

Protection and License Committee

Chairman Conn, Tramontozzi,
Seaboyer, Forbes, Buonopane
Attending: Boisselle, Infurna,
Mortimer
In attendance: Police Chief Rick
Morrissey, Mayor Dolan

Protection and License called to order by Chairman Conn at 7:30 p.m. Alderman Buonopane motions to open Public Participation, 2nd by Alderman Seaboyer. All in favor. No one comes forward. Alderman Buonopane motions to close Public Participation, 2nd by Alderman Seaboyer. All in favor.

Order No. 07-105, GRANT Amount: \$7,000.00 From: Commonwealth of Mass. Governor's Highway Safety Bureau To: Traffic Enforcement Grant - Fund #2528 as set forth herein. Alderman Buonopane motions to suspend the rules to have Police Chief Morrissey come forward, 2nd by Alderman Seaboyer. All in favor.

Chief Morrissey says this \$7,000.00 grant is a continuation of the "Click It or Ticket" campaign which goes through five phases. He says it is a mini asset to the Department which allows seven officers to work four-hour blocks through the year.

Alderman Forbes asks if certain areas of the City are targeted. Chief Morrissey says they go to the areas that the Department receives the most complaints about.

Alderman Buonopane moves to recommend, 2nd by Alderman Tramontozzi. All in favor.

Order No. 07-112, APPOINTMENT Of: Levi DiFranza, 12 Bow St To: Constable Term to expire on the first Monday in March, 2010

Mayor Dolan thanks the Board for considering the two Constable appointments this evening. These are two outstanding young men and he hopes the appointments will be approved. Levi is a local hero and his background is stellar. He was deployed to Egypt and Iraq and received a Purple Heart. Both men want to serve the public and hope for a future in law enforcement.

Mr. DiFranza says he hopes for the chance to serve as a constable and he is grateful if allowed this great honor.

Alderman Tramontozzi moves to recommend, 2nd by Alderman Seaboyer. All in favor.

Order No. 07-113, APPOINTMENT Of: Anthony A. DiPrizio, 111 Sycamore Rd. To: Constable Term to expire on the first Monday in March, 2010

Mayor Dolan says that Anthony is a life-long resident of Melrose and his family has lived and worked here for four generations. He has been trained by the Saugus constable as well as one of Revere's, and he believes he could be of assistance to the public. He is applying for this position because he would like to serve the public and the attorneys in the City, learn the legal process, hopes for a future in law enforcement, enhance his resume, work for a private law firm in Everett, and earn extra money for marriage and to purchase a home in the City.

Mr. DiPrizio thanks the Aldermen for this consideration. His family was the first to settle in the Mount Hood area. He has been trained by a constable that is a member of the oldest association of constables in the nation.

Alderman Buonopane moves to recommend, 2nd by Alderman Tramontozzi. All in favor.

Alderman Seaboyer motions to adjourn, 2nd by Alderman Tramontozzi. All in favor.

Protection and License adjourns at 7:40 p.m.

Health, Education and Welfare

Chairman Seaboyer, Tramontozzi,
Buonopane, Forbes, Conn
Attending: Boisselle, Infurna,
Mortimer
In attendance: Veterans Agent John
Dunne; City Auditor Patrick Dello
Russo; Council on Aging Director
Jack Beckley; City Engineer Bob
Beshara

Health, Education and Welfare called to order by Chairman Seaboyer at 7:41 p.m.
Order No. 07-114, RE-APPOINTMENT Of: Bonnie Cronin, 83 North Cedar Park To:
Human Rights Commission Term to expire on the first Monday in February, 2010

Alderman Forbes moves to recommend, 2nd by Alderman Tramontozzi. All in favor.

Order No. 07-115, RE-APPOINTMENT Of: Gayle Peterson, 20 Sargent St. To: Human
Rights Commission Term to expire on the first Monday in February, 2010

Alderman Tramontozzi moves to recommend, 2nd by Alderman Forbes. All in favor.

Order No. 07-116, TRANSFER Amount: \$10,000. From: 017512-549102 – Municipal
Debt Interest To: 015432-544000 – Veterans, Benefits The funds are necessary to
continue to provide benefits for our veterans.

Alderman Tramontozzi motions to suspend the rules to have Mr. Dunne address the
committee, 2nd by Alderman Forbes. All in favor.

Mr. Dunne says the transfer is basically for the purpose of maintaining the current level of veteran's benefits. This money will hopefully carry the department for three months. Alderman Conn asks how much money he will need to get through the fiscal year. Mr. Dunne says he is trying to get through the next three months and will evaluate the situation at that point. Alderman Conn asks if he anticipates coming before the Board of Aldermen on a monthly basis. Mr. Dunne says he hopes not to. He says the City has been approved for reimbursement for the flags that were purchased for Memorial Day, but he has no clue as to when the state issues the funds. The money will be credited to the General Fund but it may be applied to his budget next fiscal year. Alderman Conn asks where the City stands in regards to state reimbursement for benefits. Mr. Dunne says it is at about 66%.

