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BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT

MEETING MINUTES

DPW Conference Room, 3rd Floor City Hall

Wednesday December 4, 2013

Call to Order. Called to order at 11:13am by Mayor Matthew T. Ryan.

Present: Matthew T. Ryan, Mayor; Charles Pearsall, Comptroller; Kenneth J. Frank, Corporation Counsel; Philip T. Krey, City Engineer; Luke Day, Commissioner of Public Works

Absent: None

Also Present: Bill Barber, Director of Parks and Recreation; Angela Holmes, City Clerk; Gerald Kennicutt, Deputy Comptroller

ITEMS CONSIDERED

72 Court Street. Offer to Purchase 72 Court Street for \$1, submitted by 33 State Street Associates on August 1, 2013. Sent to the Assessor's Office, the Office of Building Construction, Zoning & Code Enforcement and the Department of Planning, Housing & Community Development on August 2, 2013. Tom Costello responded on August 2, 2013, stating that he is not in favor of this offer, submitted without a plan for development that addresses the primary use for the proposed purchase and related impact on adjacent parcels. In addition, the proposed purchase price seems unrealistic. Scott Snyder responded on August 7, 2013 stating that he agreed with Tom Costello's recommendations. Tarik Abdelazim responded on August 21, 2013, stating that so long as Building and Engineering concerns are addressed (detailed plan with fire safety issues raised, investigation of right-of-way issues, higher sales price), PHCD has no objections to the sale, as the future use of the lot as a downtown park would still be feasible. Philip T. Krey met with Allan Pope, representing both owners of the two adjoining buildings, and discussed the installation of a fire escape. The Board discussed maintaining the parcel as a separate lot, in case the larger portion of 72 Court Street is developed at a future date, with the added condition that the parcel would be re-conveyed to the City for the same purchase price should development of the larger parcel take place. Kenneth J. Frank met with Scott Snyder, who is not in favor of the plan to sell a portion of the lot with the opportunity for the City to purchase it at a later date. Corporation Counsel contacted the applicant's attorney on September 27, 2013, stating that the City is interested in selling the stairwell to the alley, with the proviso that the City reserves an easement to construct over the area. Corporation Counsel instructed the attorney to ask his client to submit a revised offer if this plan is acceptable. No response received. Item held.

Offer to Purchase/Lease 17 Broad Street. Request to purchase or lease space at 17 Broad Street for a new Verizon Wireless communications facility. Luke Day was contacted by Tectonic Engineering, and requested additional time to review the proposal. Item held.

Approval of Minutes. Request to approve the minutes from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment meetings held on November 20 & 21, 2013.

Motion to approve the minutes.

Moved by Frank, seconded by Pearsall.

Motion carried. (Vote 5-0)

Ayes: Ryan, Pearsall, Frank, Krey, Day

Nays: None



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Budget Transfer. Request to transfer \$25,000 from budget line A9015.58000 (Police & Fire Retirement) and \$39,000 from budget line M1910.54900 (Provision for Incurred Loss) to budget line A3410.51000 (Fire—Personal Services) for one year salary to be paid to the estate of John Janos, a deceased Fire Fighter. Presented by Charles Pearsall, Comptroller.

Motion to approve budget transfers.

Moved by Krey, seconded by Day.

Motion carried. (Vote 5-0)

Ayes: Ryan, Pearsall, Frank, Krey, Day

Nays: None

Budget Transfer. Request to transfer \$21,500 from budget line A1620.54202 (Electricity) to budget line A1620.54663 (Shared Maintenance) due to increase in charges for shared services. Presented by Luke Day, Commissioner of Public Works.

Motion to approve budget transfer.

Moved by Krey, seconded by Pearsall.

Motion carried. (Vote 5-0)

Ayes: Ryan, Pearsall, Frank, Krey, Day

Nays: None

Budget Transfers. Request to approve various transfers in the 2013 Department of Parks & Recreation budget to cover overtime costs and to pay for the fire system at the First Ward Senior Center. Presented by Bill Barber, Director of Parks and Recreation. Transfer requests are as follows:

1. Transfer \$1,500 from budget line A7180.51800 (Temporary Services) to budget line A7110.51900 (Parks Overtime);
2. Transfer \$1,000 from budget line A7620.51000 (Personal Services) to budget line A7110.51900 (Parks Overtime);
3. Transfer \$8,000 from budget line A7620.51800 (Temporary Services) to budget line A7620.54610 (Building/Equip. Repair & Maint.);
4. Transfer \$4,250 from budget line A7140.51800 (Temporary Services) to budget line A7620.54610 (Building/Equip. Repair & Maint.); and
5. Transfer \$4,250 from budget line A7180.51800 (Temporary Services) to budget line A7620.54610 (Building/Equip. Repair & Maint.).

Motion to approve budget transfers.

Moved by Frank, seconded by Day.

Motion carried. (Vote 5-0)

Ayes: Ryan, Pearsall, Frank, Krey, Day

Nays: None

Budget Modification. Request to modify the 2013 Water Department budget, increasing revenue budget line FX.42142A (Unmetered Water Sales, Capital Charge) by \$140,000, due to unanticipated revenue, and to increase expense budget line FX 8330.54665 (JSTP IPP) by \$140,000, due to charges over budgeted rates for solids separation from the Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Treatment Plant, in accordance with RL 13-220. Presented by Charles Pearsall, Comptroller.

Motion to approve budget modifications.

Moved by Frank, seconded by Day.



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Motion carried. (Vote 5-0)

Ayes: Ryan, Pearsall, Frank, Krey, Day

Nays: None

Budget Modification. Request to modify the 2013 budget in order to acquire foreclosed and blighted properties on Chenango Street to support the revitalization of the North Side Small Business Corridor, in accordance with RL 13-221. Submitted by Tarik Abdelazim, Director of Planning, Housing and Community Development, and Thomas Costello, Supervisor of Building Construction, Zoning and Code Enforcement. Modifications are as follows:

1. Increase revenue line A.42410 (Rental of Real Property) by \$13,000;
2. Increase revenue line A.42189 (Other Home and Comm. Services) by \$13,500;
3. Establish budget line A1364.54682 (Purchase of Real Property), and fund at \$26,500.

Motion to approve budget modifications.

Moved by Day, seconded by Krey.

Motion carried. (Vote 5-0)

Ayes: Ryan, Pearsall, Frank, Krey, Day

Nays: None

Special Session. Angela Holmes, City Clerk, reminded Board members of a Special Session of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to be held on Tuesday December 31, 2013 at 9:00am to review any year-end matters.

Adjournment. Motion to adjourn at 11:29am.

Moved by Pearsall, seconded by Krey.

Voice vote, none opposed.