

JOINT MEETING – COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE and
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

APRIL 29, 2026

A joint meeting of the Committee on Infrastructure and Board of Public Works was held Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber and duly noticed in two places, including the City's website, in accordance with the requirements of RSA 91-A:2 II.

The roll call was taken with 8 members of the Board of Public Works Commissioners and Committee on Infrastructure present:

Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman-at-Large Alicia Gregg
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman Paula Johnson
Commissioner Paul Shea
Commissioner June Lemen
Commissioner Matthew Gregg (via Zoom)
Commissioner Manny Espitia

Members not in Attendance:

Alderwoman Vengerflutta Smith
Mayor Jim Donchess

Also in Attendance:

Alderman John Sullivan
Tim Cummings, Administrative Services Director
Lisa Fauteux, Director Public Works
Joe Sullivan, LeftField Project Management
Connor Sullivan, LeftField Project Management

ROLL CALL

Tim Cummings, Administrative Services Director

Mr. Chair? I just want to note for the record that Mayor Donchess could not join us this evening. He sends his regrets. He asked me to pass that along to you as Chair of the Board of Public Works. Thank you.

Chairman O'Brien

Well, his regrets are accepted. I always enjoy when he can make it but I'm sure he's a busy man of late.

Alderman Dowd

His name should be on the roll because he is a member of the BPW - he's the Chair.

Chairman O'Brien

Yes, that's correct. Somehow it always just gets missed. We'll have to - I think I'll put you in charge of that.

Alderman Dowd

I can make it happen.

Chairman O'Brien

Yeah, okay fantastic. So, we'll put Mayor James Donchess as absent...

Alderman Gregg

Okay, yup.

Chairman O'Brien

...due to very important stuff. Okay. All right.

GENERAL INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Tim Cummings, Director of Administrative Services

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Again for the record Tim Cummings, Director of Administrative Services. I'm going to keep my comments relatively brief tonight. I'm going to hand it over to Mr. Sullivan to my left here - the Owner/Project Manager to go into a little bit deeper of a dive as to where we are relative to the project but I'm pleased to report, thanks to the Board of Alderman's efforts to authorize the additional design monies and pre-construction work, we are now advancing the design and so that is underway. So, we're working on that in earnest and we're trying to keep the project on schedule, and on budget, and Mr. Sullivan will go into more details when you're ready. Thank you.

Chairman O'Brien

Okay. Mr. Sullivan do you want to pipe up now or later in the meeting?

Joe Sullivan, LeftField Project Management

That'd be fine. I can provide the updates.

Chairman O'Brien

Oh, excuse me.

Tim Cummings, Director of Administrative Services

Public comment.

Chairman O'Brien

Public Comment – okay. We're going to go into Public Comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

Chairman O'Brien

You don't have anything to say?

Alderman Dowd

He works for LeftField.

Connor Sullivan, LeftField Project Management

I just want to introduce myself to everyone. I've met a few of you already but I also work Joe over at LeftField. We're the Project Manager for the DPW Maintenance Garage Facility. Just wanted to introduce myself, Connor Sullivan.

Chairman O'Brien

Well if Mr. Sullivan wants, you could come up and sit in the good chairs.

Connor Sullivan, LeftField Project Management

Yeah, I wasn't sure how that worked but I'll make my way over.

Alderman Gregg

These are much more comfortable.

Chairman O'Brien

Yeah, why don't you sit with Mr. Cummings. He'll keep an eye on you, no problem. And what's your name again, please?

Connor Sullivan, LeftField Project Management

My name is Connor.

Chairman O'Brien

Connor?

Connor Sullivan, LeftField Project Management

Sullivan.

Chairman O'Brien

Sullivan.

Connor Sullivan, LeftField Project Management

Also a Sullivan, yup.

Chairman O'Brien

Is there any relation here?

Joe Sullivan, LeftField Project Management

Might be.

Connor Sullivan, LeftField Project Management

There might be. Yeah, if you had to take a guess, yeah.

Joe Sullivan, LeftField Project Management

In the lineage somewhere.

Chairman O'Brien

You know us Irish, aren't we something. You have that? Good job. Alright. I'm a little confused when to lead in with Mr. Sullivan but let's go through the docket a bit and then I'll come back to you.

