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MINUTES FOR LEGISLATIVE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

April 17, 2019 AT 6:00 PM

CITY HALL Room 201

Attending: Chair Councilor William Onyski, Member Councilor Mike Burns Absent was Member Councilor Nick Morganelli due to a long scheduled commitment.

Other Councilors in attendance: Babinski, Lefebvre, Bean, Harris, Allie

Meeting started at 5:30 PM.

- 1) Anyone taping or recording this meeting?
--No one taping or recording.
- 2) Public Participation.
--No Public Participation.
- 3) Approval of April 3, 2019 minutes.
--Approved 2-0
- 4) Bond Order entitled "A BOND ORDER TO PAY COSTS OF VARIOUS AIRPORT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS" (\$10,250,000.00) (4-4-19)
--Airport Manager Eric Billowitz addressed topic
--Bond amount covers the cost of the entire project but additional monies from city is \$516,500.00
--This is available because there was unforeseen monies from MassDOT and Federal funds are available from other airport projects that weren't ready. Barnes Airport has projects that were ready.
--Funding breakdown as follows:

Project	Cost	Federal Grant	State Grant	Airport Budget*	City Share
Runway 2-20 Frost Heave Repair	\$ 950,000	\$ -	\$ (782,000)	\$ (101,500)	\$ 66,500
Phase II Drainage Improvement	\$ 3,000,000	\$ (2,700,000)	\$ (150,000)	\$ -	\$ 150,000
Runway 15-33 Reconstruction	\$ 6,000,000	\$ (5,400,000)	\$ (300,000)	\$ -	\$ 300,000
Sound Insulation Design	\$ 300,000	\$ (270,000)	\$ (15,000)	\$ (15,000)	\$ -
Totals	\$ 10,250,000	\$ (8,370,000)	\$(1,247,000)	\$ (116,500)	\$ 516,500

*Note: Includes redirect of deferred projects supported by current free cash special appropriations.

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- 5) Upon motion of Councilor Paul, and Councilor Burns, it was VOTED: That an analysis of the present Storm Water Fee be initiated with the DPW Director to identify the fee gap and work required to be compliant with Federal and State EPA and that the matter be

REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE and LEGISLATIVE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.

Councilor Paul informed the Council that stormwater runoff is the worst pollutant for the water and more money is needed to redo roads to collect the stormwater properly.

1/17/19 (long discussion) FAVORABLY REFERRED FROM FINANCE COMM and LAW DEPT

-- The following numbers were voted on in February DPW meeting:

Residential

The proposal is to raise the residential rate \$10/year from \$20/year to \$30/year and remain there for three years. Table 1 shows the present rate, proposed rate, present revenue generated and projected revenue.

Year	Present	FY20	FY21	FY22
Rate	\$20/year	\$30/year	\$30/year	\$30/year
Revenue	\$204,929*	\$307,380**	\$307,380	\$307,380

Table 1

Commercial (Non-residential)

As stated above the present fee is \$0.045/ft², the proposed fee will be \$0.014/ft² and the cap will be raised to \$1,200 for parcels with impervious surface of 80,000 to 150,000 ft² and \$2,100 for parcels greater than 150,000 ft². The fee will be set at \$0.014/ft² in FY20 and remain there for three years (Table 2). Smaller businesses (less than 45,700 ft²) will pay less each year while the larger entities will pay more. Currently any commercial property 14,222 ft² or greater is paying the maximum.

Year	Present	FY20	FY21	FY22
Rate	\$0.045/ft ²	\$0.014/ft ²	\$0.014/ft ²	\$0.014/ft ²
Revenue	\$353,413*	\$384,300**	\$384,300	\$384,300

Table 2

Table 3 shows the present and future revenue.

Year	Present	FY20	FY21	FY22
Residential	\$204,929*	\$307,380	\$307,380	\$307,380
Commercial	\$353,413*	\$384,300	\$384,300	\$384,300
Total	\$558,342*	\$691,680	\$691,680	\$691,680

Table 3

Table 4 shows the funds needed and generated for the first three years of the capital plan based on the proposed increases.

