

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Tuesday, June 2, 2020– 6:05 p.m.

Council Chambers – Olean Municipal Building

Present: Members: Alderman Gonzalez, Alderman Witte, Alderman Panus, Alderman Dougherty, Alderman Crawford, Alderman DaPolito, and Alderman Anastasia. Others: Mayor William Aiello; Nicholas DiCerbo, Jr, City Attorney; Fred Saradin, City Auditor; Bob Ring, Director of Public Works; Jeff Rowley, Police Chief; Tim Richardson, Fire Chief, and Tiffany Taylor, Managerial Confidential Administrative Secretary.

1. Roll Call

Alderman Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and asked that the record show that all committee members were present.

2. Unfinished Business

None

3. New Referrals for Consideration

a. Discussion – Acquisition of 109 South 2nd Street (Aiello)

Mayor Aiello explained that the City has the opportunity to acquire the property located at 109 South Second Street from Cattaraugus County. He explained that the parcel is located right behind Fire Station 1, which is in need of parking as the staff currently needs to switch their vehicles around all the time. He explained that this structure has been posted as a dangerous building.

Chief Richardson explained that we have had issues from this property from a Code enforcement standpoint but that there have also been significant medical calls, especially OD's and that type of thing. He explained that the property is in horrible condition. He explained that the Elks Club has had to deal with this property for quite some time, and it would be ideal to get a fenced in area to allow for parking for Fire Station 1. He explained that there is limited space on the parcel where Fire Station 1 is located for the staff to park during their shifts. He explained that this would alleviate a lot of headaches.

Alderman Witte asked what the cost to pave and fence in the parcel is, and Chief Richardson explained that he has not gotten costs yet as he wanted to wait until the Council decided to acquire and tear down the house. Mayor Aiello noted that he wanted to gauge the Council's interest prior to reaching out to the County. Alderman Crawford asked if we think that the County will give us the property, and Mayor Aiello responded that they will, as he has already

had a conversation with Matt Keller. He explained that the City could take the property and secure it, and then make a plan from there to tear it down.

Alderman Crawford asked what the demolition budget is for this year, and Mr. Saradin explained that it was cut in half from last year and that he believes that it is \$27,000. Alderman Crawford explained that he is all for tearing down blight.

Alderman Witte asked if the City would be able to give the County a reason to use Land Bank money to take the structure down, and Mayor Aiello responded that although the Land Bank is still interested in taking houses down, the grant that they currently have is more for renovation. He noted that there are a couple more in Olean that we are interested in having them take down for us.

Alderman Dougherty explained that people think of South Second Street as a horrible area of town, but there are a lot of nice families there. He explained that this property has been a blight issue for years and he has heard nothing but horrible things. Chief Rowley noted that we don't want this parcel to be bought up by one of the City's notorious slum lords. Alderman Dougherty explained that the neighbor to this property has spent a lot of time and money renovating his own house. He drove down the road this morning and noticed a lot of people coming out of the house, and he wonders if the City will have an eviction on their hands.

Mayor Aiello explained that the City will put out their interest in this property, and we can move forward from there.

b. Discussion – Sidewalk Capital Fund (Crawford)

Alderman Crawford explained that this is a follow up regarding the conversation that the Council had in a previous meeting about sidewalk program funding and where we stand. He explained that he put out a request to audit some of the records from the account and the contractor that does work for us. He explained that he is interested in getting documentation to see how things worked out.

Mr. Saradin explained that he sent a document out a couple of days ago regarding the account. Mayor Aiello explained that this includes a nine year history of the program.

Alderman Dougherty explained that he feels that the sidewalk program, which is what Alderman Crawford is interested in funding, and the sidewalk account for violations should be two different expense accounts. He explained that there should be a line item where money is set aside to pay vendors for the cost of doing the work, and then homeowners should be billed in the case of violations. He explained that he feels that the fund was set up as a Capital Fund outside of the budget, and that is why BWB doesn't see anything wrong when the account goes

negative and then positive. He explained that we need two different line items in the budget to keep everything square and to ensure that everything gets cleared out at the end of the fiscal year that way things won't go into the negative.

