



Lowell City Council

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Municipal Facilities SC Joint with School Facilities SC Minutes

Date: June 21, 2022
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: 375 Merrimack Street, Council Chamber, 2nd Floor, Lowell, MA/Zoom
Hybrid

PRESENT:

Present on Roll Call were C. Leahy; SC Doherty; SC Lay; and SC DelRossi. Also present were SC Thompson and Paul St. Cyr (School Buildings).

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

C. Leahy called the meeting to order noting purpose of the meeting which included discussion of centralized office, school security and window/screen replacement.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

SC Doherty commented on school security in terms of locking doors. Mr. St. Cyr noted long term and short term repairs and that all doors are currently secure. C. Leahy requested updates regarding functionality of cameras in the schools. Mr. St. Cyr noted outside vendors handle that account and that there have been some delays due to supply shortages. SC DelRossi commented on work being done and that there is still ample work remaining; noting the Stem Academy. C. Leahy questioned process of using on-call vendors. Mr. St. Cyr outlined the process of work order to the DPW then either work done in-house or by vendor. SC Thompson noted that locks are an issue but also the conditions of many doors are in poor shape. Mr. St. Cyr noted that conditions are not good on many doors and it may need to be funded through capital projects. C. Leahy noted that the department should always have supplies on hand and questioned if the new part of the high school would be compatible with existing buildings. Mr. St. Cyr noted that would be the case. SC DelRossi noted that there should be continued checks regarding security and that teachers are trained for such purposes. C. Leahy noted that the teachers should have a policy regarding security of the doors.

SC Doherty introduced the topic of window repair and replacement noting that some and not all have been completed. Mr. St. Cyr noted as work was being done larger



issues appeared outlining the complexities with window repair. SC Doherty noted the large number of work orders and that there needs to be better process with the City. Mr. St. Cyr noted renewed effort on the City side and that funding from ESSR and ARPA will assist with work orders. C. Leahy noted turnover in the department and that there is increased possible funding through ESSR and ARPA. SC DelRossi noted the need to work together to avoid confusion. SC Lay noted City was responsible for repairs and that they short changed schools with the current budget. C. Leahy commented that under prior administration money generated by the school side would be put back into the buildings. SC Doherty noted focus should be on work and then on who pays for it. SC Thompson noted the need to get off merry-go-round and to act now with the ample funding available. C. Leahy noted the increased funding as well as a prior commitment on funding from the schools which did not materialize.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by SC. DelRossi, seconded by SC. Lay. So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 PM.

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