



Lowell City Council

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Municipal Facilities SC Joint with School Facilities SC Minutes

Date: December 6, 2022
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: 375 Merrimack Street, Council Chamber, 2nd Floor, Lowell, MA/Zoom Hybrid

PRESENT:

Present on Roll Call (5:30 PM) were C. Leahy; SC Doherty; SC Lay; SC DelRossi; C. Gitschier; and C. Robinson. Also present were Paul St. Cyr (DPW); C. Nuon; C. Mercier; C. Drinkwater; and C. Rourke. Present from School administration were Ricky Underwood and Billy Jo Turner.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

C. Leahy called the meeting to order noting purpose of the meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Mr. St. Cyr commented on work over the last six months. Mr. St. Cyr noted preventative maintenance has raised some issues that need to be addressed and that supply chain is slowing down progress. Mr. St. Cyr commented on following projects: water systems; boiler replacements; solar programs; HVAC replacement; Capital projects; and MSBA pipeline projects. C. Robinson questioned MSBA project time lines. SC DelRossi commented on needs of the McAuliffe School regarding water heating issues. C. Gitschier questioned working partnership. Mr. St. Cyr noted responses are much improved. C. Gitschier commented on LHS concerns, aged systems, use of vendors, separate entities for LHS and preventative maintenance program. SC Doherty commented on HVAC and heating systems. Mr. St. Cyr commented that the City is in best position regarding heating preparation but that there is still aged equipment in the system. C. Leahy noted process is running much smoother. C. Robinson noted concern with control issues within the system. Mr. St. Cyr noted it an expensive fix they are moving towards. C. Gitschier commented on time constraints in certain grants. C. Leahy questioned the amount of money being spent by schools. Ms. Turner reported on grant money. SC Doherty requested update regarding windows and screens. Mr. Underwood commented on windows, screens and hardware. Mr. Underwood commented on water stations that are in stock but are unable to install. C. Robinson



noted that City should install water systems and take charge in securing a vendor. C. Underwood indicated he would give up that task and just go back to maintaining buildings. C. Gitschier commented that installation should start with the basic ones that are less labor intrusive. Mr. Underwood noted that ESSR money should go to salaries as the City currently has no HVAC department. C. Gitschier noted that union issues can be resolved. **Motion** by C. Gitschier, seconded by SC Doherty to request City Manager begin discussion to install water systems throughout City schools. Adopted per Roll Call 6 yeas. So voted. C. Robinson stated open communication should remain a priority.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 PM.

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