

MINUTES OF THE JOINT COMMISSION OF CITY COUNCIL & SCHOOL BOARD
EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM
January 16, 2020 – 5:15 P.M.

Committee Members present: Councilors- Martin Dumont, Chairman; Councilor Don Austin; School Board Members- Matt Hanlon & Steve Potter.

Others & Staff present: Mayor Dana Hilliard; City Manager Bob Belmore; School Superintendent Bob Gadomski; Finance Director/Deputy CM Scott Smith; and Councilor Crystal Paradis.

Don Austin called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m. Discussion on having a Vice Chair. Motion by Hanlon, 2nd by Potter to approve Austin as Vice Chair; 3-0 vote.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Vice Chairman Austin asked for approval of the October 8, 2019 minutes; Motion by Hanlon, 2nd by Potter, 3-0 vote/approved.

Middle School Elevator CIP: Chairman Dumont arrived & assumed the Chair. The Commission discussed the need to replace the Middle School elevator. Scott Smith passed out copies of the Memorandum he had prepared at the City Manager's request regarding the possible bond issuance for a new elevator. Smith provided the financial budget implications and timing that the School Board would need to consider should City Council approve a \$600,000 bond.

Bob Gadomski stated that the work should be done in the summer so there was an urgency in approving the project as there was a 6-month lag time on ordering needed equipment. Bob G. also passed out the Dec. 20, 2019, concept estimate prepared by Samyn-D'Elia Architects= \$638,400. There was discussion on how the concept had changed from being a new outside elevator to replacing it "in-kind" by modifying some adjacent rooms structurally. Mayor Hilliard gave an overview of efforts made to secure Federal and State funding. Dumont expressed concern that the elevator has moved from a \$400K project to \$600K over the past year/s. Belmore mentioned it was presented as a \$600 project in the recent CIP. After further discussion, motion by Austin, 2nd by Hanlon to recommend to the City Council's Finance Committee that the City move forward with a bond to replace the Middle School elevator; passed 4-0. There was agreement that Belmore contact the Finance Committee Chair to schedule a meeting in order to time a Resolution for Council's consideration at their February 3rd meeting; with a vote at their Feb. 18 meeting which would include a Public Hearing.

Misc: Bob G. gave the Commission an update on the present budget, budget preparation work to date and School revenues. Mayor Hilliard asked the Commission to place a discussion regarding future funding for the SYC Program, which has been very successful. He stated the federal guidelines had changed and he would have the SYC Director Maureen Jackman at the next meeting.

Adjournment: motion by Austin, 2nd by Potter; 4-0 approved at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Robert M. Belmore, City Manager