

**Finance Committee Meeting
August 6, 2019**

Called to order by Councilor McCurry at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Casavant, Councilor John McCurry, Jr., Councilor Michael Ready, Councilor Stephen St. Cyr

Also present: ~~City Manager, Jim Bennett~~, Chief Operating Officer, Brian Phinney, City Clerk, Carmen Morris, and Finance Director, Cheryl Fournier

Approval of Minutes: July 16, 2019

Motion by Councilor Ready, seconded by Councilor St. Cyr to accept the minutes as printed.

Vote: Unanimous

The expenditure warrant was available for review

Discussion/Approval:

A. Budget Amendment – Southern Maine Planning and Development

Motion by Councilor Ready, seconded by Councilor St. Cyr to approve the budget amendment for Southern Maine Planning and Development.

Vote: Unanimous.

B. Installation of Median at 5 Points – in front of Starbucks Coffee Entrance/Exit

Motion by Councilor Ready, seconded by Councilor St. Cyr to approved the expenditure for the installation of a median at 5 Points – in front of Starbucks Coffee Entrance/Exit.

Councilor Ready explained that he requested this item due to the dangers of that section. City Engineer, Tom Milligan, did touch base with DOT, who stated that they have no issue with installing a median in this area. The item came in at \$12, 750.00.

Vote: Unanimous.

C. Green Parking Lot Discussion

This item was placed on this agenda at Councilor McCurry's request.

Motion by Councilor Ready, seconded by Councilor St. Cyr that the expenditure for paving of the Green (Franklin Street) Parking Lot; with the project work awarded to Thyng Paving, LLC in the amount of \$57,000. The cost of this project will be charged to the parking fund 31235-60306.

Public Works Director, Jeff Demers offered his support for this item, noting that with all the work that has been done to this lot most recently, it makes sense that it be completed correctly by paving it rather than just sealcoating it.

There was some discussion on if the parking fund is actually the correct fund to use for the expenditure of this project.

Motion by Councilor Ready to amend by using \$17,650 from the Road Construction/Improvement Account 21204-60604, for paving Franklin Street only, seconded by Councilor St. Cyr.

Vote: Unanimous.

Vote, as amended: Unanimous.

Other Business:

McCurry:

- 1) Asked where in the process we are with the Fire Dept. bathroom project. Brian stated that the redesign is completed and just needs to be sent out to bid.
- 2) He has been asking for the Ice Arena financials and their year-end report, and how that facility is actually being used. He would like to ensure that Biddeford residents/children are getting priority when booking time at the Arena.

Adjourn:

Motion by Councilor Ready, seconded by Councilor St. Cyr to adjourn. Vote: Unanimous.

Time: 5:14 p.m.