



Lowell City Council

Municipal Facilities SC Minutes

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City Clerk

Date: March 18, 2025
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: 375 Merrimack Street, Council Chamber, 2nd Floor, Lowell, MA/Zoom Hybrid

PRESENT:

Present on Roll Call were C. Belanger, C. Descoteaux, and C. Scott. Also present were C. Mercier, C. Nuon, Fire Chief Charon (LFD), C. Gitschier, Austin Ball (Asst. CFO), Anthony DiLuzio (Colliers Engineering), Angela Campbell (Colliers Engineering) and David Keane (LFD).

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

C. Belanger called the meeting to order noting purpose of the meeting and referenced the prior report.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Mr. DiLuzio commented on the inspections and the update on the upgrades and improvements being done to the properties. Mr. DiLuzio noted that the next step was to do a physical support analysis and a hazmat analysis for top 5 noted priority buildings to establish those costs. C. Belanger made note that work begins with priority one. Chief Charon noted work being done at Lawrence Street house. C. Descoteaux noted the need to begin work for priority one. Mr. Ball noted finances in place as well as future funding sources. Chief Charon indicated work would be included in capital budgets. C. Descoteaux noted he would support the use of free cash to address immediate needs. C. Scott commented on funding for hazmat analysis and structure analysis noting the availability of the 6.3 million for those cost on priority one buildings. Ms. Campbell commented on moving forward to establish costs for structure and hazmat rehab on the top priority sites. C. Gitschier noted the need to protect workers by identifying any hazardous materials. Ms. Campbell agrees the need for assessment to be done first. C. Belanger commented on immediate hazards. Chief Charon noted removal of old oil tanks and asbestos. Mr. Ball noted that there is time standards attached to procurement process. C. Mercier was questioning the total costs for all firehouses. Ms. Cambell could not provide total costs as assessments need to be done. Mr. DiLuzio noted this endeavor is to bring the houses into reasonable repair and not to operations. C. Scott noted initial money is just to see how



much it would costs noting any upgrades will be costly. **Motion** by C. Scott, seconded by C. Descoteaux to move forward with the existing funds of 1.8 million for structural and hazmat assessment. So voted. C. Gitschier noted basis of this report was from costs establish some time ago and that these costs will automatically increase. C. Belanger questioned cost for hazmat removal. Ms. Campbell noted not able to provide those costs until after assessment.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by C. Descoteaux, seconded by C. Scott. So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 6.17 PM.

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