Joe Sullivan, LeftField Project Management

Sure, that'd be fine.

Chairman O'Brien

Okay. Alright.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ESPITIA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 25, 2026 MEETING, BY ROLL CALL

A viva voce roll call was taken, which resulted as follows:

Yea: Commissioner Espitia, Commissioner Gregg, Commissioner Lemen,
Commissioner Shea, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Gregg,
Alderman O'Brien

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

GENERAL PROGRESS UPDATE – DPW GARAGE PROJECT

- Project Status Update
- Design Update
- Overall Project Timeline/Look Ahead

Chairman O'Brien

General progress update on the DPW Garage project. We're gonna go over project status update, design update and overall timeline and look ahead. So, gonna go back to Administrative Service Director, Mr. Cummings who'll probably segue now into Mr. Sullivan.

Tim Cummings, Administrative Services Director

Yup, that's exactly right, Mr. Chairman. So the only comment I'm gonna make and that's gonna be at the last bullet relative to the overall project timeline and look ahead. So what I want to make sure this body knows and the broader general public is relative to schedule. We are anticipating subject to approval of the bond being authorized for construction, we'd be looking to start construction in the fall timeframe at this point. I'm gonna say September but that could give or take a little bit here or there. I want folks to be thinking that ideally we'll start construction and what we're planning on is a fall timeframe for that initiative. Between now and then, we'll be wrapping up design and doing the pre-con work. Ultimately, I think construction is gonna be a two-year type construction process or over two years is what we should be comfortable with for a construction period and we would be looking at essentially fall of '28 when we'd be wrapping the project up. So that's a little bit of the trajectory we're on, and the look ahead, and that's where I want to leave my comments here this evening, and then I'm gonna pitch it over to Mr. Sullivan to go into a little bit more detail if that's okay with you, Sir.

Joe Sullivan, LeftField Project Management

Thank you, Mr. Chair and thank you, Mr. Cummings.

I'd like to give a quick overview of where we're at since we've started the process of the next phase. The design team continues towards the completion of the design documents. So at the last meeting that we've had, they were roughly at the 50% mark. They're moving towards getting the design to 100%. What that means is all of the details and specifications associated with the new addition of the Administration building, the new vehicle storage facility, and the vehicle maintenance storage base and service area is moving into final design.

The design also includes a salt shed, a proposed knock down wash bay facility, a drive through automated car wash for the entire city fleet - we're also designing in that process. The designers and all of the consultants have been doing a lot of coordination behind the scenes. So although we've gotten the program to where we need working closely with the City and Director Fauteux - I just want to comment that throughout all of the horrific winter that we've had, weekly we meet with the design team and they and the City - and I can't tell you the level of effort they've put in while performing the services, creating the design, and the program needs for the City. I can commend them with the level of effort. We've given them a lot of homework to do every week, and they're ready to provide the answers for it so that we could streamline this design, and I just want to thank her for that effort and her team.

That being said, we've had a lot of coordination behind the scenes for every facet of this building. Although we'll have drawings done for the facility, all of the specifications that have to be put together that actually blend with the design has to be impeccable because without them, you'll have change orders. So they're really going through their efforts to make sure that no detail gets missed.

The Civil Engineer is working closely with Sanborn Head Engineering for final submission and approval of permitting for the site. As you can imagine, a solid waste facility has a lot of permitting to start with. Adding a building into it just, you know, we got to make sure we're dotting our I's and crossing the T's. So they're doing a phenomenal job as well. We've received the Planning/Zoning approvals and preliminarily submitted the plans to the City officials through the design process and permitting process.

Drawings are scheduled to be sent to the construction management firm, actually Friday, for updated costs. Our goal here is we put a budget together. We want to make sure we stay within that budget or underneath it. So each time the

design moves to a certain level, we want to do a check and balance to make sure it was staying within our parameters. That being said, pricing of the furniture, fixture, and equipment. We're in that process of doing it. We've ironed out what the needs were - requirements, not the wants - the needs for this new facility and we're looking at all of the coordination associated with this new design and specifications.

