

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2007

Present: Ald. Schnipper (Chairman), Weisbuch, Albright, Salvucci, Yates, Mansfield and Lappin  
Absent: Ald. Gentile

Also present: Ald. Danberg, Harney, Hess-Mahan, Johnson, Linsky, Merrill, Parker, Samuelson, and Sangiolo

City personnel: A. Nicholas Parnell (Commissioner of Public Buildings), Arthur Cabral (Budget and Project Specialist; Public Buildings Department), Henry Milo (Facilities Manager; Public Buildings Department), Sandy Pooler (Chief Administrative Officer), Robert Rooney (Public Works Commissioner), Lou Taverna (City Engineer), David Koses (Transportation Planner), Clint Schuckel (Traffic Engineer) and Shawna Sullivan (Committee Clerk)

#102-07      ALD. JOHNSON, ALBRIGHT, HARNEY, LINSKY, MANSFIELD, PARKER, SANGIOLO requesting submittal of a RESOLUTION to His Honor the Mayor that the Newton North High School Project Manager provide the Board of Aldermen with the following project documentation:

- Project plan containing deliverables, timelines and interdependencies
- Contingency Plan
- Stakeholder Analysis and Communication Plan
- Monthly Report on the last Friday of the month that reports accomplishments to plan and overall status of the project from a timeline and budgetary perspective. [3-27-07 @ 11:10 AM]

**ACTION:**      **APPROVED 6-0 (Lappin not voting)**

**NOTE:**      Ald. Johnson spoke on the item. One of her responsibilities at the company she works at is to be a project manager. The projects are not the size and scope of the Newton North project but they are million dollar and beyond projects. The project documentation that she is required to provide to her senior management is far more extensive than what the Board receives from the Newton North Project Manager. Over a year ago, the Commissioner of Public Buildings and the Project Manager came to a joint committee meeting and the Project Manager committed to providing a monthly report to the Board. For the most part, the only reason the Board has received Project Management Reports from the Project Manager is because Ald. Johnson sends a reminder to Commissioner Parnell and/or Mr. Pooler. Ald. Johnson looks at the caliber of that report and it is a meeting list, which does not include outcomes, deliverables, timelines, accomplishments, or decisions that will be made. If Ald. Johnson were to turn in the same type of report to her management at her company, it would be rejected. Her reports have to include accomplishments, financial reports and a labor report. Her request is that the Board has sufficient project documentation that includes a comprehensive project plan. Her company uses Microsoft Project, as a software tool. Anybody who is a project manager for a major project uses something of that caliber.

Because there are multiple moving parts of this project, whether it is the community, School Department, buildings, the Board of Aldermen or whatever the various pieces are, they need to be built into the project plan. She realizes that the Board does not to be aware of the smaller details. However, the Board needs to see a greater level of detail than what they are currently receiving. Communications have been a problem since the inception of this project and an important aspect of a project plan is a communication plan that details who you are going to communicate to, when, and why. There should be a contingency plan that clearly states that if something does not occur by a specific time what type of impact it will have on the project. Ald. Johnson has not seen any of this type of documentation and it would not be such a problem if everything were going smoothly. It may be that from the perception of the project manager, the Mayor or Commissioner Parnell everything is going smoothly but the people sitting on the perimeter do not believe it is going smoothly. The information that is given is in disjointed parts. She would like to see how the parts fit together at a moderate level of detail. Until Ald. Johnson gets that type of information, she cannot answer questions from constituents regarding the project.

Ald. Schnipper is aware that the design team is currently working on finishing design development in order to proceed to construction documents. Ald. Johnson stated that this is a perfect example of something that would be called on a critical path in a project report. If these documents are not created by a certain date, there are certain things that cannot happen by a certain date. In a project plan, you can put things on a critical path and identify them. Turner Construction must have a project plan that they can provide the Board.

Ald. Salvucci asked if Ald. Johnson is aware that the design plans are completed. She is aware that the plans have been completed but depending on when they were completed, there are different impacts on the project and she would like to see those impacts. She is not aware whether the plans were completed on time. Ald. Salvucci received the plans when the Design Review Committee asked for them. The plans are available in the Clerk's Office.

