

CITY COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE
Budget & Finance Committee
Tuesday, July 10, 2012 – **6:30 p.m.**
Kyrouz Auditorium – City Hall
-Minutes-

Present: Chair, Councilor McGeary; Vice Chair, Councilor Joseph Ciolino; Councilor Jacqueline Hardy (Alternate)

Absent: Councilor Cox

Also Present: Councilor Tobey; Sharon DuBois

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

1. *Communication from MassDevelopment re: approved grants for proposed redevelopment of 91 and 110 Commercial Street*

Sharon DuBois, Grants Administrator stated MassDevelopment has a Brownfields loan and grants program available which is granting the City \$24,700 per property at 91 and 110 Commercial Street. Currently the City has no access to Brownfields funds for this. The staff's time will be the match for this; this is not a cash match. The only other part is that if the City were to sell one of the properties, the MassDevelopment would look to recover the funds. **Councilor McGeary** asked they would keep 91 Commercial Street and the City would sell 110 Commercial Street. **Ms. DuBois** noted that the assessments will tell what is in the ground and the dimensions of the problem. She spoke to the Memorandum Of Agreement (MOA). They do have a licensed site professional provided at no cost and was how they came to the estimate of how much it would cost to assess each property. **Councilor Ciolino** asked when the assessment results are available. **Ms. DuBois** stated they will have an MOA with the licensed site professional. She has to set up a P.O. It would be later in August when the testing would be started. She did not have an exact time frame for that information. **Councilor Hardy** noted one of the pieces of property she believed the City would sell. She asked if the City would tack on the \$24,700 to the selling price. **Ms. DuBois** said she did not know. **Councilor McGeary** stated he recalled Mr. Duggan, CAO had stated at the B&F meeting when the Community Development Department was seeking permission to apply for these grants that their intention was to do so, but depended to some extent upon what was found once the assessment was made.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Hardy, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council under MGL c. 44, Sec. 53A to accept a MassDevelopment Brownfields Redevelopment Fund-Site Assessment Grant to perform environmental assessments of 91 Commercial Street in the amount \$24,700. Said property is legally described as Assessors Map #1, Lot 66.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Hardy, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council under MGL c. 44, Sec. 53A to accept a MassDevelopment Brownfields Redevelopment Fund-Site Assessment Grant to perform environmental assessments of 110 Commercial Street in the amount \$24,700. Said property is legally described as Assessors Map #1, Lot 6.

A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana C. Jorgenson
Clerk of Committees

DOCUMENTS/ITEMS SUBMITTED AT MEETING: None.