



Board of Finance

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BURLINGTON BOARD OF FINANCE

CITY HALL

BURLINGTON, VERMONT

MINUTES OF MEETING

July 13, 2015

APPROVED – 8/3/15

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Miro Weinberger

Jane Knodell

Karen Paul

Sharon Bushor

Kurt Wright

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Ayres

Adam Roof

Bob Rusten, CAO

Rich Goodwin, Assistant CAO

Eileen Blackwood, City Attorney

Jesse Bridges, Parks & Recreation Director

1.0 CALL TO ORDER and AGENDA

Mayor Weinberger called the meeting of the Board of Finance to order at 6:33 PM.

1.01 Agenda

MOTION by Karen Paul, SECOND by Jane Knodell, to approve the agenda as presented. VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.



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2.0 PUBLIC FORUM

There were no comments from the public.

3.0 APPROVAL/RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL

3.01 Authorize Bike Path Contract Amendment

Jesse Bridges, Parks Director, gave an overview on what the contract covers, noting the majority of the contract deals with work to be required by DEC and EPA with regard to soils excavated from Waterfront Park and temporarily stockpiled at Leddy Park. Some design concepts that have come up are also covered. In addition the contract covers construction of the next section of the bike path which is in the urban reserve section.

Sharon Bushor asked about the contract dollar amount. Bob Rusten explained under a resolution adopted by City Council department heads can approve contracts or amendments up to \$50,000. There were a series of contracts with the project that were approved which cumulatively exceeded the \$50,000 threshold and that is why the matter is before the Board of Finance.

There was discussion of the stockpiled soil at Leddy Park (Pile A). Jesse Bridges explained reports are being compiled for the DEC and EPA pending information from those organizations. There will likely be additional testing of Pile A to determine disposal or reuse. The presence of PCBs in the pile is small, but is a concern so the soil must go to the appropriate location. Sharon Bushor mentioned where the soil is placed from one site to another is the issue. The waterfront site is very controversial. Jesse Bridges pointed out the soil is not roadwork dirt or Moran plant dirt or waterfront north dirt, but strictly park and bike path soils so park soils are being stored at another park. There is much misinformation being circulated on social media even though there are five weekly updates on the project posted each week. The plan is not to have the soil stored at the site for the long term. Mayor Weinberger said things will go smoother once the state better defines how to regulate and handle urban soils.

Sharon Bushor said a definition of "temporary storage" is needed. Jesse Bridges said it would be beneficial to discuss at some point in the future the issue of where to stockpile soil for construction projects. Kurt Wright said people are at a fever pitch about the soil stockpile and they want removal now. Jesse Bridges assured DEC and EPA have the matter at the top of their priority list (joint update is expected July 17, 2015). There is no alternate location for the soil at this point in time and DEC will not allow moving the soil. The presence of the pile is not damaging the environment or public health. The soil is not contaminated and there is no dispersal of chemicals.

MOTION by Karen Paul, SECOND by Sharon Bushor, to approve and recommend to City Council the bike path contract amendment. VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.





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Jane Knodell noted the matter is on the City Council agenda as a deliberative item.

Mayor Weinberger left the meeting. Bob Rusten facilitated the remainder of the meeting.

4.0 DISCUSSION

4.01 Discuss September Meeting Schedule

Proposed September meeting dates: September 8, 2015 & September 21, 2015.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Board of Finance and without objection the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

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