



Lowell City Council

Finance SC Minutes

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City Clerk

Date: September 13, 2021
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: City Council Chamber/Zoom
City Hall – Lowell, Ma.

PRESENT:

Present on Roll Call were Chairman Elliott and C. Nuon, 1 absent (C. Conway). Also present were Conor Baldwin (CFO); C. Drinkwater; C. Chau; C. Samaras; and Allison Chambers (Asst. CFO).

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

C. Elliott called the meeting to order noting those in attendance and the number of motions regarding Pollard Library.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

C. Elliott recognized the members of the Pollard Board of Trustees and the Pollard Foundation. Donna Richard (Chairman of the Board of Trustees) introduced the members of the board and the foundation and provided the body with an opening statement regarding the need for added funding to comply with State mandates. C. Elliott noted there were many motions before the body and that they would be discussing the financial aspect of those motions and the trustees and foundation members would be before the full Council with a presentation on September 28th. Ms. Richard noted there was a short fall with funding that if not corrected could lead to a decertification of the library and she outlined the consequences of that. C. Nuon noted that decertification of the library would be hurtful to the community and should be addressed. C. Samaras noted the need to fund up to the requirements to maintain certification. Mr. Baldwin noted that the funding would be met as it has been done with net school spending and further noted that times that were short were due to serious recession and pandemic. C. Elliott recognized the need to close the funding gap and develop a five-year financial plan and explore the possibility of developing a mobile library within that plan with funding from the American Recovery Plan. **Motion** by C. Nuon, seconded by C. Elliott request City Manager identify the funding of



\$65,245.00 to meet the requirements by the State to remain certified. Adopted per Roll Call vote 2 yeas, 1 absent (C. Conway). So voted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to Adjourn by C. Nuon, seconded by C. Elliott. So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.

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