Commissioner Parnell has asked the project manager for a schedule, which he has received, that really display the critical needs of the project. On February 22, 2007, a presentation was given to the Public Facilities Committee, which included a budget, the project manager's updated plan showing the deliverables, Dimeo's pre-construction and construction plan done on a Primavera Program, and a time-line. Within that presentation was very clear and concise schedule of dates and times. The Commissioner is trying to get as much information as possible onto the city's website. The Commissioner has been talking to the project manager to see what can be added to the monthly report to fill in some of the gaps information. The Commissioner is looking for a concise report that the Board can read and understand. The Commissioner will work with Ald. Johnson to get what she wants in the reports. There is a monthly budget report that is given to the Board of Aldermen that is the total financing of the project from design services, to administrative services, to project management services to construction services. Ald. Johnson is looking for one consolidated report that contains all the pieces of the project. She would like to see the project plan. Turner Construction is capable of providing a Primavera sheet but Alderman Johnson and a few other Aldermen may be the only ones that have the expertise to translate the information and find out where there is scope creep and slippage. The Commissioner is willing to speak with the project manager about providing

that type of information but the information that has been provided was geared to allow everyone to understand the information provided. Ald. Schnipper asked if Ald. Johnson could provide the Commissioner with examples of a project plan, which includes the type of documentation she would like in the project manager's report. Ald. Johnson will provide an example of a project plan.

Ald. Mansfield is in agreement with Ald. Johnson that the Board needs to be better informed. The Aldermen should not have to go to the website for information on this project. In addition, not all of the information that Ald. Johnson is looking for probably should be put up on the website, as not everyone needs to know. However, the Board needs to know what is going on with the project in greater detail. The Commissioner will make sure that the Board is getting reports, schedules and finances together on the monthly basis. He would like to be sure that the Board is informed. He is aware that there needs to be a better way of disseminating information and he will work on providing better information.

Ald. Sangiolo stated that part of her expectation when hiring a project manager was that information would be streamlined by the project manager. She asked what the responsibility is of the project manager in terms of reporting to the various parties involved in the project. She has no doubt that the project manager has worked very closely with the School Department, the Mayor and the Commissioner and that is a great thing but the Board has the fiduciary responsibility and needs better information. The Board needs to answer to constituents and it is very difficult if the details are not provided. Ald. Sangiolo is glad that the Commissioner is willing to collate all the information but he has other duties and the project manager should be doing this type of work. Commissioner Parnell works closely with the project manager and they try to get as much information out as possible. Commissioner Parnell has to be the communicator. He would have brought the project manager to this meeting but he wanted to know what the Aldermen were looking for before he discussed it with the project manager. The Commissioner relies on the project manager to do a lot of the work. The Commissioner suggested that it might help if project management reports are given to the Board on a bi-monthly basis.

The Committee was in favor of the bi-monthly report that provided more information. Ald. Mansfield suggested that the reports should be distributed the Friday before the Public Facilities Committee meetings. Ald. Salvucci moved approval of the resolution, which carried unanimously.

#101-07      KEYSPAN ENERGY petitioning for a grant of location to install and maintain approximately 350' of 4" gas main from the existing 3" gas main in RACHEL ROAD @house #11, northeasterly to house #74.[3-21-07 @ 12:14 PM]

**ACTION:**      **APPROVED AS AMENDED 5-0 (Lappin and Weisbuch not voting)**

**NOTE:**      Francis O'Leary, Keyspan Permit Representative, presented the petition to the Committee. The installation of a gas main is necessary to provide gas for heat, hot water and cooking at 74 and 84 Rachel Road. The City Engineer stated that the Department of Public Works recommends approval of the petition.

The public hearing was opened and Mr. Lee Bardin, 62 Rachel Road, spoke on the petition. Mr. Bardin is very upset that he was not offered the opportunity to request gas service for his home. Keyspan representatives did not contact him regarding the gas main to determine if he was interested in gas service. Mr. Bardin also stated that there was an additional home located between his house and 74 Rachel Road. The Clerk provided the Committee with the City of Newton GIS map, which does not show a home in between 74 and 62 Rachel Road. Mr. Bardin offered to e-mail the house number to the Clerk. The e-mail, which explains the confusion over the house, is attached. Mr. Bardin asked Mr. O'Leary whether the cost of obtaining gas service is the same price if Keyspan needs to run the main down the street or if the main already exists and only a house connection is required. Mr. O'Leary responded that he does not know the answer but Mr. Bardin should contact the Keyspan Marketing Department. Mr. Bardin has no objection to the installation of the gas main but would like to leave the option of obtaining gas service to his home at 62 Rachel Road open. Mr. O'Leary suggested that the Committee amend the petition to allow the grant of location to cover an additional 200' of gas main. Keyspan will extend the gas main to 62 Rachel Road, if Mr. Bardin determines that he would like gas service. Should Mr. Bardin decide that he does not want the service, the main will stop at 74 Rachel Road. Keyspan will submit an as-built plan to the City once the installation is complete. The public hearing was closed, as no one else wished to speak.