Mr. Saradin explained that back in 2011 the Council decided to address the issue of sidewalk repairs, and set up capital accounts and put \$30,000 in it to fund it. He explained that he has tried to demonstrate where money in the account came from citizens or the County, and also where money went to contractors such as Richard Peck and Wayne Gravel, and where other expenditures were. He explained that after last week's meeting he met with Mr. Ring and the Mayor, and they did some investigating and found that indeed \$23,000 was paid out of the account for City-wide work that was done, that should have been taken from the General Fund., He explained that there was never a sidewalk repair account in the general ledger, so he has set one up. He explained that when the Council talks next year, they will have to discuss putting money into that account. He noted that this leaves the Capital Fund open for the program that Alderman Crawford initiated.

Alderman Crawford asked what the \$23,000 went towards, and if it was predominantly on City property. Mr. Ring explained that this went towards several different locations of curb rams where CHIPS funding couldn't reimburse, and this should have come from the streets budget. He explained that he has also asked his staff and engineers to no longer take funding out of the Capital Fund for these reasons.

Alderman Crawford asked if there is a complaint and we fix the sidewalk, bill the homeowner and then lien the property after nonpayment, if the County always makes us whole. Mr. Saradin responded that they do not. Alderman Crawford explained that in that situation the City may need to eat the cost where the money hits.

Mr. Saradin explained that going forward, he believes that A-01-5-5110.413 is the new account for sidewalk repairs, and at budget time the Council will need to decide how much to put into the account. He explained that the \$23,000 mistakenly used from the account has been put back in the account so instead of the account being in the negative, there is \$7,600 in the account to work with.

Alderman Dougherty explained that he was correct in his assumption and that it will be good having separate accounts moving forward. He explained that possibly in the future, the sidewalk program could have a line item in the general fund as well rather than being a capital fund.

Mr. Saradin explained that the Council will now need to pass a resolution as done in previous years to move money to the Capital Fund if they wish to increase the program funding.

Alderman Crawford explained that is what he had originally wanted to talk about when he brought up this account, is the possibility of moving more funding into the account. HE explained that he is glad that there is \$7,600 left in the account, as that is more in line with where he thought it should be. He asked if it makes sense to provide funding, and asked if any surplus funding has been rolled back into the General Fund. Mr. Saradin responded that there are a list of encumbrances that he has received and those are approved by BWB, which will not happen until a few months from now.

Alderman Crawford asked if it takes a couple of months to close out the budget. Mayor Aiello explained that we are officially in the 2020-20201 budget, so money would need to be taken from Contingency or Fund Balance. Alderman Crawford explained that he thought that the Fund Balance was supposed to increase by \$300,000, and he asked if this has not happened yet. Mayor Aiello explained that this does not officially happen until BWB completes the audit. Mr. Saradin explained that last week he reported an estimated, unaudited healthy addition to the Fund Balance.

Alderman Crawford explained that the City was sitting right around 15% in the Fund Balance, but if we can make decisions based on \$500,000 extra in the Fund Balance, then we shouldn't be sitting at 15%. He asked if we could move money into the sidewalk account, and suggested that the Council approve the transfer of \$17,392 to make the total in the Capital Fund \$25,000. He explained that this program was very successful last year and now the Council knows that whatever is going into this account is going to homeowners.

Mr. Ring explained that logistically, we many need to follow up with changes to the program. He explained that citizens spent maybe 25% of what the City did, and he proposes a 50/50 split. He explained that this way, the City can get farther along with less money. Mayor Aiello noted that there is still a maximum payout per homeowner, and Mr. Ring explained that it is \$1,000. Alderman Crawford explained that the City is currently reimbursing \$6 per square foot, and asked if we should go to \$4 per square foot. Alderman Dougherty explained that he thought we were trying to cut the City contractor's price in half, and Alderman Crawford asked what the City contractor charges. Mr. Ring responded that they charge around \$14 per square foot.

Alderman Crawford asked for the Council's consensus to move forward. HE explained that a lot of people are working on their homes, and right now we are into June already and he would like to push to continue to improve neighborhoods. He explained that he will put something together for next week's meeting.

c. Discussion – Open Container Law (Dougherty)

Alderman Dougherty explained that he wanted to put together a resolution in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic for Phases III, IV and V. He explained that right now in the City Code, the

Council has the ability to grant an exemption to allow for the consumption of alcohol in off premises areas adjoining properties. He explained that there are a lot of issues currently with the New York State Liquor Authority, as currently they do not feel that alcohol should be consumed at a sidewalk café or in vacant lots that could be rented next to an establishment. He explained that a business can get permission from the Liquor Authority to allow for the consumption of alcoholic beverages off site on adjoining premises, and the Council would need to allow for a waiver for the businesses that apply. He explained that he would like to pass a resolution to allow for a blanket waiver, which will allow for businesses to increase their occupancy.