We are also working with the City to assist the relocation of the Nashua Fire Training Facility. Without that facility being moved, the building can't be built. So there's a couple of early steps and as Director Cummings had alluded to, we are going to be doing a little bit of early packages. There's a new water line that will be moved and some concrete pads be placed prior to that training facility being moved over to that locality. So we've done some early work where we've done some monitoring wells just to check the watershed off the site and make sure that whatever design storm water whether its retention is being done appropriately.

The next steps. The team will be working - we're actually going to be releasing the web page. It'll be outlining all of what the building program is, all of the frequently asked questions, and concerns with the answers associated with it, and some of the details associated with the program.

Each week we continue to monitor the construction budget in comparing the expenses associated with what we budgeted to what has been spent. Any of the budget allocation within those items, we're making sure we're tracking and we're underneath every single line item as we move forward. Over the next several weeks, we're going to be finalizing third party consultants to oversee some of the construction components as we move into the late summer to early fall and that'll be compaction, concrete testing, and soil condition evaluation as we move forward. So those are the next steps. Once we have the plan sent over to the Construction Manager, we'll have more detailed costs associated with that. The drawings should follow shortly thereafter with completion and we should be hopefully moving into a favorable vote for construction over the next few months.

Chairman O'Brien

I do have one question.

Joe Sullivan, LeftField Project Management

With the Fire Department Facility, you did know there's gas lines out there but it was off a tank. Nothing connected to the street service that I know of, so.

Joe Sullivan, LeftField Project Management

Yeah. I can tell you the civil engineers are well aware of most of the internal components of that site. So they're identifying it and we're documenting it on drawings as we decide how that gets moved and the configuration around it.

Chairman O'Brien

Okay, because we had a lot of fun with that.

Joe Sullivan, LeftField Project Management

I'm sure you did.

Chairman O'Brien

At least I did. All right. Thank you. Mr. Sullivan. Any questions?

Alderman Dowd

Yeah, relative to the fire training site. This is to Director Cummings. Has it passed both Zoning and Planning?

Tim Cummings, Director of Administrative Services

Yes.

Alderman Dowd

I believe it has, right?

Tim Cummings, Director of Administrative Services

Yes, yes.

Alderman Dowd

So the next step is for Ad Hoc to approve it as one of the projects and then put forth the resolution to the Board for funding.

Tim Cummings, Director of Administrative Services

And you will be - if I may, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman O'Brien

Yes you may.

Tim Cummings, Director of Administrative Services

Coincidentally enough, tomorrow night you will be hearing a detailed presentation by the Fire Department where they will be outlining this request to the Ad Hoc Committee. So it is excellent timing.

Alderman Dowd

Just want to get it on the record.

Chairman O'Brien

Okay. Any other questions?

Alderman Johnson

Thank you very much. In the fire training area have we found if the soil is very contaminated with PFAs? Have we done all of that at this point in time?

Lisa Fauteux, Director of Public Works

Yes. I mean we have done a lot of analysis at the site. We do have - we're working with the consultants now and DES to figure out what the next steps will be but it's very consistent with what we expected to find there.

Alderman Johnson

May I continue?

Chairman O'Brien

Follow up.

Alderman Johnson

So what have you found? How contaminated is it?

Lisa Fauteux, Director of Public Works

I don't have the result in front of me.

Alderman Johnson

You don't have the results yet?

Lisa Fauteux, Director of Public Works

But I'm happy to share that information with you Alderman Johnson.

Alderman Johnson

Yes, I would like to get that information because we're going to be expanding a building to that area and we will have to make sure that, because with the other building that you have right now for Public Works Garage, everybody talks about - the ventilation and it's a toxic building. We don't need to build something on toxic land and have another building for millions and millions of dollars. So, thank you.

Chairman O'Brien

Okay. Clarifying I imagine from Director Cummings or Mr. Sullivan.

Tim Cummings, Director of Administrative Services

Nope, Mr. Sullivan.

