

FY2010 Budgetary Hearings

Appropriations Committee

Chairman Mortimer, Infurna,
Brodeur, Tramontozzi, Wright,
McAteer-Margolis, Seaboyer,
Medeiros, Conn, Boisselle
Absent: Forbes
In attendance: Cemetery
Superintendent Mike Hughes;
Operations Manager Kathy Pigott-
Brodeur, Soldiers and Sailors
Memorial Hall Board of Trustees
Chairman Jim Herrington;
Superintendent of Parks Joan Bell,
Park Commission Chairman Mike
Interbartolo; Superintendent of
Schools Joe Casey, School
Department Business Manager
Greg Zammuto, School Committee
members Kristin Thorp, Donald
Constantine, and Margaret Driscoll;
City Treasurer/Collector Art Flavin,
City Auditor/CFO Patrick Dello
Russo, City Engineer Bob Beshara,
Deputy City Engineer John Scenna

Appropriations Committee called to order by Chairman Mortimer at 7:30 p.m. Order No. 09-166, City of Melrose Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2010 in the amount of \$60,281,978.62

Alderman Infurna motions to open Public Participation, 2nd by President Boisselle. All in favor. No one comes forward. Alderman Infurna motions to close Public Participation, 2nd by President Boisselle. All in favor.

Alderman Infurna rises on a Point of Personal Privilege to recognize Girl Scout Troop 73247 to the Chamber.

Cemetery 198,340.42 Cemetery Superintendent Mike Hughes
Mr. Hughes says the Mayor requested all budgets be reduced by 5%. The cemetery budget is mostly self-funded.

Alderman Conn asks why there's a separate line-item for property insurance in this budget. Mr. Hughes says it's been covered in this budget for five years. Alderman Conn asks if it can't be folded into the City's master policy. Mr. Hughes says it was discussed and he thinks the thought was that with the cemetery being self-funded the cost should be borne from this budget. He says he will speak to the CFO about it.

Alderman Conn motions to move the bottom-line, 2nd by Alderman Infurna. All in favor.

Memorial Building 148,854.49 Operations Manager Kathy Pigott-Brodeur

Board of Trustees Chairman Jim Herrington

Alderman Brodeur recuses himself for familial reasons.

Mr. Herrington says it's been an important year for Memorial Hall beginning with the hiring of Kathy Pigott-Brodeur as Operations Manager. Another milestone was the installation of a new heating and cooling system last summer. There was no disruption to renting the facility and it is pretty close to being on budget. There has been a reduction in heating costs and he expects that will continue. Under Kathy's leadership the building has been rented on 132 occasions since the fall. Of the 51 parties, 15 were new renters. He expects to see more new renters in the future. Significant events were held; Arlo Guthrie, the Drifters and Beatlejuice. It's premature to say what will happen during the summer months but June is booked and there are 5 events booked in July.

Ms. Pigott-Brodeur says she has had a busy 8 months and she has kept detailed records. There have been 18,000 people in the building since September.

Alderman Seaboyer asks if there were 132 events since it opened with the new heating and cooling system. Ms. Pigott-Brodeur says yes, since October 15.

President Boisselle asks if the heating system is guaranteed. Mr. Herrington says it is through November for service and a service contract may be purchased. President Boisselle asks if the department is on budget; Mr. Herrington says yes. President Boisselle asks if the A/C is working; Ms. Pigott-Brodeur says yes. President Boisselle asks about bookings for July and August. Ms. Pigott-Brodeur says she is doing several marketing things: she'll have a sign inside the kiosk and the building, she's researching going to trade shows for weddings and events, and she has signed up for and paid for Bravo Melrose, and is working with a promoter to get the word out in the community. President Boisselle asks if there is a professional organization she can do outreach to. Ms. Pigott-Brodeur says yes but there's a cost. President Boisselle asks if she has any idea how much it would cost; Ms. Pigott-Brodeur says she's not sure. She's writing a business plan that will be ready in the fall.