Alderman Crawford explained that this would allow businesses to serve alcohol at their sidewalk cafes, which would help increase capacity and allow them to stay afloat. He explained that with the pandemic, it is difficult for businesses to stay open right now, and this could help them immensely.

Alderman Witte asked about the Beef – n – Barrel serving alcohol at their sidewalk café, and Alderman Dougherty responded that they are not allowed to. Alderman Crawford explained that this was recently cracked down on. Mr. DiCerbo explained that a business has to have permission to utilize the public space, and if the City grants permission to serve alcohol on the right-of-way, then the business could go back to the Liquor Board for approval. He explained that this has always been the law, and that halfway through last summer, someone reported the Beef – n – Barrel to the Liquor Board.

Mayor Aiello explained that he and Mr. DiCerbo have been working with the Chamber of Commerce and Olean Business Development Corporation on putting together a survey to put out to all restaurants and businesses to see if they are interested in expanding their space outdoors. He explained that they will gauge how many are interested, and then look at changing laws. Alderman Gonzalez asked if he is saying that we would not do this if there wasn't enough interest, and Mayor Aiello asked why we would change legislation if there is no interest. He explained that some people might not want to deal with this because of ABC Board licensing issues. He explained that they will put the survey together, gauge interest, and go from there.

Alderman Gonzalez asked if the key to this is to do it right now, when restaurants will be opening and struggling in the next couple of weeks. Alderman Crawford explained that this is essentially in place right now, and asked if this is just to auto enroll everyone instead of having them have to come to us. Alderman Dougherty explained that everyone with a liquor licensed establishment could adjust their maps to include rented adjoining properties.

Alderman Crawford explained that he is not proposing walking around town with an open container, but it always seemed stupid that you couldn't go out front of an establishment with a drink in your hand to, say, take a phone call.

Alderman Gonzalez asked if this is just for the main corridor, like North Union Street. Mr. DiCerbo responded that he is correct.

Chief Rowley explained that he was wondering why no one asked him about this, and he assumes it is because no one is going to like what he has to say. He explained that the Council is not considering the enforcement aspect, and there will be open containers everywhere. He explained that he feels that this is not a good idea. He explained that someone could buy a 12 pack of beer and walk the street. Mr. DiCerbo responded that he does not think that is what Alderman Dougherty is proposing, and Chief Rowley explained that people are not going to see that. He explained that if the Council comes to him and says "this is a problem", he is going to reply that he told them it was difficult to enforce. He explained that right now, if you are somewhere and outside with a drink and having a smoke you aren't being a bother. If you are walking down a residential street drinking a beer though, you would be stopped. He explained that the Council really needs to think about enforcement, and he is warning them that this will be a problem.

Alderman Anastasia explained that he would be against open container, but is fine if you stay on the property of the establishment. He explained that at one bar, the owner forgot to put the porch on the map for the Liquor Authority, so you can't drink on their porch. Chief Rowley explained that they don't make arrests for that, and it is up to the Liquor Board to enforce. He explained that he is just saying that the Council needs to think about enforcement, and to think about defining rules that will allow officers to make arrests without much of a hassle.

Alderman Gonzalez explained that it's almost as if the Council needs to open it up, or not open it up. Almost like keeping it the way it is, or opening it up completely. Alderman Witte explained that she can see some issues with this, such as someone handing off a drink to an underage person. Alderman Gonzalez noted that could happen now. Alderman Dougherty added that the Liquor Authority checks bars for things like that. Alderman Witte explained that she just sees some people taking advantage of it. Alderman Dougherty explained that establishments don't have to sign up for this with the Liquor Authority if they do not want to.