Alderman Tramontozzi asks how many veterans the City is servicing. Mr. Dunne says he believes there are seven on the rolls right now, and that during the course of the year there has been 12. Alderman Tramontozzi asks if it is possible that the number fluctuates and Mr. Dunne says it does month to month. Alderman Tramontozzi asks how much of the expended funds are reimbursed by the state. Mr. Dunne says up to 75%, which he thinks the City will receive.

Alderman Infurna asks if there are receipts or invoices for the requested transfer or if Mr. Dunne knows that he will need \$10,000.00. Mr. Dunne says the funds are dispensed on a month by month warranted basis. There does not have to be any money in this budget to pay for benefits but if the City doesn't pay them the state takes it off the Cherry Sheet at 125%. Alderman Infurna says it is unique to request \$10,000 in advance without an actual bill or contract. Mr. Dello Russo says yes and no. He expects this \$10,000 will be spent by the end of the fiscal year. Mr. Dunne wants a sense of surety that the funds are available for immediate payment.

Alderman Conn moves to recommend, 2nd by Alderman Buonopane. All in favor.

Order No. 07-117, TRANSFER Amount: \$7,773.50 From: 011751-511000 Planning, Salaries To: 013012-547200 Regional School, Minuteman Regional High School

Mr. Dello Russo says he received this request from Superintendent Casey for the tuition bill from the Minuteman Regional High School for payment of one student. Alderman Conn asks if it is for a student that is going to Minuteman because the Northeast Voke didn't have a course to accommodate him. Mr. Dello Russo says yes. Alderman Conn asks what that course is. Mr. Dello Russo says he does not know but will find out for the Board of Aldermen. Alderman Conn asks why the invoice is coming to the Board and is not funded through the school account. Mr. Dello Russo says that the law specifies it is the responsibility of the city or town. He is interested in seeing if it will reappear in the FY08 budget. Alderman Conn asks if the invoice is for the whole year and Mr. Dello Russo says it looks like it is only for the first semester. Alderman Conn asks if the student is a SPED student; Mr. Dello Russo says he does not know. Alderman Conn asks if this is a \$14,000 expenditure; Mr. Dello Russo says he believes so. Alderman Conn says he will offer to place this on hold, and asks if there is any urgency to paying it. Mr. Dello Russo says he doesn't think so.

Alderman Tramontozzi agrees that the committee needs more information.

Alderman Buonopane asks if it is strictly tuition or if it includes transportation costs. Mr. Dello Russo says it states tuition billing. Alderman Buonopane asks if he would please find out if it includes transportation.

Alderman Forbes asks what year this student is in. Mr. Dello Russo says he does not know. Alderman Forbes says if he is a freshman, it will cost over \$50,000 by the senior year.

Alderman Infurna says she knows there have been students attending Minuteman in years past and the Board of Aldermen has never seen an invoice for tuition. She knows of other students that go out of district and the Board of Aldermen does not get invoices

for them, either. It is interesting to see this now, and she feels they need to be diligent and have more information.

Alderman Conn motions to place the matter on hold, 2nd by Alderman Forbes. All in favor.

Order No. 07-119, TRANSFER Amount: \$5,808.62 From: 014221-511000 Highway Salaries \$5,808.62 To: 015411-511000 Council on Aging Salaries \$3,714.50; 011552-522000 IT Telephone \$594.12; 015412-527700 Council on Aging Building Repair/Maintenance \$1,500.00 as set forth herein.

Mr. Beckley says that during the budget downturn a few years ago the Council on Aging was hit hard by state and local cuts. It was necessary to cut back on the minibuss service. There currently is only a morning dispatcher. The minibuss runs all day but calls are lost because there is no afternoon dispatcher. As a result, ridership is down 30%. The requested \$3,700 will pay for an afternoon dispatcher through the end of the fiscal year. In the summer months there is only a morning dispatcher but he wants to continue having an afternoon dispatcher this coming fiscal year.

The requested telephone funds will add a line to the Senior Center; there is only one line there now. The requested \$1500 is for computer access to the Senior Center so the afternoon dispatcher can do additional work. To continue the same service next year will cost \$9,000.00.

Alderman Conn asks Mr. Dello Russo how the transfer can be taken from Highways Salaries. Mr. Dello Russo says it had been budgeted in anticipation for Sick Leave Buy Back, but the employee is not retiring until next year. Alderman Conn asks if there is a chance that he will come back to the Board of Aldermen before July 1 requesting that this money be replaced. Mr. Dello Russo says no, that he would not authorize the order.

Alderman Buonopane moves to recommend, 2nd by Alderman Forbes. All in favor.

Alderman Buonopane motions to adjourn, 2nd by Alderman Conn. All in favor.

Health, Education and Welfare adjourns at 8:12 p.m.