Alderman McAteer-Margolis asks about the \$9,000 in Professional Services. Ms. Pigott-Brodeur says it's for HVAC service contracts. Alderman McAteer-Margolis says that in the past, \$14,000 has been spent on building repairs. She asks if the decrease to \$4000 is in part due to the new heating and cooling system. Ms. Pigott-Brodeur says yes, and that the two men in her department are able to do simple maintenance. Alderman McAteer-Margolis asks if there are any plans to implement a restoration fee or donation account. Mr. Herrington says it opens up a whole host of questions. The trustees have looked at a restoration fee, which they favor, but it gets complicated as far as accounting and if it goes to the General Fund. It's easy to assign a fee to ticket sales but not so easy when the building is rented for weddings or events. It is on the trustees radar screen.

Alderman Infurna motions to move the bottom-line, 2nd by President Boisselle. All in favor.

Recreation

23,000.00

Superintendent of Parks Joan Bell
Park Commission Chairman Mike Interbartolo

Mr. Interbartolo says that last year the Recreation budget was cut to barebones and the program was to become self-sufficient. The Park Commission hired a new Recreation Director, Frank Olivieri, who has done a great job and the Recreation Department is basically self-sufficient. The City is much better for the programs being offered and Frank looks for feedback from users and parents.

Ms. Bell says this budget has \$20,000 for the teen center and \$3600 for EMARAC out of Reading.

Alderman Brodeur says the Director's salary isn't in the budget. Mr. Interbartolo says it was taken out last year and is paid from the Recreation Revolving Account. Alderman Brodeur asks if the position is part of the Salary Administration Plan. Mr. Interbartolo says it is.

Alderman McAteer-Margolis motions to move the bottom-line, 2nd by President Boisselle. All in favor.

Parks	259,355.03	Superintendent of Parks Joan Bell Park Commission Chairman Mike Interbartolo
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Mr. Interbartolo says there was a turnover in staff this past year. Nick Gove moved on to a state position. Joan Bell fit into the position very nicely. She's run the programs for several years and he would like to thank her for accepting the position. There is a new secretary, Cindy Brinkley. 50% of the Superintendent's salary and 50% of the secretary's salary is paid through Mount Hood and the increased pilot payment to the City.

Alderman Conn says the bulk of this budget is for the mowing contract. He sees a slightly lower amount this year. Mr. Interbartolo said it is lower; the contract went out to bid. Alderman Conn asks if there has been any feedback on the new contractor. Ms. Bell says she has heard favorable things from user groups. They were meticulous during spring cleanup which took them a little longer to get to all of the sites but they worked with Public Works to get on schedule. Mr. Interbartolo says the Commissioners haven't gotten any phone calls. Alderman Conn says people should know that the parks are maintained by third parties, not City employees.

President Boisselle says there was a seminar at Memorial Hall regarding the use of organic fertilizer and asks if that topic has come forward for discussion with the Park Commission. Ms. Bell says that just today she, Mayor Dolan and DPW submitted a grant proposal with the Melrose Garden Club. They want to analyze parks to see which ones could get away from pesticides. The school fields probably can't because of the amount of use. The Park Department is looking to go organic and a grant would be helpful.

Alderman Medeiros asks what the supplies line-item is used for. Ms. Bell says it's for swings or other equipment that needs replacing.

President Boisselle motions to move the bottom-line, 2nd by Alderman Seaboyer. All in favor.