Ald. Salvucci moved approval of the petition as amended with the condition that as-built plans are provided to the City of Newton. The motion carried unanimously.

#133-07      KEYSPAN ENERGY petitioning for a grant of location to install and maintain approximately 178' of 6" gas main in Beecher Place from the existing 4" gas main in Beecher Place @ house #31 southeasterly to Beecher Terrace. [4-11-07 @10:35 AM]

**ACTION:**      **APPROVED 6-0 (Lappin not voting)**

**NOTE:**      Francis O'Leary, Keyspan Permit Representative, presented the petition to the Committee. The petition for the grant of location is to provide gas service to Beecher Terrace, which is a private way; therefore, no grant of location is required for a gas main to be installed in Beecher Terrace. The public hearing was opened and no one spoke for or against the petition.

A motion to approve the petition was made, which carried unanimously.

#100-07      NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY/VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC. petitioning for a grant of location to install one (1) hip guy and anchor on the northwesterly side of CENTRE STREET @ Pole 73/80, approximately 80 feet southeast of Cypress Street. [3-7-07 @9:58 AM]

**ACTION:**      **HELD 4-0 (Lappin, Weisbuch and Yates not voting)**

**NOTE:**      Maureen Carroll, NStar Permit Representative, presented the petition to install a hip guy and anchor at Pole 73/80 on Centre Street in Newton Centre. The hip guy and anchor are necessary to support the pole line and pole. It is one of the last poles in the pole line and it has a transformer on it creating a tremendous strain on the pole. Ald. Schnipper stated that she

has seen the pole and it is severely leaning. She also stated that she is not in favor of hip guys and anchors because she believes that they create safety issues for pedestrians.

Ms. Carroll explained that the hip guy would be attached 12' over the sidewalk, a pole would go over the sidewalk and a wire from the pole would be anchored at the very edge of the sidewalk. NStar would also place a yellow guard over the wire leading to the anchor. Ms. Carroll added that NStar has contacted the First Baptist Church, which the pole is located in front of, to see if they were willing to allow NStar to place the anchor into their property. The church does not want it on their property. Ms. Carroll stated that an NStar Engineer would be willing to meet any interested Aldermen at the site to explain the hip guy and anchor. The public hearing was opened and no one spoke for or against the petition.

Ald. Salvucci asked why the pole could not be replaced. Ms. Carroll explained that the strain would cause a new pole to lean. Ald. Salvucci asked if the Department of Public Works recommended approval of the item. The City Engineer has no problem with the hip guy and anchor, as long as it does not obstruct the sidewalk. The Commissioner recommends support of this pole, as it is unsightly if not unsafe.

Ald. Mansfield moved hold on the item and he and Ald. Albright will meet with the NStar Engineer at the site. The Chair asked NStar to provide a sample of the guard when they meet with Ald. Mansfield and Albright. Ald. Mansfield and Albright will also check the lighting in the area to make sure that the guard will be visible at night. The Committee voted unanimously to hold the item.

#117-07      EUGENE CACCIOLA, 57 Dorset Road, Waban, petitioning for construction of a common sewer in DORSET ROAD from an existing sewer main in Dorset Road southeasterly 52' ± to a proposed sewer manhole in Dorset Road. [03-30-07 @8:46 AM]

**PETITIONER TO PAY ENTIRE COST**

**ACTION:      APPROVED 7-0**

**NOTE:**      The City Engineer presented the petition to the Committee. The Engineering Division of the Public Works Department has reviewed the plans for the new sewer main and recommends approval. The petitioner is on a septic system, which is failing. The new sewer main will be constructed of 8" PVC and run from the existing sewer manhole to 57 Dorset Road. The new sewer will flow by gravity except for the basement restroom, which will need to be pumped up to the sewer. The property owners will be paying the entire cost of the project. Ald. Salvucci asked if the rest of the homes on Dorset Road were already on public sewer. Mr. Taverna explained that all the homes up to the crest of the hill besides 57 Dorset Road were attached to the public sewer. Mr. Cacciola and Ms. Terrerl, owners of 57 Dorset Road, were both present for discussion of the petition for a common sewer in a portion of Dorset Road. They stated that the septic system is overflowing into their yard. As the failure of the septic system constitutes an emergency, Ald. Yates moved approval of the item with an emergency preamble, which carried unanimously. The emergency preamble will allow the work to begin immediately after the Board approves the item. The motion for approval carried unanimously.

