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Board of Finance (Monday, September 8, 2014)

Generated by Amy Bovee on Thursday, September 11, 2014

Present: Miro Weinberger, Joan Shannon, Sharon Bushor, Karen Paul (arrived late)

Absent: Jane Knodell

Also Present: ACAO Goodwin; City Attorney Blackwood; Seth Lasker, Fire; Pat Buteau, DPW; Sandrine Thibault, Planning and Zoning

1. Agenda

Action, Procedural: 1.01 Adopt/Amend Agenda

Adopt the Agenda

Motion by Sharon Bushor, Second by Joan Shannon

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Ayes: Miro Weinberger, Joan Shannon, Sharon Bushor

Not Present: Karen Paul, Jane Knodell

2. Public Forum

No one came forward to speak.

3. For Approval and Recommendation to City Council

Action, Resolution: 3.01 Authorization for Budget Amendment for planBTV: South End Master Plan Project

The Board addressed an item to allow the Planning and Zoning Department to include the expenses and revenues that will be needed for the planBTV: South End Master Plan project in their budget. The additional funds will be received from the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission, the Capital Improvement Program, the National Endowment for the Arts Our Town Grant, an EPA Area-Wide Planning Grant, and private contributions.

Councilor Bushor noted that line 20 of the resolution should read \$8,000 and line 24 should read \$231,000.



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Approve and Recommend City Council Approval of Revised Version of Resolution

Motion by Sharon Bushor, Second by Joan Shannon

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Ayes: Miro Weinberger, Joan Shannon, Sharon Bushor

Not Present: Karen Paul, Jane Knodell

Action, Resolution: 3.02 Authorization for FY15 Capital Equipment Purchases - DPW

The Board addressed an item to allow the Department of Public Works to purchase a street sweeper, a paint and signal van, a sidewalk tractor, and two dump truck bodies. All purchases were previously identified in their five year capital plan and included in their FY15 budget. Multiple quotes were solicited for each piece of equipment.

Approve and Recommend City Council Approval

Motion by Sharon Bushor, Second by Joan Shannon

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Ayes: Miro Weinberger, Joan Shannon, Sharon Bushor

Not Present: Karen Paul, Jane Knodell

Action, Resolution: 3.03 Authorization to Accept FEMA Grant for Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program - Fire

The Board addressed an item to allow the Fire Department to accept a \$312,054 grant from FEMA. They will use this to replace out dated self-contained breathing apparatus, air bottles, face pieces, regulators, and other associated components. As the grant requires a 10% local match, they are requesting a budget amendment to allow them to use the contingency fund to cover the expense.

Councilor Bushor noted the resolution referred to the Fire Department Director rather than Fire Chief. She requested this be corrected.

Approve and Recommend City Council Approval of Revised Version of Resolution





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Motion by Joan Shannon, Second by Sharon Bushor

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Ayes: Miro Weinberger, Joan Shannon, Sharon Bushor

Not Present: Karen Paul, Jane Knodell

4. Communication

Communication, Information: 4.01 Our Town Program Grant - BCA - \$100,000

City Council President Shannon stated she is supportive of moving forward with planBTV South End. This speaks to the streetscape design of the plan for the Pine Street Corridor. She sees form based code coming down the pipe for the Pine Street Corridor. She is not sure she likes the idea, but she is willing to look at it further. She wanted her apprehension to be known. Sandrine Thibault, P/Z, stated this will go to design of the street itself. Mayor Weinberger stated the focus is on what they can do to the public right of way to enhance the area. City Council President Shannon stated she had heard that there was no money for improvements on that section of the road through the Champlain Parkway Project. Mayor Weinberger stated they have been making improvements to crosswalks and sidewalks. It would be disappointing if after all of these decades they were not able to make improvements to the area. He believes it makes sense to create a vision of what that street would look like now so that they can begin to implement their ideas after the Champlain Parkway is constructed. They currently do not have a lot of improvements planned for the multi-modal path between Downtown and Lakeside. City Council President Shannon inquired if some of this streetscape design will fit in with the Champlain Parkway. Mayor Weinberger stated they may be able to coordinate some of that.

Councilor Bushor stated she is hopeful they can do more than just repaving. Riverside Avenue went through a process in the late 1980s. There was erosion and the bank on the side of the street. The project got scaled back. They have the road and some amenities, but they never really solved the problems that were identified. They will eventually have to look at that again. She hopes they can get more funding to do other things that they are contemplated. She stated they have to show they have incoming revenue to supplement the grant money. The amount they are generating is greater than the grant, including \$22,000 of private contributions. She inquired if they just have to match the \$100,000 of the grant. Ms. Thibault stated the overall budget for the project includes other funding sources and they have the amount that they need.

Accept the Communication and Place it on File

Motion by Karen Paul, Second by Sharon Bushor

5. Adjournment

Action, Procedural: 5.01 Adjournment

Without objection, Mayor Weinberger adjourned the meeting at 5:26pm.