Mount Hood Enterprise	1,313,990.17	Superintendent of Parks Joan Bell
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Park Commission Chairman Mike Interbartolo

Mr. Interbartolo says he has a non-MUNIS handout because there are a number of expenses that are not in the MUNIS budget. The contract with the management company provides \$600,000 for the management company and \$400,000 for the City. The next \$200,000 is split 50/50 and the Park Commission is committed to spending half of it in Capital Improvement Projects. Anything over \$1.2 million is a 60/40 split. It's better than the previous contract and better than the RFP request. As of today revenues are down \$30,000. \$1.2 million has to be reached in order to break even. This budget includes \$108,000 in indirect costs paid to the City above and beyond the pilot program which is just under \$66,000.00. The combined total is \$175,000. The other costs being picked up include plowing fees and \$15,000 in discounts to non-profit organizations at the golf course from the Enterprise Fund. \$200,000 will be paid in principal and interest on the bonds. Maintenance is done on the tot lot, trails, BBQ pits and ponds for skating when possible. The Commission is funding a feasibility study to see how to improve golf and non-golf activities. The financial stability of the course and the Enterprise Fund is that Level 2 must be reached to break even. With the economy the way it is there's no way of knowing if it's possible to get above the \$1.2 million mark. He says he requested the Mayor have the Board of Aldermen amend the order for the beverage carts. The golf course is at a disadvantage without that opportunity; tournaments and golfers could be lost. 20% of golf revenues come from tournament green fees and carts. There are a number of golf courses that have beverage carts or allow alcohol on the course; the Park Commission sees it as a way to control alcohol consumption. There are always a number of golfers that smuggle alcohol onto the course. Mr. Interbartolo urges the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen to reconsider.

Alderman Conn says he doesn't know if people understand that Mount Hood puts \$200,000 into the City's coffers. He asks how much money in the last fiscal year was made above the \$1.2 million. Mr. Interbartolo says \$111,000. Alderman Conn asks how much is in the Mount Hood Stabilization Fund. Mr. Interbartolo says there is approximately \$400,000. The Park Commission is trying to build it up. The feasibility study will provide a plan to improve golf and non-golf activities. The funds will pay for the bulk of those improvements.

Alderman Brodeur says in regards to the beverage carts, state law takes effect that requires further action from the Board of Aldermen. Mr. Interbartolo says he believes the City Ordinance has to be amended to allow the management company to have beverage carts. They'd have to go to the Liquor Licensing Commission to amend the liquor license. The plan is to allow a golfer to purchase one beer per 1½ hour.

Chairman Mortimer states discussion must be kept to the topic of the budget.

Alderman Brodeur says other sources of revenue can come online when this Board of Aldermen takes action.

Alderman Tramontozzi motions to move the bottom-line, 2nd by Alderman Wright. All in favor.

Schools

23,913,788.25

Superintendent of Schools Joe Casey
Business Manager Greg Zammuto
School Committee members Kristin

Thorp, Donald Constantine, and
Margaret Driscoll

Alderman Brodeur motions to join Order No. 09-193 with this budget, 2nd by President Boisselle. All in favor.

Order No. 09-193, The Board of Aldermen requests that the Superintendent of Schools, the School Department Business Manager and the city's Chief Financial Officer provide the Board as part of the FY 2010 Melrose Public Schools budget presentation information on Charter School tuition reimbursement as set forth herein. (AL-1)