#118-07 ALD. SCHNIPPER requesting discussion on the planned pedestrian improvements such as raised crosswalks and raised intersections on Woodland Road. [04-05-07 @11:14 AM]

**ACTION:** **NO ACTION NECESSARY 6-0-1(Salvucci abstaining)**

**NOTE:** Commissioner Rooney, David Koses and Bill Steffens of McMahon Associates joined the Committee for discussion of this item. McMahon Associates performed a traffic study on Woodland Road and provided recommendations to enhance pedestrian safety on Woodland Road. The Commissioner asked Mr. Koses to comment on the proposed plan. Mr. Koses stated that it would be best if Mr. Steffens gave his presentation, and he would be available for any questions. Mr. Steffens presented the study with a focus on the proposed raised intersections to be installed on Woodland Road. Lasell College is located on Woodland Road and students are crossing Woodland Road on the diagonal near Cheswick Road and Lake Avenue. The consultants looked at a number of ideas to address safety of pedestrians on Woodland Road. It was determined that the installation of raised intersections at Cheswick Road and Lake Avenue would be the most effective because they align closely with the predominant pedestrian movements of the students in the Lasell College area. The installation of the raised intersections would also include signs advising drivers of upcoming traffic calming devices. The raised intersection elevates pedestrian so oncoming traffic can see them clearly. The elevated intersection also causes drivers to reduce their speed. The rise of the intersection is about 4" and there is a table the width of the intersection with four crosswalks.

Ald. Salvucci asked whether the Fire Chief and other emergency vehicle personnel had been consulted and if they were in favor of the raised intersections. David Koses responded that he knows that in general the Fire Department does not like anything raised in the roadway. Ald. Salvucci knows that emergency personnel are not in favor of raising things in the roadway and he does not like the raised intersections. Therefore, he is not willing to support these types of traffic calming devices. Ald. Schnipper suggested that the Committee consult the Fire Department regarding the raised intersections. Ald. Sangiolo stated that she frequently drives down Woodland Road and the students are all over the road. She hopes that there will be an installation of sidewalks on Woodland Road. She also suggested that the raised intersections be grooved to make a driver aware that he is going over something. Ald. Mansfield inquired whether there had been any discussion with Lasell College regarding how to channel students into the appropriate pedestrian crossings. The raised intersections will not solve the problem unless the students cross in specific areas. Mr. Steffens stated that the locations for the raised intersections were chosen because the students are generally crossing between the two locations. Ald. Mansfield asked if there was an issue with placing a raised intersection at Woodland Road and Lake Avenue, as it is a private way. There is not a problem with putting the raised intersection there in terms of it being a private way but it has yet to be surveyed.

Ald. Harney spoke on the item. The topography of the roadway is very difficult and creates poor visibility. The city needs to do something to improve drivers' visibility and the raised intersection addresses that need. He is also in favor of grooving the raised intersections. Ald. Lappin pointed out that the grooves may create noise that is annoying to the neighbors. Mr. Steffens stated that there are many different materials that can be used and some are less noisy

than others. The Commissioner suggested using pressed concrete with slight grooves that would make drivers aware that they were on a different surface.

The Department of Public Works will begin the project after May 20, 2007 and complete it before August 20, 2007. Ald. Weisbuch moved no action necessary, as the installation of raised intersections do not require Board approval. The motion carried by a vote of six in favor and one abstention.

#27-07        ALD. SANGIOLO requesting immediate repairs be made to the bathrooms and water leaks throughout Newton North High School and any other “fixable” items listed in the recent accreditation report regarding Newton North High School.  
[01-24-07@10:41AM]

**ACTION:**     **NO ACTION NECESSARY 7-0**

**NOTE:**        Commissioner Parnell and Ald. Sangiolo joined the Committee for discussion of this item. Ald. Sangiolo docketed this item because she has many complaints about the deplorable condition of the bathrooms at Newton North High School. During the School Budget discussion, Superintendent Young pointed to the repair as one of his initiatives. The Public Buildings Commissioner stated that he is all caught up on all the immediate bathroom repairs. He will provide a list of the repairs and will meet with any Aldermen at the school and walk through the building. Ald. Salvucci asked how many the students have damaged since the repairs. The Commissioner responded that vandalism happens quite frequently but he does not have the number right now. Ald. Albright pointed out that the students might have a different attitude if the building was well maintained. Ald. Lappin asked what criteria were used when choosing fixtures for the bathrooms. The Commissioner chooses institutional grade fixtures, as they are the longest lasting. Ald. Sangiolo asked what the Superintendents initiative is covering. The Commissioner will provide a list to Ald. Sangiolo. Ald. Sangiolo is comfortable with a no action necessary vote on this item, as the repair needs are being addressed. The Committee, therefore, voted no action necessary on the item.