Joe Sullivan, LeftField Project Management

And it's a great question. I can tell you from the very beginning, there was a baseline analysis done on a lot of the gradation and soil conditions there. The building won't be built on contaminated soil. There'll be - most processes associated with any type of - it doesn't matter what the soil conditions are. There's methods of removal, remediation, and replacement or capping and remediation of soil. So the engineers of record, civil engineers as well as some of the contaminant associates, are providing a detailed plan and this all has to go through the State requirements to make sure that we meet those parameters. So I can tell you categorically, a building will not be built on contaminated soil without the provisions and remediations that are necessary.

Alderman Johnson

Thank you very much.

Joe Sullivan, LeftField Project Management

You're welcome.

Chairman O'Brien

All set?

Alderman Johnson

Yes, thank you.

Chairman O'Brien

Alderman Johnson did make a legitimate request. So when that report does come up, the Committee would like to have a peek-see of it if you don't mind.

Tim Cummings Director of Administrative Services

Happy to provide it.

Chairman O'Brien

Thank you. That will go out not just to Alderman Johnson but to the whole Committee et all. Okay. Alright then, very good. Any other questions?

Okay, seeing none, we're going to go to the DPW Garage Project Approval of Invoices. This will be a roll call vote. If you look at your itinerary, there's a whole slew of them. So we found for efficiency just to go through, they're all basically have met an approval but if everybody wants to discuss individually, please make your request now and we'll take it out of cohesive vote.

Yes, Alderman Johnson. I want you to state which one that you may want to ..

DPW GARAGE PROJECT - APPROVAL OF INVOICES

Alderman Johnson

Well, I guess I have a question on all of them because I just got on the Board so I don't know what everything is from last year. So and they're not itemized statements they're just a dollar amount and since I don't know what I'm voting on, you know, the \$26,500 - there's 3 - \$15,000 here. There's the \$18,850 has something on there. Just really, I think the 3 of those because they're not itemized. There's nothing on there that says what the work was done, so.

Chairman O'Brien

Okay, then I will put it to the vote of the Committee whether they want to vote all of them or to put the ones on request that are going to be removed. So you get that as a question?

Alderman Gregg

Okay.

Chairman O'Brien

The motion? We'll make the motion to vote on all of them in its entirety or to break them down. Okay, any discussion on that motion?

MOTION BY CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN TO VOTE ON ALL OF THEM IN ITS ENTIRETY OR TO BREAK THEM DOWN

ON THE QUESTION

Commissioner Espitia

No, I think if you - thank you. I think if you go online where our online packet is you can actually see all of them.

Chairman O'Brien

That's correct.

Commissioner Espitia

The breakdown of all the invoices.

Alderman Johnson

Thank you very much. We just got the package yesterday. So how would I do this yesterday? We just got this email to us yesterday and being at the meeting last night ..

Chairman O'Brien

But you did get it, correct?

Alderman Johnson

Late afternoon yesterday and then I just didn't get to go on and now I know where to look for it. Thank you very much but it doesn't help me now. If you don't want to take it out, I'll just vote no on it. I don't care. I'm just not gonna vote on something I don't what the dollar amount is.

Chairman O'Brien

I understand and I'll make a special request and make sure if you can - Director Cummings, can you note this?

Tim Cummings, Director of Administrative Services

Yes.

Chairman O'Brien

Special delivery or whatever - on time?

Tim Cummings, Director of Administrative Services

We can print a hard one I guess and put it in the inbox if that's the pleasure.

Chairman O'Brien

Does that satisfy?

Alderman Johnson

I just need to know what it is and then give us enough time as on the Board and on the Committees to review all this.

Chairman O'Brien

Okay, because ..

Alderman Johnson

That's all I'm asking for.

Chairman O'Brien

What this is and we're not doing it now - the reason we put them all together is it's similar to what is done in the School Department and other committees in the City. We didn't invent this out of this Committee. It just makes the process expedient and most of these are bills that need to be paid. You go to the store and you buy cupcakes, you need to pay for them. Yes?

Lisa Fauteux, Director of Public Works

I just want to make a suggestion. It would be very - we could – Mr. Sullivan could quickly explain what these invoices are for that might help Alderman Johnson. Like literally two minutes to explain if the Board would find that.

Chairman O'Brien

You could do it in less than two minutes?

Joe Sullivan, LeftField Project Management

Probably a minute and a half.

Chairman O'Brien

Oh, okay. I like your style. I did have a question by Alderman Shea - did you have your hand up?

