



BOARD OF ALDERMEN
SHELTON, CONNECTICUT
FINANCE COMMITTEE – SEPTEMBER 22, 2009

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Alderman Stanley Kudej, Chairman, called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 p.m., immediately following the Public Hearing on the Budget.

Roll Call - Finance Committee

Alderman Stanley Kudej, Chairman, present
Aldermanic President John F. Anglace, Jr. - present
Alderman Anthony Simonetti – absent

Alderman Anglace noted for the record that Alderman Simonetti called and said he'd be late.

Public Session

Judson Crawford, 8 Jordan Avenue
Member, Board of Apportionment and Taxation

First off, I want to thank the Board of Aldermen for appropriating the funds in the amount of \$24,478 which is now gives us the chance to be members of the CCM. I started to go on CCM and it's starting right off the bat with the 2009-2010 State appropriated budget going by every single municipality across the state. I think this Board, you should go online and pick up because it gives where the Governor has cut the City of Shelton for the upcoming year. I'll leave that in your hands to go ahead and get.

Alderman Anglace stated, I think a couple of comments might be of interest to you. CCM has notified us of their annual convention and I passed the word along to everybody that anybody that wants to go, it costs \$50, and we haven't appropriated any money, nor do we intend to, but if you're interest in going, I've sent the word out and sent the invitation out.

Mr. Crawford stated, I already received the invitation before that. I'd like to go but we would be away at the time of the convention. But thank you.

Mr. Crawford continued, number two, I have a question for you. If in a budget line item there is only 50 percent expended in the fiscal year, especially under "Outside Agencies," can the remaining 50 percent be carried over and expended in the next fiscal year? Yes or no?

Would you then go and have, this month's run, go under that and check.

Alderman Anglace stated, if it's 50 percent expended for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, then once that date rolls around by Charter it automatically goes back into the General Fund. There are no encumbrances on it. So, it's strange also that an outside agency would only draw on one half of what was allocated to them. That's strange.

Mr. Crawford stated, Rape Crisis Account 001-6500-414.79-07. Last year they had \$4,000. This year you've expended \$8,000 already. There is a balance of -\$4,000.

Alderman Anglace stated, my memory tells me that I don't think we gave them anything this year. I don't think we gave them \$8,000; I don't think we gave them anything. That's one we'll have to check out. That's the Rape Crisis Center of Milford. We'll check it out.

Mr. Crawford stated, you have budgeted \$4,000; yet you have expended \$8,000. That line item is \$4,000 in the red.

Alderman Anglace stated, that would absolutely be a violation of everything that's known to man. They're not supposed to do that.

Mr. Crawford stated, it's on the budget run.

Alderman Anglace stated, that's got to be an absolute mistake. We'll check with Sharon and get an explanation. It's probably an accounting error.

Mr. Crawford continued, number two, I was going through all the line items and departments that show overdrawn, showing under account 200 Pensions, overdrawn by \$29,082 – Department 3200 which is Highways and Bridges. Gasoline and Diesel is overdrawn by \$96,465. Outside agencies, Barnum Parade is overdrawn by \$180. Then I did a flip and a double-take, comes under 9900, Board of Aldermen, Contingency General, overdrawn \$1,048,086.

Alderman Anglace stated, that's in the budget run from last night?

Mr. Crawford stated, you have your preliminary unaudited. Mr. Anglace, the preliminary unaudited report. I am bringing this information to you so that you can go back to Finance. I'm just wondering why, and where did the money go?

Alderman Anglace stated, the reason they call it preliminary unaudited is because there are mistakes in it yet.

Mr. Crawford stated, yes, and per your recommendation from the Board of Aldermen, if I stood up here, I would take more than five minutes, the number of mistakes and corrections that I have found in this report.

Now, I will end by saying, the Board of Apportionment and Taxation is going to have a meeting this coming Thursday evening and it seems a little strange that in our packet we received a report, Contingency – Fiscal Year End, showing a balance of \$192,750.

Alderman Anglace stated, and it started out with \$200,000.

Mr. Crawford stated, the figure in here is now overdrawn by the \$1,048,086. Which figure is correct?

Alderman Anglace stated, I understand your point. One has nothing to do with the other. The Contingency account...

Mr. Crawford interjected, this is the Contingency account.

Alderman Anglace stated, no, this is the ongoing run of this year's, what we started with this fiscal year, and where we are now, and there's the draw-downs against it. What the other represents, the

preliminary unaudited, I don't know yet. We're going to find out. It certainly doesn't look right.

Mr. Crawford stated, thank you. As I said, once I started going through this I felt that I should come before this Board and report my findings.

Alderman Anglace stated, we appreciate it.

Mr. Crawford continued, which will be brought before my Board Thursday evening and we will discuss it further.

Alderman Anglace stated, it will be brought the attention of the Accounting Department before that, I assure you.

Mr. Crawford stated, I would like to get a report from you as to find out what you found out.

Alderman Kudej asked if any member of the public wished to address the committee. Being none, he declared the public session closed.

1. Approval of Minutes

Alderman Anglace MOVED to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of August 25, 2009; SECONDED by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 2-0.

2. August 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 \$9,207.60 be approved and that the Finance Director be directed to make payments in accordance with the certified list received from the Tax Collector with funds to come from the Statutory Refunds Account 001-0000-311.13-00; SECONDED by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 2-0.

3. Funding for Board of Aldermen Meritorious Awards Account

Alderman Anglace MOVED to recommend to the full Board to transfer funding in the amount of \$300 from the Contingency General Account to Aldermen Meritorious Awards Account; SECONDED by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 2-0.

4. Funding for Wastewater Treatment Facility Contract Administration – Resident Observation Extended Services

Alderman Anglace stated, let the record show that Alan Asikainen, P.E., Vice President, Senior Chief Engineer, Water Resources Division, Maguire Group, Inc. is present. Alan, you headed up this project for the Maguire Group, right?

Mr. Asikainen replied, yes.

Alderman Anglace stated, also, Mike DeAngelis, Chairman of the WPCA is here representing the Authority. What we're going to try to do is, based on a memo received from Jim Fritz from Maguire, we're going to try to understand what is necessary to complete this job and wind things up. The role of the Board of Aldermen in this is, the Board of Aldermen has to approve any extensions to the contract. There is an expectation that there will be an extension to the contract, and we're going to discuss all of that.

A lengthy discussion ensued. No action was taken.

Adjournment

At approximately 6:30 p.m. Alderman Anglace MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Bruder
Clerk, Board of Aldermen