#54-07        ALD. SANGIOLO requesting discussion with the School Department and the Public Buildings Department about giving the School Department increased control over maintenance of school building facilities thereby allowing the School Department to have direct authority to deploy/hire staff to make necessary repairs to their school facilities. [2-9-07 @ 1:46 PM]

**ACTION:**     **HELD 6-1 (Salvucci opposed)**

**NOTE:**        Ald. Sangiolo and Commissioner Parnell joined the Committee for discussion of this item. The Chair spoke on the item. She is aware that the School Department does not have the staff to maintain its own buildings. She is not sure that the Public Buildings Department has the staff it needs to repair and maintain all the municipal buildings. She would suggest that the School Department and Public Buildings Department meet and discuss the various possibilities including a maintenance department within the School Department and a swing shift.

Ald. Yates asked if this idea had been discussed before. The Commissioner responded that the idea was entertained a number of years ago. The result of those discussions was that

some of the custodial positions within the School Department were changed to craftsmen in order to address some of the maintenance and repairs as soon as they occurred. The Commissioner has been working with the Chief of Operations at the School Department to address closing the gap in the maintenance and repair orders. The Public Buildings Department currently has an 80% production rate.

Ald. Sangiolo met with the Superintendent of Schools and the Chief of Operations at the School Department who were supportive of the item. They felt that it would cut out steps in the process, therefore, resulting in a more rapid response to the need for repairs. Ald. Sangiolo is not suggesting that the City eliminate any of the positions in the Public Buildings staff but either hire more Public Buildings staff or have the School Department establish its own department. The School Department did not complain to Ald. Sangiolo about the Public Buildings Department's response but Ald. Sangiolo pointed out that if the School Department is the priority, the municipal buildings are being neglected.

Ald. Lappin thought that the Schooldude Software was supposed to help with the maintenance and repair orders. The Commissioner is pleased with the software and it did help immediately. Schooldude allows the School Department to prioritize work orders and the School Department gets immediate attention. All of the necessary tools are contained in the software; however, it does require some reprogramming. The Commissioner will be sending Henry Milo, the Facilities Manager, to a training course in Schooldude in the very near future. Ald. Yates asked how many communities in Massachusetts use Schooldude. The Commissioner will need to get back to the Committee with that number.

Ald. Yates moved hold on the item in order to allow the School Department and Public Buildings Department to meet to discuss the possibilities. Ald. Schnipper suggested that the item be discussed again this fall. The Committee voted unanimously to hold the item.

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#143-07 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$58,275 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding continued environmental clean-up of various 21E sites throughout the City. [05-01-07 @ 6:11 PM]

**ACTION:** **APPROVED 6-0 (Weisbuch not voting)**

**NOTE:** Arthur Cabral presented the item to the Committee. He explained that the \$58,275 is to fund the continued environmental clean up at various sites throughout the City and veeter root replacement. The funds are identified in the Capital Improvement Program. There are four sites where ongoing clean up is occurring. They are the Cabot Elementary School, Horace Mann Elementary School, Newton South High School and the Elliot Street Public Works Yard. The veeder root system is an automatic monitoring system for underground fuel storage tanks. Ald. Yates moved approval of the item, which carried unanimously.



**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#144-07 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$225,000 (\$15,000 from Free Cash and \$210,000 from bonded indebtedness) for the design and replacement costs of replacing the boiler at the Carr School building. [05-01-07 @ 6:19 PM]

**ACTION:** **APPROVED 6-0 (Weisbuch not voting)**

**NOTE:** Arthur Cabral presented the item, which is for funding to design and replace a boiler at the Carr School. There are two boilers at the Carr School, one is not working, and the other is barely working. There is concern that the remaining boiler will not last past this heating season, as it was required to run at all times to heat the building. The cost for the replacement is an estimate but Mr. Cabral is sure that it is very close to the actual cost. The replacement is identified in the FY'07 Capital Improvement Plan.

The Committee asked if the building were to be renovated and put back into use as a school, would the new boiler be the right type. Mr. Cabral responded that it is the appropriate type of boiler. If the heating system were changed from forced hot water to steam, the boiler could be altered. Ald. Salvucci moved approval of the item, which carried unanimously.