Year	2020	2021	2022
Needed	\$ 630,000	\$ 904,000	\$ 1,017,100
Generated	\$ 691,680	\$ 691,680	\$ 691,680

Table 4

--The Law Department advised that the final rate does not need to be approved by DPW board. CC can set the rate.

--The DPW board and DPW director agree that the original proposal (below) is what is required to make a difference in getting projects done. These figures were suggested 10 years ago:

Residential

The proposal is to raise the residential rate by \$10/year for three years. Table 1 shows the present rate, proposed rate, present revenue generated and projected revenue.

Year	Present	FY20	FY21	FY22
Rate	\$20/year	\$30/year	\$40/year	\$50/year
Revenue	\$204,929*	\$307,380**	\$409,840	\$512,300

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Commercial (Non-residential)

As stated above the present fee is \$0.045/ft², the proposed fee will be \$0.014/ft² and the cap will be raised to \$1,200 for parcels with impervious surface of 80,000 to 150,000 ft² and \$2,100 for parcels greater than 150,000 ft². The fee will increase to \$0.020/ft² in FY20 and \$0.024/ft² in FY21 (Table 2). Smaller businesses (less than 45,700 ft²) will pay less the first year while the larger entities will pay more. Currently any commercial property 14,222 ft² or greater is paying the maximum.

Year	Present	FY20	FY21	FY22
Rate	\$0.045/ft ²	\$0.014/ft ²	\$0.020/ft ²	\$0.024/ft ²
Revenue	\$353,413*	\$384,300**	\$503,000	\$566,800

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Year	Present	FY20	FY21	FY22
Residential	\$204,929*	\$307,380**	\$409,840	\$512,300
Commercial	\$353,413*	\$384,300**	\$503,000	\$566,800
Total	\$558,342*	\$691,680**	\$912,840	\$1,079,100

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Needed	\$ 630,000.00	\$ 904,000.00	\$ 1,017,020.00
Generated	\$ 691,680.00	\$ 912,840.00	\$ 1,079,100.00

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- Either proposal would benefit the smaller businesses that have been paying the same max as larger businesses.
- The 30/40/50 proposal can fund flood control structures
- Dave Billips and Mark Cressotti agree that this will help with road repairs because many storm water improvements involve road rebuilding
- Billips indicated that the the state is more likely to offer grants to cities that put an effort to want to fix issues on their own.
- Councilor Allie asked for balance of undesignated storm water account. It is app \$725,000.00.
- Councilor Harris indicated that the 30/40/50 proposal will outrage residents
- Councilor Bean indicated that this could be repealed if there was a need
- Discussion regarding the Max commercial rates
- Vote was taken on the 30/40/50 Proposal with modification to raise the max commercial payment from \$2,100.00 to \$5,000.00
- Voted 2-0 for approval

- 6) Upon motion by Councilor Allie (Beltrandi, Emmershly and Flaherty), it was VOTED: That an ordinance regarding road repairs be established and that the matter be REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE. Councilor Allie informed the Council that this would address issues relative to requirements of digging up the road, repaving of the road after being dug up, patching and sealing and to ensure that the road is fixed to the integrity it should be. President Beltrandi relinquished the Chair to Councilor Figy. Councilor Beltrandi informed the Council that this was in the process in the past with the trench permits and this would be something that would be added to that.(5-17-18)
 - Continued discussion of filling trenches or cuts into roadway
 - Billips indicated that he wasn't as much concerned about the method of repair but felt something should be done to guarantee that the patch holds and doesn't become a city pothole after a year or so
 - Discussion around some sort of binding mechanism possibly but didn't want to be too onerous on the construction crews

- Cressotti put out the idea of paying the city to repair the street and retaining responsibility for its future maintenance
- It was suggested that Westfield G&E be brought into the conversation because they create many trenches in the streets
- Onyski requested that Billips reach out to other communities to see how they handle the road cuts
- This will be a continuing conversation with a lot of new perspectives
- Voted 2-0 to leave in committee

7) Adjourn.

--Adjourned at 7:13 PM

