

Public Service Committee

Chairman Tramontozzi, Mortimer,
Wright, Seaboyer, Medeiros
Attending: Boisselle, Infurna
In attendance: Joan Bell,
Superintendent of Mount Hood and
Public Open Space, Parks
Commissioner Mike Interbartolo,
City Engineer Bob Beshara

Public Service called to order by Chairman Tramontozzi at 7:15 p.m. Alderman Mortimer motions to open Public Participation, 2nd by Alderman Medeiros. All in favor. No one comes forward. Alderman Mortimer motions to close Public Participation, 2nd by Alderman Medeiros. All in favor.

Order No. 09-036, APPROPRIATION Amount: \$31,000.00 From: Raised and Appropriated Funds To: A/C #016512-524000 - Parks, Hired Equipment These funds are necessary to make emergency repairs to the lighting system at Morelli Field.

Chairman Tramontozzi says this is being addressed this evening due to a number of questions raised at last Monday's committee meeting.

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

Alderman Seaboyer says he has two concerns, one of which is "Raised and Appropriated Funds". Mr. Interbartolo says the Park Commission wears two hats: dealing with the City's parks and the operation of Mount Hood. It was brought to the Park Commission's attention in June that the lights at Morelli Field were in such a state that they impaired the safety of children during night games. The Park Commission agreed that something had to be done but discussions with the Administration revealed that there were no funds available. The Park Commission agreed for one-time only to increase the Pilot payment and strongly urged that the funds be spent on emergency repairs to the lights at Morelli Field. The Mayor was asked to deal with the situation on an emergency basis but it couldn't be done. Mr. Interbartolo says he believes the money has been transferred and the project will go out to bid.

Mr. Beshara says the project will go out to bid and the City will hire a contractor in late winter to be ready for spring baseball. It was originally considered an emergency situation but it was realized the funds were not in place and consequently Joan Bell had to reschedule all the night games.

Mr. Interbartolo says the Park Commission does not consider this a solution to the problem; it's a band-aid. Administration after administration has attempted to address the problem but there are always other priorities. The City will have to come up with a solution.

Alderman Medeiros says she understands the lights are original to the field and asks how much it would cost to replace them. Ms. Bell says that according to a study done a while back, it will cost between \$350,000 and \$400,000. Alderman Medeiros asks if Mr. Beshara will hire Dodge Electric as the contractor. Mr. Beshara says he had an agreement with Dodge Electric for emergency maintenance but that contract has

expired.

Alderman Infurna says she is delighted that this project is finally moving forward; parents have been concerned for many years. She thanks the Park Commission for giving the City the money to do this.

On the motion to recommend, All in favor.

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

Public Service adjourns at 7:28 p.m.

Finance Committee

Chairman Medeiros, Seaboyer,
Tramontozzi, Wright, Mortimer
Attending: Boisselle, Conn, Infurna
In attendance: City Planner Denise
Gaffey, Assistant City Planner Matt
Hennigan, Memorial Hall Operations
Manager Kathy Pigott-Brodeur, Greg
Aloi, Clerk of the Works

Finance Committee called to order by Chairman Medeiros at 7: 29 p.m. Order No. 09-036, Order No. 09-036, APPROPRIATION Amount: \$31,000.00 From: Raised and Appropriated Funds To: A/C #016512-524000 - Parks, Hired Equipment These funds are necessary to make emergency repairs to the lighting system at Morelli Field.

Chairman Medeiros says this order was just heard in the Public Service Committee and there is authorization from the auditor that the funds are available. Alderman Mortimer moves to recommend, 2nd by Seaboyer. All in favor.

Order No. 09-033, APPROPRIATION Amount: \$25,000.00 From: Acct. #84052-590000 - Capital Stabilization Fund, Transfer Out To: Acct. #25924-490000 - Memorial Hall Bldg. State HVAC Grant as set forth herein.

Ms. Gaffey says the City was fortunate enough to receive two grants to fund the HVAC project at Memorial Hall. The entire system is being upgraded. The previous steam system is being converted from oil to a gas hot water system and asbestos has been removed from the boiler and pipes. The existing radiators will be used to maintain the character of the building. It is a centralized and computerized system that can be controlled from the Operations Manager's home so that she may turn it on in only the rooms that will be used. Another part of the project is the air conditioning which the building never had before: it is original in all parts of the building. During the bidding process it was realized that the costs could exceed the budget and because the construction schedule was of paramount concern it was decided to segment out sections of the building: the dressing rooms and the stage were not awarded to allow for contingencies in the project. The contractors have been very reasonable with change orders and have given the City a very good price for this work. It makes good sense to do it now because they are in the building and it can be integrated into the control system. The money being requested is coming from the Capital Stabilization Fund

which is an appropriate use for this request. The \$25,000 being requested represents 3% of the project's budget; the grants represent 97%. Air conditioning is a priority for renting the building for weddings and theater productions in particular. This change order will not affect the construction schedule at all.

President Conn asks the total amount of the project. Ms. Gaffey says it is \$797,000. President Conn says this \$25,000 would be the only City funds to be used for this project. Ms. Gaffey says that's correct. President Conn says she won't be back asking for more money. Ms. Gaffey promises she won't. President Conn asks the amount of anticipated revenue for this fiscal year. Ms. Pigott-Brodeur says as of right now it is \$30,000. President Conn says that in one year the City will recoup all of the money.

Alderman Seaboyer says his only concern is the stories from Washington D.C. He doesn't know what the future will bring to the City. He asks what this money will buy. Ms. Gaffey says it will purchase cooling equipment for the dressing rooms, two fan cooling units for the stage, and the infrastructure to connect it all to the system.

Alderman Wright asks if there is a warranty or service contract. Ms. Gaffey says these items will be folded into the project: there is a one-year warranty.

President Conn says he is always careful of how the City spends funds and he thinks this should be recommended.

Chairman Medeiros asks if the dressing rooms and the stage will have their own zones; Ms. Gaffey says yes.

Chairman Medeiros says there is a memo from City Auditor/CFO Patrick Dello Russo stating that there is over \$71,000 remaining in the Capital Stabilization Fund.

On the motion to recommend, All in favor.

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

Finance Committee adjourns at 7:44 p.m.

There are no orders in the Committee on Legal and Legislative Matters to be acted on.

Maribeth Harrington
Clerk of Committees