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#145-07 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$67,880 from Budget Reserve for the purpose of supplementing the FY07 Building Department contracted maintenance accounts for unanticipated HVAC repair costs. [0501-07 @ 6:18 PM]

**ACTION:** **APPROVED 6-0 (Weisbuch not voting)**

**NOTE:** Arthur Cabral presented the request for funds to replenish \$67,880 in the contracted maintenance accounts that were used for unanticipated HVAC repair. The department had to replace a RTU at the Crafts Street Garage, which costs over \$17,000 and additional extraordinary repairs were required at Police Headquarter and the Parks and Recreation Department. Many unexpected repairs totaling over \$22,000 at several fire stations also depleted these accounts. The Committee reviewed the list of repairs provided as backup material to the agenda. Ald. Salvucci moved approval of the item, which carried unanimously.

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#146-07 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$43,385 from Budget Reserve for the purpose of supplementing the FY07 Building Department utility accounts. [05-01-07 @ 6:17 PM]

**ACTION:** **APPROVED 6-0 (Weisbuch not voting)**

**NOTE:** Mr. Cabral presented the item to the Committee. The additional funds are required to cover the increased costs of utilities in municipal buildings and gasoline for department vehicles for this fiscal year. The Committee is aware of the increased utility costs and fuel costs; therefore, Ald. Salvucci moved approval, which carried unanimously.

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#147-07 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$25,200 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the purpose of replacing a portion of the roof at the Crafts Street Garage. [05-01-07 @ 6:20 PM]

**ACTION:** **APPROVED 6-0 (Weisbuch not voting)**

**NOTE:** Arthur Cabral presented the item to the Committee. The request is for funds to replace a portion of the roof at the Crafts Street Garage. The section of the roof is over thirty years old and recent repairs have not been successful. Severe water damage is occurring and the replacement needs to take place immediately. The work will begin as soon as the item is approved by the Board. The new portion will be a membrane roof, which should last a number of years. Ald. Lappin moved approval of the item, which carried unanimously.

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#148-07 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$115,205 (\$52,843 to be transferred from previously appropriated Parks and Recreation snow/ice funds not expended, and \$62,362 from Free Cash) to cover snow and ice expenses to date for the Department of Public Works. [05-01-07 @ 6:13 PM]

**ACTION:** **APPROVED 6-0 (Weisbuch not voting)**

**NOTE:** The item is a request to appropriate \$62,362 from Free Cash and transfer \$52,843 from the Parks and Recreation Department's snow and ice accounts that has not been expended. The funds will cover additional snow and ice expenses incurred by the Department of Public Works for the 2006/2007 winter season. The Committee reviewed the provided backup information and a motion for approval carried unanimously.

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#149-07 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the sum of \$3,572,000 be appropriated (\$1,964,600 from bonded indebtedness and \$1,607,400 in MWRA interest-free loans) for the purpose of funding inflow in infiltration projects in the City sewer system over the next few years. [05-01-07 @6:12 PM]

**ACTION:** **NO ACTION NECESSARY 6-0 (Weisbuch not voting)**

**NOTE:** Commissioner Rooney joined the Committee for discussion of this item. There was a great deal of confusion regarding what amount was to be bonded indebtedness. It was unclear whether the entire amount of \$3,572,000 was to be bonded. The Commissioner believes that the \$1,964,000 is to be bonded and is an interest-free loan from the MWRA. The \$1,607,400 is a grant from the MWRA. The funds are to continue with Phase 5 and Phase 6 of the inflow and infiltration projects within the City. The City has been participating in the loan/grant program with the MWRA for the past ten years to address inflow and infiltration in the sewer system.

The Committee was not comfortable approving the item until clarification was received from the Mayor's Office regarding the funding of this item. The Committee voted no action

necessary in the hope that the Finance Committee would receive clarification and the Public Facilities Committee could be polled on the floor of the Board to approve this item.

**REFERRED TO PUB. SAF/TRANS. AND PUB FACILITIES COMMITTEES**

#61-05 ALD. SAMUELSON, DANBERG AND CANDACE HAVENS requesting that, as part of the reconstruction process for TYLER TERRACE and/or CLARK STREET, speed humps be redesigned in order to improve safety for moving traffic while still slowing speeds to 25 mph.

**ACTION:** **HELD 6-0 (Weisbuch not voting)**

**NOTE:** This item was held without discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

Sydra Schnipper, Chairman