Commissioner Shea

It's satisfied by the suggestion so thank you very much.

Chairman O'Brien

Okay. You're on. On your mark, get set, go.

Joe Sullivan, LeftField Project Management

Great. All of these invoices are services provided as OPM services, the Owners Project Management for the designer, and process of the plans and specifications. So each month, each week, each - whether it's 5 times during that week or

17 times, our office and our team has been participating in evolving the design and specifications to move forward with the construction of this new facility. So each of these services - we've been contracted for a lump sum and based on - you'll see the variation of level of effort from 26 to 15 on those marks. It's just meeting the total contract for that particular amendment that we were approved for. So all of these services were provided from November through March and that encompasses all of the work associated with the design to get us to a GMP.

Chairman O'Brien

You even did better than a minute and a half.

Joe Sullivan, LeftField Project Management

I didn't take a breath.

Chairman O'Brien

You're a good man. Thank you, Mr. Sullivan. Okay. Any other further questions? Seeing none – then I'm gonna look to the Clerk to make the motion.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN GREGG TO APPROVE LEFTFIELD SERVICES THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2025 - #2024.035-012 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,500; LEFTFIELD SERVICES THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025 - #2024.035-013 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000; LEFTFIELD SERVICES THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2026 - #2024.035-014 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000; LEFTFIELD SERVICES THROUGH FEBRUARY 28TH, 2026 - #2024.035-015 - \$15,000; LEFTFIELD SERVICES THROUGH MARCH 31, 2026 - #2024.035-016 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,850; AND HKT ARCHITECTS, INC., SERVICES THROUGH MARCH 31, 2026 - #0008-022442 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$136,577.65, BY ROLL CALL

A viva voce roll call was taken, which resulted as follows:

Yea: Commissioner Espitia, Commissioner Gregg, Commissioner Lemen,
Commissioner Shea, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Gregg,
Alderman O'Brien 8

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

DPW GARAGE PROJECT – APPROVAL OF CONTRACT/PROPOSALS/AMENDMENTS

MOTION BY ALDERMAN GREGG TO APPROVE HARVEY CONSTRUCTION – DESIGN/BUILD PROPOSAL BODE EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000, BY ROLL CALL

ON THE QUESTION

Chairman O'Brien

Do you want to introduce it – have anything to say?

Tim Cummings, Director of Administrative Services

I'm actually gonna suggest that we have Mr. Sullivan do a quick overview ..

Chairman O'Brien

Absolutely.

Tim Cummings, Director of Administrative Services

...as to what this is so folks understand what is being asked.

Chairman O'Brien

Don't get out of breath on me.

Joe Sullivan, LeftField Project Management

Nope, no worries whatsoever. So, Bode is a – let me back it up a notch. We all decided to go to a pre-modular construction for the vehicle storage for cost savings measures associated with it. Bode is the contractor that will be doing the actual design of it. This \$30,000 gives them the contract amount to be able to put structural loads and some of the framing necessary to move the design along.

So there are 3 components. There is the addition to the admin area where lockers are located, vehicle storage is in the middle, and then we have the vehicle maintenance on the exterior facade of the new building. We need the structural loads and some of the framing of the vehicle storage pre-modular to be able to design the other 2 buildings that are conventional construction. The \$30,000 allows their engineers to perform those services so that we can move the design along.

Alderman Dowd

Just for clarification, the reason it's going to Harvey is that Bode is a subcontractor to Harvey.

Joe Sullivan, LeftField Project Management

Yeah, that's 100% correct. Thank you for the clarification.

Alderman Johnson

So what was the amount before you added the \$30,000 into it? What was the agreed upon amount?

Tim Cummings, Director of Administrative Services

I'm doing this from memory but I'm pretty sure it was about \$25,000.

Joe Sullivan, LeftField Project Management

That's correct.

Alderman Johnson

May I continue?

Chairman O'Brien

You want a further update? You want a further...?

Alderman Johnson

Yeah, please. Thanks. The \$25,000 was supposed to be for what part of that construction prior to the \$30,000 that's going to make it \$55,000 – if I did my math, right?