Alderman Brodeur asks Mr. Zammuto to briefly explain how the Charter School tuition reimbursement works. Mr. Zammuto says in the first year that a Melrose student goes to the Charter School, 100% of the difference is reimbursed. It drops to 60% the second year and 40% the third year. Alderman Brodeur asks what happens if it reaches a point where there's no reimbursement. Mr. Casey says the longer a child stays in the Charter School there is zero net dollars returned to the City. In 2004 the dollars that were reimbursed to Melrose was \$68,000 but the charges to the Charter School were \$981,550. Alderman Brodeur says that every time a child goes to the Charter School the City makes a payment. Mr. Casey says it's about \$10,000. Alderman Brodeur says reimbursement varies over time and it's a difficult revenue stream to control. It's driven by the retention of students by the district. He asks if Chapter 70 money is reflected as a revenue stream. Mr. Zammuto says it goes to the City. Alderman Brodeur says it looks like grant money is decreased by about \$54,000. Mr. Casey says grants have been cut back and he thinks they will be eliminated going forward. Alderman Brodeur asks about kindergarten enrollment. Mr. Casey says it's pretty steady with over 200 enrolled this year; he expects about the same number next year. The ECC at the Franklin school has over 220 students and it will be full with 240 students next year. Melrose is the only public school system with a stand-alone ECC in the Middlesex League. Alderman Brodeur asks what percentage of the entire eligible population is enrolled in kindergarten. Mr. Casey says he doesn't have that number but he could research it. Alderman Brodeur says the ECC is the gateway to the district; he'd be interested to see the numbers. He asks if there are students attending the ECC that are from outside of the district. Mr. Casey says yes, from Stoneham and Wakefield; they are paying students. Alderman Brodeur asks how the school libraries are doing. Mr. Casey says he had one librarian shared with the eighth grade last year but is able to fund a full-time librarian at the Middle School next year and a full-time librarian at the High School next year. Alderman Brodeur says there is minor growth in the Athletics budget and asks if there are new programs or coaches. Mr. Casey says new sports have been coming on: ice hockey for girls, girls and boys lacrosse. Fees aren't being raised for sports or tuition. Fees amount for 21% of the Athletic budget. The schools couldn't do what they do without the help of the Boosters. The Athletic program is growing – boy's hockey is getting stronger. The School Department has partnered with the Recreation Department to grow programs for the Middle School students – volleyball and field hockey – with High School coaches running clinics. Alderman Brodeur asks if the Horace Mann after school program is tuition based and revenue neutral. Mr. Casey says yes; the revenue pays for the programs there. Alderman Brodeur asks how many students take advantage of it. Mr. Casey says it varies with some kids going 5 days per week and others only 2.

President Boisselle asks how technology is coming along in the schools. Mr. Casey

says it's doing very well and thanks the Board of Aldermen and the Mayor for the upgrades at the High School. The USA is a nation based on information and information can be managed creatively. Kids know technology inside and out. They're more visually attuned. President Boisselle asks about the maintenance programs in the older elementary schools. Mr. Casey says Bob Ciampi is working well with that. There's a focused staff that works wonders in keeping up with the buildings. President Boisselle asks if the solar units at the Middle School offer a break on utilities. Mr. Zammuto says he won't have a good idea until next year – they don't have a history with the new building. Mr. Casey says they are saving money going forward and are using it as a teaching tool for the students.

Alderman Seaboyer says attendance by Melrose students to the Voke School is down. He asks if there is an increase in students at the High School. Mr. Casey says there is; there's an increase in the number of students coming into Melrose High School from the Middle School and there's an additional 100 students from within the district. Alderman Seaboyer asks if additional teachers are needed. Mr. Casey says the small class sizes are going up a bit but no teachers are being added.

Alderman McAteer-Margolis asks if he is using \$400,000 - \$500,000 more from applied funds. Mr. Casey says yes. Those funds were put aside for a rainy day and this is the time to use it. Alderman McAteer-Margolis asks if there will be a projected balance of a couple million dollars. Mr. Casey says \$1.5 million. Alderman McAteer-Margolis asks if the City isn't getting more money in Circuit Breaker funds. Mr. Casey says the state owes the City \$47,000. Alderman McAteer-Margolis says significant revenue was brought in under the transportation line-item. Mr. Zammuto says Melrose shares transportation with other school districts sending children to the same schools. Alderman McAteer-Margolis asks about the increase of \$250,000 in the facilities line-item. Mr. Zammuto says it's a combination of rentals and applied funds. Renting the Ripley has proven successful at \$94,000. Alderman McAteer-Margolis asks about the zeroed-out transportation line. Mr. Casey says transportation for the Ripley School families stopped when the school closed. Only students in grades K-6 living more than 2 miles from school receive transportation now. Alderman McAteer-Margolis asks about funding for the High School roof replacement. Mr. Casey says he's waiting to hear.

