

Protection and License Committee

Chairman Conn, Tramontozzi, Seaboyer,
Forbes
Absent: Buonopane
Attending: Wright, Mortimer

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

Order No. 08-056, GRANT Amount: \$8,960.57 From: Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive Office of Public Safety To: Fund #2526 – Metro Mayors Shannon Grant The goal of this program is to stop gang violence and reduce violent crimes among youths.

Chairman Conn says he will accept a motion to suspend the rules to allow Chief Lyle to speak to the matter. So moved by Alderman Seaboyer, 2nd by Alderman Forbes. All in favor.

Chief Lyle says this is the second year of the Shannon Grant. Melrose was in the Somerville branch of the grant last year and this year is included in the Essex County branch. \$3,957 is dedicated to youth gang violence prevention in the southern Essex County area. The remaining \$5,000 is for the School Resource Officer to be present at school activities such as football games.

Alderman Tramontozzi says this is a great opportunity for the City to use state funds to keep order in Melrose. He asks if it is a matching grant. Chief Lyle says it is and that overtime funds will be used.

Alderman Seaboyer asks how grants are found. Chief Lyle says typically one agency will learn about them and share the information with other agencies. Alderman Seaboyer asks why Melrose was changed from Somerville to Essex County. Chief Lyle says it is due to the lack of gang activities in Melrose, which is a good thing.

Alderman Forbes says that gang violence is not a major problem in Melrose and asks if there is a central clearinghouse that distributes information. Chief Lyle says there is a network that he receives emails from.

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

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

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

Health, Education and Welfare Committee

Chairman Seaboyer, Tramontozzi, Forbes,
Conn
Absent: Buonopane
Attending: Wright, Mortimer
In attendance: Health Director Ruth Clay

Health, Education and Welfare called to order by Chairman Seaboyer at 7:40 p.m.

Order No. 08-053, DONATION Amount: \$15,290.97 To: Acct. #2861 – Animal Control Donation Acct. as set forth herein.

Ms. Clay says her department received a check from the estate of Gracia Bradstreet to be used to support a public pound. Melrose doesn't have a public pound and will use the money when an animal has to be held at a shelter or a pound. Melrose uses the shelter in Lynn and the pound in Saugus.

Chairman Seaboyer asks if this is the creation of a new account. Ms. Clay says yes.

Alderman Conn asks how long this money will last. Ms. Clay says it will depend on the number of dogs that require being held. Alderman Conn asks historically how much money is spent annually on this service. Ms. Clay says typically a couple hundred dollars are spent. The City used to have an agreement with Saugus but now it is working to pay per diem. This money could last quite a few years.

Alderman Conn moves to recommend.

On discussion Alderman Wright asks what happens to the dogs. Ms. Clay says that abandoned dogs are sent to Lynn and are put up for adoption. Lost dogs are sent to Saugus. She would like to use the money in the spirit it was given, which is to shelter dogs and cats. Alderman Wright says it is a great bequest to the City.

Alderman Tramontozzi says it is a very kind bequest and asks if it was examined by the City Solicitor. Ms. Clay says it was. Alderman Tramontozzi asks if it will be used exclusively for shelter; Ms. Clay says yes. Alderman Tramontozzi asks if it cannot go to the General Fund. Ms. Clay says no, it can't.

Alderman Tramontozzi seconds the motion to recommend. All in favor.

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

Health, Education and Welfare adjourns at 7:46 p.m.

Public Works Committee

Vice-Chairman Forbes, Seaboyer, Conn,
Tramontozzi
Absent: Buonopane
Attending: Wright, Mortimer
In attendance: Police Chief Mike Lyle

Public Works called to order by Vice-Chairman Forbes at 7:47 p.m.

Order No. 08-058, TRANSFER Amount: \$30,480.76 From: A/C #012112-532000 - Police Cleaning & Disinfectant \$1,000.00; A/C #012111-511000 - Police Salaries \$14,740.38; A/C #014022-527702 - PW, City Hall Contract Maint \$14,740.38 To: A/C #014021-511000 - PW, City Hall Salaries \$29,480.76; A/C #014022-533100 - PW, City Hall Cleaning Supplies \$1,000.00; The transfer is necessary to fund the new Custodian position.

Vice-Chairman Forbes says there is a letter from the Mayor requesting the transfer of funds in addition to letters from Police Chief Lyle and City Engineer Bob Beshara. There are also two letters from the Auditor's Office indicating that the funds are available.

Alderman Tramontozzi motions to suspend the rules to allow Chief Lyle to address the committee, 2nd by Alderman Seaboyer. All in favor.

Chief Lyle says Mr. Beshara has been working on this for quite some time. The intent is to have City Hall and the Police Department share a custodian. There was a custodian at the Police Department and a private contractor at City Hall.

Alderman Seaboyer asks if this money is just for labor or if it includes supplies. Chief Lyle says it's for labor.

Alderman Conn says the Police Department had a person working a little more than half-time and now there is a full-time person. Chief Lyle says the police department's custodian was non-union. When the position was merged between the two buildings the position had to be made union. A City Hall union member bid for it and the Police Department custodian lost. Alderman Conn asks if there is any cost savings. Chief Lyle says there is on the police side but he is not sure about the Public Works side. Alderman Conn asks if the position is split in the budget. Chief Lyle says he doesn't know.

Alderman Wright asks if he expects any issues with managing and supervising the position and asks who decides when the custodian works at the police station and at City Hall. Chief Lyle says there is a schedule in place. The employee begins the day at 7:30 at the City Yard, and then works at the police station from 10-2 and the balance of the day at City Hall. Alderman Wright asks what happens if there is an issue at the police station over the weekend. Chief Lyle says there is currently an agreement with DPW; DPW comes if there is a problem over the weekend.

Vice-Chairman Forbes asks if this is a 36 hour per week position. Chief Lyle says it is 40 hours. Vice-Chairman Forbes asks if a city vehicle is used to get between jobs. Chief Lyle says he believes the employee walks.

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

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

Public Works adjourns at 7:55 p.m.

Maribeth Harrington
Clerk of Committees