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MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Thursday, November 12, 2015: 7:00 PM
Board of Finance Meeting Room, 4th Floor

Call to Order: Performed by Chairman John J. Louizos at 7:09 PM (*Video: 00:00), who noted that all Members were present excepting Dudley Williams who had a conflict.

Pledge of Allegiance: (Video: 00:00) Led by Chairman Louizos after which he asked for a moment of silence in honor of our country's Veterans.

Approval of Minutes: October 8, 2015: 7:00 PM: Regular Meeting Ms. Rinaldi abstained from voting as she could not attend the October meeting due to a prior commitment.	Approved
	4-0-1
	Motion by
	S. Gabriele
	Second
	R. Freedman

Public Participation: (Video: 00:01). A woman named Jeanette Bilicznianski, who identified herself as a part time Social Worker at Smith House spoke in favor of the Boards holding a public hearing so that the public could be heard about the closure of Smith House. It was her view that Smith House should remain open and she invited all to attend a meeting tomorrow at Smith House at 10:00 AM to hear from residents and their families.

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Reports to the Board: Audit Committee Chairman Richard Freedman held an Audit Committee Meeting held at 5:30 this evening at which the 2014-15 FY Draft CAFR was reviewed by City Auditors Blum Shapiro and City Controller David Yanik. Also discussed was a report by HR Director Clemon Williams on the Medical Insurance Dependent Audit.

Note: Items are Shown in Order of Consideration

ITEM REQUESTED UNDER SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR: *Update*

Item 6	Update: Litigation Matters/Smith House		No Action Taken
	Action Requested:	Update on Litigation Matters & Smith House	
	Amount:	\$	
	Fund/Budget:		
	Submitted by:	David R. Martin, Mayor	
	Presented by:		
	Video: 00:06	<p>On a motion by Mr. Bosak, which was seconded by Mr. Gabriele, the Board agreed by unanimous vote to hear this item, along with item # 7, under suspension of the rules. The Mayor advised the Board that he needed to update them on three items, two of which were pending litigation matters, and the other item which related to Smith House. The Mayor stated that he first wished to update the Members on the pending litigation items and as such, in executive session. On a motion by Ms. Rinaldi, which was seconded by Mr. Bosak, the Board then agreed by unanimous vote to hear the pending litigation items in executive session. Participants in Executive Session for the pending litigation matter discussed first included Board of Finance Chairman John J. Louizos, Vice Chair Mary Lou Rinaldi, Members Gerald Bosak, Jr., Richard Freedman & Sal Gabriele along with Mayor David Martin, Director of Administration Michael Handler, Chief of Staff Michael Pollard & City Attorney Vikki Cooper. Participants in Executive Session for the pending litigation matter discussed second included Board of Finance Chairman John J. Louizos, Vice Chair Mary Lou Rinaldi, Members Gerald Bosak, Jr., Richard Freedman & Sal Gabriele along with Mayor David Martin, Director of Administration Michael Handler, Chief of Staff Michael Pollard & Legal Affairs Director Kathy Emmett. After approximately 38 minutes, the Board exited executive session, with Chairman Louizos stating that no action was taken. The Mayor then provided the Board with an update on Smith House (video:00:07), stating that while the City was following the State mandated process to close the facility due to unsustainable losses over a period of 25 years, they were also inviting responsible nursing home managers to</p>	

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	<p>take over the facility in lieu of its closure. The Mayor added that that they already had 5 meetings with the residents and their families apprising them of the situation. He then advised the Board of a proposal received from a nursing home operator who already operated nursing homes in several states including one that the City visited in Brooklyn, N.Y. that they agreed was well run. While the City signed an M.O.U. with this party to lease the property and the building for a period of 99 years (for \$1) with stipulations such as maintaining an 80% occupancy rate, inviting all current residents as well as those who may have left to return, and offering current employees jobs along with a requirement that they operate the facility as a nursing home for at least 15 years (or the building reverts back to the City), they were presently not overly optimistic that this party will finalize a deal which the City would like to come to fruition in time for a December 1 closing. In response to a question from Vice Chair Rinaldi, DOA Handler stated that while coming to terms with the current Nursing union was problematic, other issues also contributed to the unlikelihood that an agreement would be reached. The Board thanked the Mayor for this update.</p>	
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Supplemental Capital Appropriation

Item 7	Request for Approval of Supplemental Capital Appropriation in the amount of \$150,000 to pay for installation of cameras on Blue Light Emergency poles in several City parks including Carwin, Cummings, Mill River, Scalzi, Veterans, Cove Island and Lione.	Approved
	Action Requested: Additional Appropriation	5-0-0
	Amount: \$150,000	Motion by
	Fund/Budget: Capital Non-Recurring Fund	J. Louizos
	Submitted by: David Martin, Mayor	Second
	Presented by:	M. Rinaldi
	<p>Video: 00:32</p> <p>On a motion by Mr. Bosak, which was seconded by Mr. Gabriele, the Board agreed by unanimous vote to hear this item, along with item # 6, under suspension of the rules. The Mayor advised that he was asking for a recommendation from the Board of Finance regarding the funding source for these cameras as since while funds were already approved in a capital project, the City did not yet go out to bond for the funds. The Mayor provided the Board with examples of hidden cameras within the City and their success in both reducing crime and leading to the capture of a suspect. The recommendation of the funds he was seeking now would be used to install seven Blue Light polls in designated areas in the 7 City Parks noted above. The Mayor stated that the sense of urgency to secure the funding & installation for these poles now, which also have an emergency button connected to 911 if pushed, was due to recent events. Chairman Louizos applauded the Mayor for this action and made a motion to approve using the capital non-recurring account for this</p>	

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	purpose. Ms. Rinaldi seconded the motion and this item was approved by unanimous vote.	
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HUMAN RESOURCES

