



# *Committee on Finance*

March 24, 2014 – 7:03 PM - **Minutes**  
Chambers of the City Council, Room 214

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**MEETING: COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**  
**DATE: MARCH 24, 2014**  
**TIME: 7:03 P.M.**  
**PLACE: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 214, MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**PRESENT: COUNCILLORS LINDA MORAD, CHAIRPERSON; JOSEPH LOPES, VICE-CHAIRMAN; DAVID ALVES; HENRY BOUSQUET; NAOMI CARNEY; DEBORA COELHO; BRIAN GOMES (7:20); STEVEN MARTINS (7:07); KERRY WINTERSON**

**ABSENT: COUNCILLORS JAMES OLIVEIRA; DANA REBEIRO**

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Councillor Morad called the Finance Committee Meeting to order and took attendance. The Clerk informed the Committee that Councillor Rebeiro called and she is stuck in traffic in Boston due to an accident and Councillor Gomes will be twenty minutes late due to his attending a wake.

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Communication, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting a letter regarding Fiscal Year 2014-2018 Capital Improvement Plan, including City's consideration of an energy management services contract (Ref'd 2/27/14) was received and placed on file by Councillor Lopes and seconded by Councillor Carney. (1)

Ari Sky, CFO, presented a power point presentation outlining the process that the city is about to embark upon in reducing energy consumption within its facilities.

As part of the presentation, Mr. Sky pointed out that the city currently pays approximately \$9.25 million annually on energy costs. He also introduced the members of the Committee to be himself, Ron Labelle, Ken Blanchard, Patrick Murphy and Shaun Selha from SourceOne Energy Solutions (the city's energy consultant).

The city received several proposals from companies, and the Committee selected Siemens, who was far and away, they felt, the best fit.

Mr. Sky explained potential financing mechanisms for this project and explained how the process would work. He and others stressed that this will not reduce the cost per unit of energy

that is purchased by the city, but rather the city's actual consumption of energy, thereby reducing energy costs in a significant way.

Dan Smith and Roland Buttsky from Siemens also addressed the Committee and explained the process by which they evaluate buildings and make recommendations to the city. They stated that there is an investment of "hundreds of thousands" of dollars that they are making up front by evaluating the city's buildings because they know for a fact that their recommendations, if followed and implemented, will save the city significant money over time. Mr. Labelle and Mr. Blanchard spoke highly of Siemens and the approach that is being taken for this project.

Councillors asked several questions, including many regarding the use of local labor; appropriate lighting in particular areas of the city when it comes to street lights, etc. Siemens guaranteed a commitment on their part to hire local workers for the project wherever and whenever possible.

Shaun Selha from SourceOne spoke and stressed his company's commitment to making sure that this goes well for the City of New Bedford. He indicated that his company will monitor and audit the work that is being done by Siemens and the contractors.

No motions were made regarding this matter.

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On motion by Councillor Coelho and seconded by Councillor Lopes, the Committee VOTED: To take "No Further Action" on items two (2) and three (3). This motion passed on a voice vote. They are as follows:

Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Written Motion, Councillor Lopes, requesting that DPI Commissioner Ronald Labelle supply this Councillor with the cost saving measures that has taken place with the Consolidation of DPI and DPF. (Ref'd 12/19/13) (2)

Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Communication, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN APPROPRIATION of \$75,000.00 from ORDINARY REVENUE & MUNICIPAL RECEIPTS, to GENERAL GOVERNMENT UNCLASSIFIED, CHARGES & SERVICES. (Ref'd 1/23/14) (3, 3a)

Councillor Martins made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councillor Carney.

This meeting adjourned @ 8:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Clerk of Committees