

**CITY OF WOBURN
CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
MONDAY, JULY 29, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.
COMMITTEE ROOM
WOBURN CITY HALL**

Voting Members present: Chair Charles Viola, Councilor Joanne Campbell, Councilor Joseph Demers and Councilor Robert Ferullo. Absent: Councilor Darlene Mercer-Bruen

Non-voting Members present: President Jeffrey Dillon, Councilor Lou DiMambro and Councilor Robert Toro. Absent: Councilor William Pappalardo

Also present: Mayor Michael Concannon and City Engineer John Corey

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MOTION made by Councilor Demers and seconded by Councilor Ferullo to dispense with the reading of and approve the minutes of the meeting of July 1, 2024; all in favor, 4-0.

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Order to Appropriate \$1,098,960 for the design and construction of a new park and playground at Hurd Park: Mayor Concannon said he is very excited. He said President Dillon has been working hard to make a park at Hurd Park happen. City Engineer Corey said there are three phases to the project. The first is demolition of the old school building. The second is the stabilization of the site and the conversion to a park, and the third is environmental restoration. He said phase one is ready to go out to bid. He said demolition of the old school will take four months. He said if the appropriation is approved tonight the demo can start in early September. He said he hopes the building will be down by Thanksgiving. He said construction of the new park will begin in the spring. He said phase three will take three years. He said there is \$3 million from FEMA for that part of the project. Councilor Campbell asked City Engineer Corey to explain the environmental restoration aspect. City Engineer Corey said there are 8.5 acres of wetlands with a natural stream. He said trails will be put through the wetlands. He said there will be an upper park with active and passive recreation and is heat resistant. Councilor Campbell asked how many years it will take to complete the project. City Engineer Corey said the project will take about six years. Councilor Campbell asked City Engineer Corey to elaborate on the “heat resistant” aspect of the project. City Engineer Corey said there are earmarks for the upper park that will be make it heat resistant. He said the Recreation Dept. is working to make the upper park an all-inclusive. He said there will be a basketball court and a spray park. Councilor Campbell said it sounds wonderful. Motion made by Councilor Demers and seconded by Councilor Ferullo that the order “ought to pass;” approved, 4-0.

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Order to authorize Mayor Concannon to file and accept grants and take such other action in regard to Hurd Park: Mayor Concannon said this is a companion piece to the preceding order. He said it will allow him to seek and accept additional funding sources if they become

available. Motion made by Councilor Demers and seconded by Councilor Ferullo that the order “ought to pass;” approved, 4-0.

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MOTION made by Councilor Demers and seconded by Councilor Ferullo to adjourn; all in favor, 4-0. Chair Viola adjourned the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST

Gordon Vincent
Clerk of Committees