Tim Cummings, Director of Administrative Services

Yes, it wasn't for construction. It was for pre-construction services that the construction management team - Harvey - was assisting us through the design process. A lot of that is focused on cost estimating.

Alderman Johnson

Can I just add one other thing?

Chairman O'Brien

Why not? Yeah, go ahead.

Alderman Johnson

Why not because I read in here in the contract - the amendment, that it has to be - you said not to exceed \$30,000. So do you want to amend the motion to make sure it says not to exceed \$30,000?

Chairman O'Brien

Okay.

Alderman Johnson

I'll make a motion.

Chairman O'Brien

I'm gonna refer to the – there's a motion pending on the table already. So what I'm going to refer to was made by Alderman Gregg. So I'll ask Alderman Gregg, can you amend your motion?

Alderman Dowd

Anybody can amend the motion.

Chairman O'Brien

Okay, but I asked the Clerk but okay. We'll put on - we'll call it to Gregg/Johnson Motion and we'll amend it. Can the Clerk read the amendment?

Alderman Gregg

So, we'd like to make the motion to approve Harvey Construction Design/Build Proposal Bode Equipment in the amount not to exceed \$30,000 – is that ..?

Alderman Dowd

Yes.

Alderman Gregg

You'd like it? Okay, yes.

Alderman Johnson

It's in the contract.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN JOHNSON TO AMEND HARVEY CONSTRUCTION – DESIGN/BUILD PROPOSAL BODE EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000, BY ROLL CALL

A viva voce roll call was taken, which resulted as follows:

Yea: Commissioner Espitia, Commissioner Gregg, Commissioner Lemen,
Commissioner Shea, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Gregg,
Alderman O'Brien 8

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY – GENERAL PROGRESS UPDATE

- Overall Project Update

Tim Cummings, Director of Administrative Services

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There's not much of an update to give here. We're keeping the project on hold. We've been

focusing our efforts on the DPW Fleet Maintenance and Garage Project. So I don't want to go into too much detail here but of course if Mr. Sullivan has anything that he'd like to add, I'd like to offer the opportunity to him right now.

Joe Sullivan, LeftField Project Management

Thank you, Director Cummings. I just have a little bit of information and update just to remind everybody of where we were at. There was original back in 2025 late of the Fall, we came up with a program. We took different configurations as I had indicated on previous meetings of how it would fit on the proposed or preferred site within the Waste Water Treatment Facility. There was some information that was missing from original surveying, so we've engaged a survey to complete that. That work is still ongoing. We're looking to have that completed. Our services have kind of been put on hold and really focused on the Division of Public Works Facility as Mr. Cummings had alluded to and as soon as we have that survey, we'll be meeting as a group to determine what the next best steps are over the next few months. So that's where we're at.

Chairman O'Brien

Okay, very good. Questions on the update? Seeing none. Okay.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY - APPROVAL OF INVOICES

MOTION BY ALDERMAN GREGG TO APPROVE LEFTFIELD SERVICES THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2025 - #2025.007.006 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,500, BY ROLL CALL

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Commissioner Shea, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Gregg,
Alderman O'Brien 8

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY - APPROVAL CONTRACTS/PROPOSALS/AMENDMENTS - None

OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR APPROVAL - None

OLD BUSINESS – None

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Chairman O'Brien

Before moving on, I know we have a new Committee sitting and I understand that you weren't here but when this whole thing came, the Board of Aldermen did approve that this project will be built. So that includes these bills that are coming in at a later date. They already in a way have been pre-approved by the existing Board. Is that correct Director Cummings? The whole total concept was agreed to.

Tim Cummings, Director of Administrative Services

I think it's fair to say the concept was agreed to and certainly we have authorization to do the design work to move the project forward as it's currently contemplated.

Chairman O'Brien

But to further throw you on under the bus Director Cummings, I can understand people having questions on it. So if you have questions, I would say that - Director Cummings would you offer to have a question from a Committee member to explain this is how we got here and.

Tim Cummings, Director of Administrative Services

Of course.

Chairman O'Brien

Okay.

Tim Cummings, Director of Administrative Services

Always available.

Chairman O'Brien

Okay.

