



Committee on Finance

June 11, 2015 – 7:01 PM - **Minutes**
Chambers of the City Council, Room 214

NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

MEETING: COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
DATE: JUNE 11, 2015
TIME: 7:01 P.M.
PLACE: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 214, MUNICIPAL BUILDING

PRESENT: COUNCILLORS JOSEPH LOPES, CHAIRMAN; JAMES OLIVEIRA, VICE-CHAIRMAN; DAVID ALVES; HENRY BOUSQUET; NAOMI CARNEY; DEBORA COELHO; BRIAN GOMES; STEVEN MARTINS; LINDA MORAD; DANA REBEIRO; KERRY WINTERSON

ABSENT: NO ONE

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Councillor Lopes called the Finance Committee Meeting to order and took attendance, there was no one absent.

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Communication, Treasurer-Collector R. Renee Fernandes to Councillor Joseph P. Lopes, Chairman, Committee on Finance, requesting the Finance Committee's approval to secure financing for the following projects: a) GENERAL OBLIGATION SHORT TERM NOTES - Taylor School at SeaLab in the amount of \$6,250,000; Phase II of the Capital Improvement Plan in the amount of \$4,970,000; b) INTERMIN LOANS FROM MASSACHUSETTS CLEANWATER TRUST; CW-13-04 (Wastewater and Stormwater Plan) in the amount of \$2,095,000; DWP-14-05 (Transmission Main Improvements) in the amount of \$5,000,000; DWP=14-9 (CSO Abatement) in the amount of \$8,279,605; c) HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) REFUNDING; Zeiterion Parking Garage in the amount of \$845,000 were received and placed on file by Councillor Martins and seconded by Councillor Winterson. (1, 1a, 1b, 1c)

R. Renee Fernandes/Treasurer/Collector was present and gave an overview of what was before the Committee. She informed the Committee that they entered the Market last week to sell some general obligation notes for Taylor, SeaLab and Phase II of the Critical Needs Repair, the total note was for \$11, 220,000, we have five (5) successful bidders and we ended up with a coupon rate of 1-1/2%, a premium of \$110,000.00 which resulted in a net interest cost of .379%, the term of the note is for one year and becomes due May 2016.

Also #2 I am asking the Committee to approve three Interim Loans between Massachusetts Cleanwater Trust and the Department of Public Infrastructure for various projects that they currently have on board. Two loans 14-05 and 14-19 are financed at .09% and the CW13-04 is financed at .11% these are Interim Notes and once these are permanently financed with the Trust they will be 2% loans.

#3 is regarding the HUD refinancing loan. We received a communication back in March from the HUD office, that they wanted us to participate in a public offering they were getting ready to refinance \$391,000,000 of their debt. The city currently has the loan for the Zeiterion Parking facility with HUD and the initial financing terms indicated that we would save \$104,000 over the life of the loan, which matures in 2024. She asked the Committee to table this vote because we have not received all of the paperwork back from HUD so that I can accurately be able to give you the exact savings so at a subsequent Finance Committee Meeting I will be able to bring that back to you.

On motion by Councillor Alves and seconded by Councillor Winterson, the Committee VOTED: To table 1c at this time. This motion passed on a voice vote.

On motion by Councillor Alves and seconded by Councillor Gomes, the Committee VOTED: To APPROVE items 1a and 1b. This motion passed on a Roll Call vote of Yeas 11, Nays 0.

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

This meeting adjourned @ 7:08 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council