Public Works Committee

Chairman Buonopane, Forbes,
Seaboyer, Conn, Tramontozzi
Attending: Boisselle, Infurna,
Mortimer
In attendance: City Auditor Patrick
Dello Russo; City Engineer Bob
Beshara; Health Director Ruth Clay

Public Works called to order by Chairman Buonopane at 8:15 p.m. Order No. 07-064, Be it ordered that the spending cap on Revolving Account #26572-520000 Waste Collection and Recycling be reduced by \$30,000. (AL-1)

Alderman Conn motions to place the matter on hold. Chairman Buonopane says that before he accepts the motion, the maker of the order had a few questions to ask. Alderman Conn withdraws the motion.

Chairman Buonopane says that Alderman Brodeur had two questions: the amount in the fund and where the department stands in the hiring process. Mr. Dello Russo says he sent the Board a summary of the balance in the fund as of 6 February 2007, which is \$58,095.71. Chairman Buonopane asks where they stand in the hiring process. Mr. Beshara says the position has been advertised and the Human Resources Director is reviewing resumes.

Chairman Buonopane says that Alderman Brodeur suggested sending this to the full board with or without recommendation.

Alderman Conn asks if this account can be used to pay Public Works employees that are working overtime on weekends. Mr. Beshara says no, not out of this account; the only salary drawn from this account is the Recycling coordinator.

Alderman Tramontozzi asks if these funds may be used to reduce the homeowner's cost of solid waste collection. Mr. Beshara says no, it is used to get rid of recycling.

Alderman Boisselle asks how many applications have been received for the position. Mr. Beshara says he has seen 6 or 8 applications but believes there may be a dozen.

Alderman Forbes asks if only \$15,000 would be needed to hire now. Mr. Beshara says it is going to be a part-time position now: 16 hours per week at \$20 per hour.

Alderman Conn motions to send the matter to the full board without recommendation, 2nd by Alderman Seaboyer. All in favor.

Order 07-107, Proposed Ordinance amendment to Melrose Revised Ordinances Chapter 198 – Solid Waste as submitted by the Solid Waste Committee as set forth herein. (AL-4)

Alderman Conn motions to divide the order due to the fact that it is a fairly lengthy proposal. He motions to designate §198-1 and §192-2 as the A order, and §198-4 as the B order.

Chairman Buonopane says discussion on the A order is in order.

Alderman Conn motions to suspend the rules to have Ms. Clay address the A order, 2nd by Alderman Tramontozzi.

Ms. Clay says this part is basically housekeeping. The Solid Waste Committee worked on it and she updated the enforcement part to be more in line with the other ticketing ordinances. Alderman Conn asks if a violation will be treated as non-criminal disposition; Ms. Clay says yes. Alderman Conn asks why the change to what can be put into compost bins. Ms. Clay says it was done to be consistent with state law.

Alderman Forbes asks if §198.1 requires the compost bins to be licensed; Ms. Clay says no. Alderman Forbes asks if there is any revenue to the City to be gained; Ms. Clay says no. Alderman Forbes asks if the Board of Health must be notified; Ms. Clay says no.

Alderman Boisselle asks if the compost area includes the compost bin. Ms. Clay says she would consider it the same.

Alderman Conn recommends 07-107A, 2nd by Alderman Seaboyer. All in favor.

Chairman Buonopane states that 07-107B is now under discussion. Alderman Conn says it looks like the Solid Waste Committee did an excellent job updating this section, and asks about increasing the curbside pick-up from 3 units to 6 units. Mr. Beshara says that is how it has been done since he's been here, and that it is consistent with the Solid Waste pick-up. Alderman Conn says this brings the policy up to current practices and Mr. Beshara says yes.

Alderman Seaboyer says that televisions are collected on Saturdays at the city yard throughout the year. He asks about construction materials. Mr. Beshara says it is illegal to pick them up curbside. The homeowner can take it to Waste Management off of Route 99 or call a hauling company. Alderman Seaboyer asks if there is a fee at Waste Management; Mr. Beshara says yes.

Alderman Conn moves to recommend 07-107B, 2nd by Alderman Seaboyer. All in favor.

Alderman Forbes says he is confused about §198-3(G)(2), the hybrid pricing system for its waste reduction program. Mr. Beshara says it is not a city proposal; it is from the Solid Waste Committee. Alderman Forbes says the question people have about Pay-To-Throw is if the trash fee would be reduced.

Alderman Seaboyer motions to divide the order so that §§198-5 through 198-10 would be designated as the C order.

Alderman Conn asks if the original order would contain §198-3. Chairman Buonopane says yes.

Alderman Conn motions to hold the original order, 07-107, in committee, 2nd by Alderman Tramontozzi. All in favor.

Alderman Conn motions to hold 07-103C in committee, 2nd by Alderman Forbes. All in favor.

Alderman Conn motions to adjourn, 2nd by Alderman Forbes. All in favor.

Public Works adjourns at 8:59 p.m.

Maribeth Harrington
Clerk of Committees