Alderman Johnson

Well, that's not really true - always available because I sent you lots of questions about other things and, you know, several things that you never got back to me on. So I have the right to ask the questions here and whether I vote for to pay the bills or not, I have that right. I understand what you did on the previous Boards but I'm now on the Board and I'm going to ask the questions. If it's not itemized, I'm going to ask what was it for. Just like if you got a bill from a doctor, and they didn't itemize, and you didn't remember, you would call the doctor's office and ask them to please explain what this invoice is for. So when I do this, I'm doing it for my constituents and basically probably everybody else in the City. So don't take it the wrong way but I'm just asking the questions because I have to understand. I was not on the Board last year when all this came about. So this is why I'm asking and I hope Mr. Cummings - Director Cummings if I send you an email, I can get something back in a timely fashion, especially if it's going to be before meeting and if I get the agenda. I know that I've left messages on other things that you never got back but we'll let that go for right now.

Tim Cummings, Director of Administrative Services

No we shouldn't. Actually if I could get into that, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman O'Brien

Yeah, why not.

Tim Cummings, Director of Administrative Services

Thank you. I think what this body and other members of the Board of Aldermen need to remind themselves is that you're 1 of 15 and we do the best we can with limited resources. I can certainly assure you and all the other members of the Board of Aldermen that this City staff does all that we can to be responsive, and I will not commit to being on certain members timelines but you certainly are owed the information, and we will do the best we can to get you the information, and certainly we want you to have the information for you to be able to make informed decisions. But we cannot commit to your timelines and we won't commit to your timelines. So I think everyone needs to understand that and certainly if someone needs more time, we are understanding of that and we wouldn't rush anyone to make a decision until they were comfortable. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Alderman Dowd

Yeah, just as - we used to do this on the Joint Special. If we can get the invoices several days rather than one day ahead. We used to try and give 4 days to the people so they can review the invoices and if there's a last minute invoice that has to be paid, it can be brought up at the meeting and explain why it's late and has to be paid.

Chairman O'Brien

Yeah, do you have something to say to that?

Tim Cummings, Director of Administrative Services

No.

Chairman O'Brien

I tell you, we're at the whim now again how many people come in and visit their mailboxes, you know? Do you have the time to do that? I would be happy if they do send that out via email, which will be more expedient and more timely that

you have time to review it and question it. So if that can be done. That may make it easier than you than standing next to a copier machine.

Tim Cummings, Director of Administrative Services

We can do that.

Chairman O'Brien

Yeah, okay. All right, very good. I'm happy with that.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DOWD TO ADJOURN, BY ROLL CALL

A viva voce roll call was taken, which resulted as follows:

Yea: Commissioner Espitia, Commissioner Gregg, Commissioner Lemen,
Commissioner Shea, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Gregg,
Alderman O'Brien 8

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Chairman O'Brien

And before we're dismissed, can you give us that Director Cummings - a hint to when the next meeting will be?

Tim Cummings, Director of Administrative Services

You read my mind, Mr. Chairman. I wanted to make sure the body knows that we're looking at May 28th and so if you can keep that in the back of your mind, I think we're going to try to do it right after a Board of Public Works meeting on May 28th. If we can plan for that, I would appreciate it.

Chairman O'Brien

Thank you. Okay. Now would that involve a different location?

Tim Cummings, Director of Administrative Services

Yes, that would be at the DPW building.

Chairman O'Brien

Okay. All right. So the next meeting of this Committee will be May 28th at the BPW Administration Building. What's the address number?

Tim Cummings, Director of Administrative Services

848.

Chairman O'Brien

848 West Hollis Street?

Tim Cummings, Director of Administrative Services

Correct.

Chairman O'Brien

And that will be approximately what time?

Alderman Gregg

I just put ..

Tim Cummings, Director of Administrative Services

5:15 – 5:30.

Alderman Johnson

Oh, I can't do it then.

Tim Cummings, Director of Administrative Services

5:00?

Alderman Gregg

Okay.

Chairman O'Brien

Yeah, we'll put down 5 o'clock for now. Okay, alright, very good. Alright. Since we had the vote, I'll call this meeting adjourned at 6:38 and I thank you all for coming.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Alderman-at-Large Alicia Gregg
Committee Clerk