



BOARD OF ALDERMEN
SHELTON, CONNECTICUT
FINANCE COMMITTEE – MAY 22, 2007

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Alderman Stanley Kudej, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Roll Call - Finance Committee

Alderman Stanley Kudej, Chairman, present
Aldermanic President John F. Anglace, Jr. - present
Alderman Christopher Panek – present

Public Session

Judson Crawford, 8 Jordan Avenue

Good evening. The night that the Board of Aldermen voted on the City budget there were no copies of the line item changes that you proposed to make or the printouts available to the public. After speaking to Alderman Anglace he assured me copies of all reports could get to me and he did and I thank you.

Alderman Anglace stated, and I have an apology also. That night they had given me all the changes in an envelope and I just didn't realize they were there.

Mr. Crawford continued, upon reviewing all the changes that were made breaking down the budget, pluses and minuses, I have a few line items that I'm going to touch base upon.

1. Bundle billing. We the Board of Apportionment and Taxation, increased that line item \$30,000. Yet the Board of Aldermen reduced that line item by \$30,000 with a notation that the Mayor wants the billing to come to the City for control purposes. Is this for the total amount of bundle billing? Because if it is, why wasn't the other \$45,000 transferred in.

2. New account - Mailbox Replacement. When the budget was released the Mayor zero, Board of Apportionment and Taxation zero. Yet the Board of Aldermen put in \$1,875.

3. Emissions testing. Mayor zero, Board of Apportionment and Taxation zero, yet the Board of Aldermen put in \$1,100 with a notation that the Mayor wants this under a new line item account. If he so wanted this, why wasn't this presented to the Board of Apportionment and Taxation at the time the budget was presented so we could review this.

My thought to you, the members of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen, is that when we get a chance, a meeting should be called between you and the members of the Board of Apportionment and Taxation just to review all the line item changes that were made and answer any questions that we might have and answering vice versa. Thank you for your time.

1. Approval of Minutes

Alderman Anglace MOVED to recommend to the full Board to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular Finance Committee meeting of April 24, 2007; SECONDED by Alderman Panek. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

2. May Statutory Refunds

Alderman Anglace MOVED to recommend to the full Board that the report of the Tax Collector relative to the refund of taxes for a total amount of **\$1,178.50** be approved and that the Finance Director be directed to make payments in accordance with the Certified List received from the Tax Collector. Funds to come from the Statutory Refunds Account #001-0000-311.13-00; SECONDED by Alderman Panek. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

3. Funding for Zuckerman Property Purchase

Alderman Anglace – this does not have to be here. We took the action it's done. I have no idea how this got here.

4. Purchase of Firearms for Police Department

Alderman Anglace MOVED to recommend to the full Board, per the recommendation of the Acting Purchasing Agent, to waive bids for the purchase of 66 new 40-caliber SIG-Arms P229 DAK handguns, compatible black basket weave duty holsters and mountable flashlights for the Police Department; SECONDED by Alderman Panek.

Chief Joel Hurliman was present to address the Finance Committee.

He explained, the Police Department has a particular brand of firearm and there is an opportunity right now to trade those in with the manufacturer as opposed to upgrading. They are about 10 years old. The sights and springs need replacement; that would cost approximately \$200 per firearm.

We have an opportunity now to trade them in for a new one, which is safer because it's double action only, that is, a consistent trigger pull. The current ones we have are double single. So it's not strictly a financial thing.

The financial picture is, replace the parts at \$200 per firearm, or trade them in for a safer version of the same firearm at \$175 for brand new. My recommendation is to trade them in and get all new at \$175 per firearm. That is why I requested a bid waiver. The offer is still good – there is no dealer involved because we are dealing directly with the manufacturer.

The funding will come from the Asset Forfeiture account. Whether it's grant money, city money, or seized money, the same rules apply. Over a certain level we quote, over a certain level we bid. No money is coming out of our budget for this.

It's going to be 66 x \$175 - \$11,550 - that is the only reason that this makes so much sense.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

5. Outside Repairs at Ladder 1 – Waive Bids

Alderman Anglace MOVED to recommend to the full Board, per the recommendation of the acting Purchasing Agent, to waive bids for outside repairs at Ladder 1; SECONDED by Alderman Panek.

Alderman Anglace explained, the Board of Fire Commissioners has historically gone out for generic bids, and Tracy's Garage has always been the low bidder and the one they have selected. There is a certain amount of expertise involved in fixing a fire truck. The Board of Fire Commissioners know Tracy's does the job and does it right – they have been their go-to guy for major repairs, and frankly, they don't trust anybody else to do the work. This is an estimate only.

Alderman Finn asked if they will be allowed to expend the money for the repair in the month of June, as departments have been instructed not to expend money during the month of June.

Alderman Kudej stated, I would think that if we have a problem with a fire vehicle, we will get it fixed as soon as possible, without hesitation.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

Adjournment

At approximately 8:10 p.m., Alderman Anglace MOVED to adjourn;
SECONDED by Alderman Panek

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Bruder
Clerk, Board of Aldermen