Alderman Medeiros asks if there is an uptick in the reduced lunch program. Mr. Casey says there is, based on the family's financial status. Approval is confidential – no one is identified going through the lunch line. Mr. Zammuto says it's up about 40% and that families can apply at any time of year. Alderman Medeiros asks what education costs per pupil, based on the budget. Mr. Casey says it's approximately \$7,200. Alderman Medeiros asks if there are thoughts to regionalize services other than transportation and Professional Development. Mr. Casey says there is a collaborative for SPED programs. Melrose belongs to SEAM collaborative based in Stoneham. There could be 10-11 districts that hire a specialist to help all of the students. Some private schools require only 51% of its staff to be licensed; member districts of the collaborative get reduced rates while out of district pay more.

Alderman Wright asks to touch on E-rate funding. Mr. Casey says by connecting to the internet and telephone the school receives 40% reimbursement. That brought in \$41,000. Alderman Wright asks about the Beebe School. Mr. Zammuto says there is no one renting it as of September 1. Mr. Casey says alternative uses are being considered

including the School's own after school activities. He will keep the Board of Aldermen apprised.

Alderman Brodeur motions to move the bottom-line, 2nd by Alderman McAteer-Margolis. All in favor.

Order No. 09-167, Water Enterprise operating budget for Fiscal Year 2010 in the amount of \$3,888,206.36

Alderman Conn says he had asked for information pertaining to water and sewer rates. Mr. Dello Russo says he sent it down this morning. Alderman Conn says \$.01 translates into \$6,705.42 residential and \$2,117 commercial. If the Aldermen are able to trim \$85,000 from this budget, the rates wouldn't increase at all. He has cuts he'd like to discuss. The overtime line-item is \$90,000 and year-to-date only \$34,759 has been expended. In the entirety of 2008, only \$59,956 was expended.

Alderman Conn moves to reduce line-item 513000 by \$15,000 to \$75,000, 2nd by Alderman Medeiros.

On discussion Alderman Conn says overtime hasn't exceeded \$75,000 in two years.

Alderman Infurna says that number makes sense and asks to hear from Mr. Beshara. Mr. Beshara says this number is based on historical data. It's used during the winter months to repair water main breaks. Last year was a good year and most breaks occurred during the daytime; he didn't have to use overtime or hired equipment. Three years ago water main breaks occurred on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve and there was a lot of overtime. Water main breaks can't be predicted – this number is a best guess. Alderman Infurna says DPW has done a lot of water projects throughout the City and perhaps water main breaks won't occur as often. She's willing to take that risk and support the proposed cut.

On the motion to reduce line-item 513000 by \$15,000 to \$75,000, All in favor.

Alderman Conn says he proposed to cut the Hydrant line-item last year. Only \$5,000 has been expended this year and only \$25,000 last year. He doesn't want to cause a problem with making cuts but he thinks it's appropriate.

Alderman Conn moves to reduce line-item 522401 by \$10,000 to \$30,000, 2nd by Alderman McAteer-Margolis.

On discussion Alderman Infurna asks what these funds are used for. Mr. Beshara says they are used to replace bad hydrants. The biannual flushing program is happening this year; all hydrants will be tested.

Alderman Medeiros asks if these funds are used for staff to flush hydrants; Mr. Beshara says yes.

On the motion to line-item 522401 by \$10,000 to \$30,000, All in favor.

Alderman Conn says there was discussion last year on water meter replacement and his

motion to reduce that line-item was defeated. He says only \$5100 has been expended this year.

Alderman Conn moves to reduce line-item 527202 by \$10,000 to \$50,000, 2nd by Alderman Medeiros.

On discussion Alderman Brodeur says FY07 actual expenditures for hydrants was \$16,500 and water replacement was \$35,000. He says line-item 527202 isn't for water meters – it's for water services replacement.

