

Appropriations Committee

Chairman Medeiros, Tramontozzi, Infurna,
Boisselle, Wright, Seaboyer, Mortimer,
McAteer-Margolis, Bird, Conn
Absent: Forbes
In attendance: Mayor Robert Dolan, City
Auditor/CFO Patrick Dello Russo, City
Engineer Bob Beshara, Assistant
Superintendent of Public Works John Scenna,
IT Director Jorge Pazos; Health Director Ruth
Clay

Appropriations Committee is called to order by Chairman Medeiros at 7:58 p.m.

Alderman Tramontozzi motions to take order 12-23 out of order, 2nd by Alderman McAteer-Margolis. All in favor. Alderman Tramontozzi motions to suspend the rules, 2nd by Alderman Infurna. All in favor.

Order 12-23, APPROPRIATION Amount: \$85,000.00

From: FY09 Overlay Account 01-123009

To: Account # 014011-511000 - PW, Administration, Salaries \$45,000.00

Account # 014852-527700 - PW, Automotive, Building Repair \$40,000.00

Mayor Dolan says this order represents the beginning of reorganizing the Public Works Department. The city's priorities have to be redefined and its first priority is to educate the city's children; the school budget has to be funded. Major renovations have been made to the High School without an override or debt exclusion but more work needs to be done. Trash costs continue to increase but he doesn't want to raise the trash fee. Reorganizing Public Works and privatizing trash collection will create savings and a sustainable and better future for the department. Saving on the mowing contract and avoiding spending money on trash trucks will build bonding capacity, freeing up the ability to borrow money for significant improvements to the MHS physical plant.

Alderman Infurna moves to recommend, 2nd by Alderman McAteer-Margolis. All in favor.

Alderman Tramontozzi motions to take order 12-31 out of order, 2nd by Alderman McAteer-Margolis. All in favor.

Order 12-31, Authorizing the Mayor, in accordance with M.G.L., Chapter 40, Sec. 4A, to execute an agreement between the City of Melrose and the Town of Reading in order to allow both communities to share the services and costs associated with a common health department as set forth herein.

Mayor Dolan reads his statement submitted to the Board of Aldermen requesting their support to partner with the town of Reading as they did with Wakefield last year. Ms. Clay says the collaboration will be similar; Melrose will manage Reading's staff. She will no longer perform inspections and will focus on bigger issues. Managing three communities will allow for better flexibility. Melrose and Wakefield's staff are cross trained. Regionalization brings standard paperwork and enforcement of state codes together. Mr. Dello Russo says this plan, with both communities, saves the City of Melrose \$130,000 per year.

Alderman McAteer-Margolis moves to recommend, 2nd by Alderman Infurna. All in favor.

Alderman Tramontozzi motions to take order 12-24 out of order, 2nd by Alderman Bird. All in favor.

Order 12-24, APPROPRIATION Amount: \$125,000.00
From: Mount Hood Reserve Fund
To: Account # 620000-529006 - Mount Hood, Capital Improvement
for restoration to the Mt. Hood Tower

Alderman Boisselle moves to recommend, 2nd by Alderman Mortimer.

Mr. Interbartolo says this order pertains to the restoration and improvement of the Mount Hood tower. There are a number of safety issues that need to be addressed. Bids have gone out. There are some additional costs that will be incurred for issues that the Park Commission was not aware of when the process was started. TMobile's antenna has to be temporarily relocated to their requirements during the renovation, which will cost between \$15,000 and \$30,000. Over the next eight years the lease will bring in \$320,000.

On the motion to recommend, All in favor.

Order 12-17, REAPPOINTMENT OF: Nyal Fuentes, 2 Allen Place, Melrose, MA
TO: Human Rights Commission Expiration: last day of February, 2014 (second three-year term)

Alderman Mortimer moves to recommend, 2nd by Alderman Bird. All in favor.

Alderman Boisselle motions to adjourn, 2nd by Alderman Mortimer. All in favor.

Appropriations adjourns at 9:47 p.m.

Maribeth Harrington
Clerk of Committees