POLICE; CITYWIDE COMMUNICATIONS RADIO COMMUNICATIONS UPGRADE CAPITAL PROJECT

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Siegel

I want to commend the NPD for first off looking for used furniture and seeing that didn't work at least negotiating the price down pretty significantly.

MOTION CARRIED

From: Dan Kooken, Purchasing Manager
Re: Contract for Operation and Maintenance of Two Hydroelectric Facilities (Value \$398,200)

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SIEGEL TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE AND, CONTINGENT UPON BOARD OF ALDERMEN APPROVAL, AWARD THE CONTRACT TO ESSEX POWER SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$398,200. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN DEPARTMENT 170, HYDROELECTRIC OPERATIONS; GENERAL FUND

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Siegel

When we first contemplated purchasing the hydroelectric dams I recall there was a tremendous amount of maintenance issues that were outstanding and I reviewed the contract and had a schedule of current operations in the plan. There is not much there. Am I to infer that most of that has been taken care of, particularly the fish ladder which we were in violation of our permits? Are we okay with that?

Ms. Mineau

Yes, that's been going on right now. We just had some discussions with Eagle Creek who has been leasing Mine Falls from the city and who were purchasing it from...they are doing the work on the fish lift right now and it should be done by the end of November or the beginning of December. That will be wrapped up before the closing for Mine Falls.

Alderman Siegel

Are they paying for that?

Ms. Mineau

We are still discussing the final purchase price and if the city will pay for a portion of that or not, we are having some discussions over definitions of capital improvements and whether or not the work that was done on the fish lift qualifies as a capital improvement or not.

Alderman Siegel

So in other words they are trying to claim that something which is required by their permit if they do it then it's a capital improvement.

Ms. Mineau

Right and we are saying they just fixed something that wasn't maintained well.

MOTION CARRIED

From: Dan Kooken, Purchasing Manager
Re: Purchase of Digester Heat Exchanger (Value: \$37,600)

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SIEGEL TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE AND AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE FROM ALFA LAVAL, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$37,600. SOURCE OF FUNDING IS DEPARTMENT 169, WASTEWATER

ON THE QUESTION

Mr. Kooken

This purchase is a back-up in case there is a failure on the other device.

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

DISCUSSION

RECORD OF EXPENDITURES

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SIEGEL THAT THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HAS COMPLIED WITH THE CITY CHARTER AND ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO THE RECORD OF EXPENDITURES FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 28, 2016, TO NOVEMBER 10, 2016

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Siegel

Mr. Kooken, HR has got a lot of temporary expense. Have we managed to hire people to replace the temps that we are using right now?

Mr. Griffin

The temporary help that is in the record of expenditures no longer work here. We have a full crew in the HR/Payroll area.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

POSSIBLE NON-PUBLIC SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN WILSHIRE TO ADJOURN
MOTION CARRIED**

The Finance Committee meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Alderman Ken Siegel
Committee Clerk