Alderman Conn says he is happy to defer action on this line to have Mr. Beshara give an estimate on expenses for this fiscal year.

Alderman Conn and Alderman Medeiros withdraw their motions.

Alderman Conn moves to reduce line-item 536310 by \$5,000 to \$25,000, 2nd by Alderman Medeiros.

On discussion Alderman Brodeur says that FY07 actual expenditure was \$27,000.

Alderman Wright requests input from Mr. Beshara and Mr. Scenna.

Mr. Scenna says this line-item is used to purchase meters for residents' homes. There are about 550-600 reader counts remaining in the City. The department started a new program on Monday. If the reader has a problem he leaves a pamphlet. There has been good response in the first week; he hopes to get another round of meters changed. Alderman Wright asks if more accurate readings occur after meters are replaced. Mr. Scenna says yes; 90% of the old meters run slow. Mr. Beshara says meter replacement costs about \$125 each; DPW installs them.

Alderman Medeiros asks if they think 200 replacements is a reasonable number. Mr. Scenna says their goal is 450. Alderman Conn says he thinks 400 could be replaced with this cut.

On the motion to reduce line-item 536310 by \$5,000 to \$25,000, 2 opposed. Motion passes.

Alderman Conn says there is an unfilled position and it seems that every year there is a vacancy in the department.

Alderman Conn moves to reduce line-item 511000 by \$41,772.42, 2nd by Alderman Medeiros.

On discussion Alderman Wright says he would like to hear from Mr. Beshara and Mr. Scenna.

Mr. Beshara says that due to budget cuts his department has had to revamp how it operates. One of the union persons will bump down to this position so he doesn't lose his job. If this position is eliminated he will be laid off. Mr. Scenna says this position became vacant in the winter. It's stated as a vacancy but it won't be vacant as of the

first day of the fiscal year.

Alderman McAteer-Margolis asks if someone from another division in DPW is being laid off. Mr. Beshara says yes; one employee will bump down to this position.

Mr. Dello Russo says the Administration is preparing for additional reductions.

On a Point of Information, Alderman Brodeur asks if a reduction of \$40,000 is anticipated in Care of Trees. Mr. Dello Russo says yes.

Alderman Medeiros asks if the position in question is specifically HMEO and if it's a piece of equipment frequently used. Mr. Scenna says it's any heavy equipment in the City.

Alderman Brodeur asks if the jobs are roughly analogous in basic skill set – from Care of Trees to the Water Department. Mr. Beshara says the Tree position is a step up from HMEO. Alderman Brodeur asks if 100% of this salary will be paid from the Water Enterprise Fund. Mr. Beshara says that's correct. Alderman Brodeur says the person in this position would then be unavailable to do Tree work. Mr. Beshara says yes, unless someone else left or had funds to pay for it.

Alderman Conn asks when the aldermen will receive supplemental budget information in regards to the Tree position. Mr. Dello Russo says it will most likely be by the end of June. He asked the Department Heads today to cut 1% from their budgets. There is so much uncertainty at the State level regarding local aid that it's impossible to grasp a solid figure.

Alderman Conn say he is willing to defer this motion until more information is received on DPW positions.

Alderman Medeiros this is definitely a position in the Water Department doing Water Department work. She would like to see this deferred.

Alderman Infurna says she would support Alderman Conn withdrawing his motion. She would not support the motion to cut this line-item going forward.

Alderman Tramontozzi says he thinks Alderman Conn's attempt to reduce the water rates with these budget cuts is the right thing to do, but he thinks this motion should be deferred.

Alderman Conn and Alderman Medeiros withdraw their motions.

Alderman Medeiros asks about line-item 525350, DR/BC Service. She says the \$8500 appropriated last year was for DPW's share of a new computer backup system. She understood it was a one-time cost. Mr. Beshara says it's an IT item. Alderman Medeiros says she will be looking to cut that line-item.