Affordable Care Act- City's Obligations

Item 1	Review: Affordable Care Act- City's Obligations	Discussion- No Action Taken
	Action Requested: Discussion	
	Amount: \$	
	Fund/Budget:	
	Submitted by: Mayor David R. Martin	
	Presented by: Clemon Williams, Dir. of Human Resources/Mayor Martin	
	Video: 00:39 Human Resource Director Clemon Williams updated the Board with a presentation regarding the City's obligations pursuant to the Affordable Health Care Act, particularly with respect to penalties incurred for failure to comply with its requirements. Director Williams gave credit to Vice Chair Rinaldi who advised the H.R. Director to start working on this nearly 2 years ago. According to Director Williams, the City must offer insurance to certain employees based upon the hours worked and their permanence according to the guidelines of the ACA (Affordable Care Act). There are 2 types of penalties- a nuclear (or very large dollar cost penalty) incurred by NOT offering insurance to the requisite employees, and a lesser penalty for not offering affordable insurance (this penalty is \$3K per employee). Mr. Williams explained that while insurance will be offered to avoid the major penalty, it may be financially advantageous to incur the lesser penalty rather than offering them 'affordable insurance' which would cost the City much more money. Ms. Rinaldi suggested a simpler solution to avoid these costs altogether may be to manage employee hours in accordance with the laws mandates. Mr. Williams advised that they were already doing this, noting that they reduced the number of employees who must be offered insurance from 150 to 65. The Board thanked Mr. Williams for this review.	

OFFICE OF OPERATIONS

Office of Operations: Leased Facilities- Additional Appropriation

Item 2	Request for Approval of Additional Appropriation totaling \$67,692.43 to provide additional funds in the Leased Facilities Account to support necessary repairs, maintenance & cleaning for the Boys & Girls Club (Dorothy Yerwood Center, 90 Fairfield Avenue).	Approved
	Action Requested: Additional Appropriation	5-0-0
	Amount: \$67,692.43	Motion by
	Fund/Budget: Contingency	G. Bosak
	Submitted by: Kevin Murray, Manager- Parks & Facilities	Second
	Video: 00:46 City Operations Manager Kevin Murray relayed to the Board that	M. Rinaldi

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	<p>the City incurred costs in order to ready the Yerwood Center, a City owned building, for the Boys & Girls Club for occupancy on Monday October 19. Mr. Murray advised that there were also Fire Marshall Code violations which instigated the necessity to ready the space for the tenant quickly. Board Member Freedman asked for clarification that these costs were solely for readying the building as opposed to regular maintenance which would fall upon the tenant, which was affirmed by Mr. Murray. On a motion by Mr. Bosak, which was seconded by Ms. Rinaldi, the Board then agreed by unanimous vote to approve this item.</p>	
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Operations: Engineering Transfer

Item 3	Request for Approval of Transfer in the amount of \$56,019 from the Traffic Engineering: Salaries Line to the Engineering Administration: Salaries Line to fund an OSS position reassigned from Traffic Engineering to Engineering Administration.	Approved
	Action Requested: Transfer	5-0-0
	Amount: \$56,019	Motion by
	Fund/Budget: Operating	S. Gabriele
	Submitted by: Ernie Orgera, Director of Operations	Second
	Video: 00:48 Mr. Casolo explained that this transfer is being sought to move the OSS salary line funds for an existing OSS position from Traffic Engineering to Administration, where this individual is actually working. The Board approved this transfer by unanimous vote.	G. Bosak

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

First Quarter Financial Projections: FY 2015-16: July- September, 2015

Item 4	Review: FY 2015-16 First Quarter Financial Results & Projections.	Held
	Action Requested: Update	5-0-0
	Amount: \$	Motion by
	Fund/Budget: FY 2015-16	J. Louizos
	Submitted by: Lee Berta, Asst. Director of OPM	Second
	Presented by:	G. Bosak
	Video: 00:00 Chairman Louizos recommended that the Board hold this review (video:00:49) suggesting that more information provided at a later date would serve to give the Board a better picture of year end projections.	

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Discussion

Item 5	Discussion: Comments from departing Chairman John J. Louizos		No Action Taken
	<i>Action Requested:</i>	Discussion	
	<i>Amount:</i>	\$	
	<i>Fund/Budget:</i>		
	<i>Submitted by:</i>	Chairman John J. Louizos	
	Video: 00:49	Chairman Louizos spoke of his departure from the Board of Finance at the end of this month, sharing that his son had just been born when he initially joined the Board eight years ago. He congratulated re-elected Members Mary Lou Rinaldi & Dudley Williams and welcomed incoming Member David Kooris. He also congratulated departing Member Gerald Bosak, noting that he was leaving due to his election to the Board of Education. Chairman Louizos then gave the floor to Mr. Bosak, noting that while they were initially opponents, they were now comrades and friends. Mr. Bosak thanked Mr. Louizos for his leadership and dedication to the City, stating that he grew as a person due to this experience. Chairman Louizos also stated that he wanted to be surrounded by family at this time, referring to his wife Stacey, his son Zach, along with his Dad and others, and invited young people to join in public service as he said he discovered that he could really make a difference. With a final bang of the gavel from his son Zach, the Board adjourned this meeting with the Mayor joining in praise and thanks for departing Members Louizos & Bosak.	

Next Regular Meeting of the Board: Thursday, December 10, 2015 @ 7:00 P.M

Adjournment: (Video: 00:54) On a motion by Mr. Louizos which was seconded by Mr. Bosak, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn this meeting at 8:40 PM when all were invited to share a cake to celebrate departing Members John J. Louizos & Gerald Bosak’s years of service to this Board.

Lorraine C. Gilden

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Clerk of the Board