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BOARD OF FINANCE THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2012

MINUTES

PRESENT: Mayor Weinberger; City Council President Shannon; Councilors Bushor and Paul; Interim CAO Sisson

ALSO PRESENT: ACAO Goodwin; ACAO Schrader; Assistant City Attorney Haesler; Susan Leonard, HR; Steve Goodkind, DPW.

ABSENT: Councilor Decelles

1. Agenda

On a motion by City Council President Shannon and Councilor Bushor, the agenda was unanimously adopted as presented.

2. Public Forum

n/a

3. Accept Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Grant 90 & Associated Contracts

- a. AIP Grant for AIP-90
- b. Engineering Contract to McFarland-Johnson Engineers
- c. Engineering Contract to Jacobs Engineering

4. Accept AIP Grant 91 & Associated Contracts

- a. AIP Grant for AIP-91
- b. Consultant Contract to Harris, Miller, Miller and Hanson (HMMH)

5. Accept AIP Grant 92 & Associated Contracts

- a. AIP Grant for AIP-92
- b. Consultant Contract to O.R. Colan and Associates

Councilor Paul and City Council President Shannon made a motion to accept the Grants and approve the associated contracts for items 3, 4, and 5.

Councilor Bushor stated there are some differences between the communication and the resolution regarding dollar amounts. She inquired if they had acted on these items at the last meeting. Interim CAO Sisson stated they did act on two items, but at the end they deferred action on all items. Councilor Bushor stated that today's date should be used in the resolution.

Councilor Paul amended her motion to add pending correction of discrepancies with numbers.

The motion passed unanimously.

6. Authorization to Accept Porter Air Grant - Airport

The Board addressed an item that would allow acceptance of a grant to reimburse the Airport for the startup costs of Porter Air.

Councilors Bushor and Paul made a motion to approve acceptance of the grant with the provision typos be corrected. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Amendment to Cooperative Agreement with the State of Vermont for Champlain Parkway - DPW

Councilor Bushor and City Council President Shannon made a motion to approve the amendment.

Councilor Bushor stated she had received the additional information that she was looking for.

City Council President Shannon stated this memo states this money is in the FY12 budget. Historically, money has been spent and then reimbursed. She had asked in the past if money was going to the Southern Connector and was told no. She stated she has issues with this project going forward. She does not want to vote no because that would prevent reimbursement to the City. However, she did not know this money was put in the budget, and feels as if she never had a chance to vote on it. She inquired if this will both reimburse the City for money that has previously been spent and approve money being spent in the future. She stated she does not want to prevent the reimbursement, but she does not want to continue spending Streets Capital money on this project. Interim CAO Sisson stated the Champlain Parkway has been using pooled cash and they are attempting to bill VTRANS. Steve Goodkind, DPW, stated that is correct. Some of this will be used for continued work. It is in the permitting process now. City Council President Shannon stated that in the memo, it states that money came from the Streets Capital fund. Mr. Goodkind stated the local share is budgeted for. The use of pooled cash was not budgeted. The City will owe 2% of the total cost in the end, and that is budgeted in Streets Capital. City Council President Shannon stated that will not be reimbursed, but pooled cash will. Mr. Goodkind stated that is correct. City Council President Shannon stated she would like to vote yes on the reimbursement but does not want to endorse this project going forward. She inquired what would be accomplished moving forward if she voted in favor. Mr. Goodkind stated money not encumbered by the amendment will go towards the permitting process. It could go to engineering work for the right of way, but it will not go towards construction. City Council President Shannon inquired when Amendment 4 is presented, will the money already have been spent. Mr. Goodkind stated they will not do that. Amendments are more current than they used to be and the relationship with the State has improved. Mayor Weinberger stated that was an issue raised by the auditor. It would be unusual to not finish the permitting process. Further debate could occur later. City Council President Shannon stated she agrees, as long as she can be assured that opportunity will come in the future. She will not support it further down the road. Mr. Goodkind stated this amendment allows reimbursement from the State. It will allow consultants to continue with work. There will be a contract amendment with the consultant and that will allow for more input. Interim CAO Sisson inquired if this amendment has been a stumbling block. Mr. Goodkind stated they have not been able to sign a contract with a consultant. Interim CAO Sisson inquired if it has prevented receipt of reimbursement from VTRANS. Mr. Goodkind

stated that it has. Once it is authorized, reimbursement can occur. Contracts could not be signed until there was an agreement for reimbursement.

Councilor Paul stated she does not like voting on something after it has already happened. Mayor Weinberger stated he understands, and there is a plan to address that. Mr. Goodkind stated that going forward, votes will take place in advance.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Board of Finance meeting was adjourned at 5:59 pm.