Alderman Brodeur says that line-item 527302, Repairs, historically has been funded at \$70,000. In FY08 the actual expenditure was \$36,500 and this year it's \$30,000. He asks what that line-item funds. Mr. Scenna says it's for contractual labor to repair any

breaks in the water system; water service or water line breaks. The department is in line to bring the expenditure to \$52,000 this year.

Alderman Brodeur moves to reduce line-item 527302 by \$5000 to \$55,000, 2nd by Alderman Medeiros.

On discussion Mr. Scenna says it was a mild winter; he could have to come back for supplemental funds.

President Boisselle says \$30,874 has been expended this year; he asks if there is \$25,400 in outstanding bills. Mr. Scenna says yes.

Alderman Seaboyer asks the difference between Repairs and line-item 524002, Construction. Mr. Scenna says construction is for smaller projects either done in-house or with a contractor. He believes that line-item has been full expended.

On the motion to reduce line-item 527302 by \$5000 to \$55,000, All in favor.

Alderman Tramontozzi moves to reduce line-item 536100, Pipes, by \$10,000 to \$40,000, 2nd by Alderman Conn.

On discussion Mr. Scenna says that as of May 4, expenditures total \$48,000.

Alderman Tramontozzi and Alderman Conn withdraw their motions.

Alderman Medeiros asks what the average consumption is per household. Mr. Beshara says he doesn't have that number.

Alderman Infurna says the Aldermen are looking at what they can reduce in this budget to help reduce the rates. They are trying to help the public but they also understand DPW's position that usage can't be predicted. However, the Aldermen are willing to take a risk in making these cuts. Mr. Beshara says he would like the public to understand what's happened over the past 5 years. Water consumption has decreased 15.4% due to repairs in the water lines and as a result the City bills less; it's reflected in revenue. It's positive in many ways including the elimination of unaccounted for water, which the City has to pay the MWRA for.

Alderman Brodeur motions to hold the order for the purpose of getting information regarding the reallocation of positions within the department, 2nd by Alderman Conn.

On discussion Alderman Medeiros says she thinks there are additional outstanding questions that may require these gentlemen to return before the committee.

Alderman Conn says he will make the motion to hold the water rate, sewer rate and sewer budgets as well. He thinks these gentlemen will be back before the committee whether or not they or the committee members want them to.

On the motion to hold Order No. 09-167, Water Enterprise operating budget for Fiscal Year 2010 in the amount of \$3,888,206.36, All in favor.

Order No. 09-168, Sewer Enterprise operating budget for Fiscal Year 2010 in the amount of \$6,387,383.58.

Mr. Flavin says the budget book shows the actual number but the original insert had an error. Mr. Dello Russo says the letter dated 22 April already took into account the reduction.

Alderman Medeiros says the sewer budget also included line-item 525350, DR/BC Service. Mr. Beshara says he will check with IT.

Alderman McAteer-Margolis asks in reference to the 22 April letter, if the money voted not to be put into the Reserve Fund was applied to offset the rate. Mr. Dello Russo says yes. As of May1, the Sewer Enterprise Fund in total is \$110,297 less than what was anticipated, including the \$440,000. The Sewer Enterprise Fund is \$551,000 short.

Alderman Conn moves to place the order on hold, 2nd by Alderman McAteer-Margolis. All in favor.

Alderman Conn motions for concurrent action on Orders 09-202 and 09-203, 2nd by Alderman Brodeur. All in favor.

Order No. 09-202, Amending Melrose Revised Ordinances, Chapter 228, Article II, Section 228-15 (Water Rates Established)

Order No. 09-203, Amending Melrose Revised Ordinances, Chapter 228, Article IV, Section 228-30 (Sewer Rates Established)

Alderman Conn moves to place the orders on hold, 2nd by Alderman McAteer-Margolis. All in favor.

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

Appropriations adjourns at 10:20 p.m.

Maribeth Harrington
Clerk of Committees