

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
JUNE 24, 2019 AT 6:39 p.m.
COMMITTEE ROOM
WOBURN CITY HALL**

Voting Members present: Alderman Robert Ferullo, Alderman Lindsay Higgins, Alderman Richard Gately, Chair. Absent: Chairman Michael Concannon and Alderman Edward Tedesco

Non-Voting Members present: President Michael Anderson, Alderman Joanne Campbell, Alderman Mark Gaffney and Alderman Darlene Mercer-Bruen.

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On the review of proposed the Capital Investment Plan FY2020 to FY2024. Appearing was Mayor Scott Galvin and he stated that the proposal is for \$88,000,000.00 in capital spending over a period of five years, that the City Clerk has a small outlay initially and then a larger outlay for voting machines later in the plan, that the Council on Aging has funding for heating improvements, that the Department of Public Works has the largest outlay for the New Boston Street Bridge, that there are a number of ways intended to pay for the plan including pay as you go, grants and free cash, that the plan is to keep free cash spending at \$3,000,000.00, that approving the plan is not committing to the spending, that the plan is an overall concept, that the specific spending items would be submitted later, that looking at specifics the City Clerk will obtain a dog program in the first year, there will be work on the Senior Center heating system, the Department of Public Works will perform stream cleaning, purchase new equipment and perform some maintenance on City Hall, that the Department of Public Works have been improving small areas of streets, that the Horn Pond fish ladder outlay also refer to culvert work, that cleaning of Leland Park continues, that there will be funds for the demolition of the former Hurd School, that there is funding for the Columbus Road and Kennedy Park drainage study, that the Fire Department will acquire a new pumper truck, that the IT Department will work on improvements to the server, and that the Building Department will obtain a new scanner. Alderman Ferullo stated that for long-term planning there should not be a void in purchasing replacement vehicles at the Police Department. Mayor Galvin stated that the High School field replacement will cost \$600,000.00 with \$300,000.00 being paid from the city budget and \$300,00.00 being paid from the School Department budget, that the annual outlay for road repairs is \$2,000,000.00, that \$1,200,000.00 will be from the State and \$750,000.00 will be from the city, that every year the City Council will approve the method of spending for these outlays, that the Altavesta School and Linscott School building will have to be worked on next, that the two buildings will need approximately \$4,000,000.00 in work, that \$30,000,000.00 will be needed for a new fire station and improvements to existing stations which will add \$1,400,000.00 to the debt service, that the Fire Department feasibility study is going well, that the next meeting of the fire station review committee will be held on July 17, 2019 at which good information will be provided followed by community meetings, and that the three options for the location of a new fire station will be at the Senior Center property, at Forest Park or not build a new fire station. Motion made and 2nd that the proposed Capital Investment Plan FY2020 to FY2024 be approved, 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 absent (Concannon, Tedesco absent).

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Motion made and 2nd to adjourn, 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 absent (Concannon, Tedesco absent).
Chairman Gately adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST

William C. Campbell
Clerk of Committees, Pro Tem