Mayor Aiello explained that he feels that it would be nice to have some more outdoor seating, and he thinks this would help accomplish that. He explained that if there is outdoor seating, he believes that there needs to be a barrier. He explained that he thinks that there is room on North Union Street sidewalks, but if we do this, other establishments in the City would want to do it as well, which is why they are doing a survey to see who is interested. He feels that this

has a lot of merit, but then again, Chief Rowley is right about how it will be enforced and the issues there will be with enforcement. He explained that he doesn't want to see rowdy people walking down North Union Street with beers in their hands, and broken glass everywhere. He explained that the Council really needs to think this out and determine the best way to go.

Alderman Gonzalez asked if the Council can regulate so glass won't be an issue, and Alderman Dougherty explained that the Council can prohibit glass from leaving the property of the establishment where it was served. He explained that he wouldn't ask that an establishment not serve alcohol in glass on their own premises. In the case of the Beef – n – Barrel, this would ruin the ambiance that they are trying to create.

Alderman Panus asked if there is documentation on why things were set up like this in the first place. Mayor Aiello explained that he was on the Police Department when the Open Container Law went into effect, and it was because people were walking down the street with alcoholic drinks, and it was creating problems. He explained that the Council wanted to clean things up.

Alderman Dougherty asked about the barrier issue, and explained that you can't have a sidewalk café without a barrier, according to the Code.

Mayor Aiello explained that the softball leagues get a waiver for during the time that they play ball in the parks so that they can have alcohol.

Alderman Dougherty explained that if someone was walking down the street with a solo cup, they typically wouldn't be stopped if they are not being rowdy. He explained that if people are gathering and being rowdy, that there are other mechanisms for the police to handle the issue, such as with disorderly conduct charges.

Chief Rowley asked that the Council not make this impossible for him to enforce.

Mayor Aiello explained that if you want to have alcohol in Forness Park, you are asked if you want a waiver when you apply to rent the park or a pavilion. Alderman Dougherty explained that this obviously hasn't been looked at in a while.

Alderman Gonzalez asked how we get to the point where we can say during a Friday night StrOlean, the Open Container Law is off the table from 5 p.m. to midnight. Alderman Witte asked what we do if someone parks out back of the Beef – n – Barrel and brings a six pack. She asked if we only allow alcohol from establishments on North Union Street. Chief Rowley explained that we are all happy with StrOlean, and that it's a great thing that we benefit from. He explained that if someone comes and doesn't want to pay prices from the Beef – n – Barrel for alcohol that they might bring their own 6 pack/ He explained that this is where enforcement gets tricky.

Alderman Dougherty explained that if someone gets a margarita from El Mariachi, and a pork sandwich from somewhere else, if they're causing a ruckus then they're the same as the sober people in the downtown for the protest two days ago. He explained that if people get rowdy, that it's an issue whether they are sober or drinking. He explained that there are numerous things that we can get them on besides Open Container.

Alderman Gonzalez explained that most people will buy from establishments, and we want to encourage people to come to Olean and StrOlean either way.

Alderman Dougherty explained that he was raised that if he wanted a glass of wine with dinner that he could have it, not to be a 16 year old drinking under a bridge trying not to get caught. He explained that he was raised to respect alcohol. He explained that if someone is being conscientious that he's not bothered if they're drinking a beer. Alderman Anastasia explained that he thinks that the Council is opening a can of worms, and that we need to listen to the Mayor and Police Chief. He explained that he feels this will create a lot of liability issues and potential problems.

Alderman Panus explained that people feel confined with the way that the State closed down on them. He explained that people would enjoy having this freedom. If we can do this and not have issues with trash or disorderly people, then it is great.

Alderman Crawford explained that more in the middle of the road, he doesn't see why someone couldn't have alcohol if they stay within 20 feet or so of an establishment. For example, if it is hot and someone wants to stand on the sidewalk with their drink, then it shouldn't be an issue. He explained that he can understand the concern with people walking up and down North Union Street with open containers. He explained that we should look to relieve some of, not all of, the restrictions.

Alderman Gonzalez explained that StrOlean is one thing, but this is a time sensitive issue. Businesses will be opening and will have COVID occupancy issues, and this would give them to ability to expand their footprint legally. Alderman Dougherty explained that is why he is looking to take a baby step to allow businesses to do this to get them some relief, so they are ready when Phase III opens up.

Alderman DaPolito explained that we need to set this up and establish legislation so that at people are not walking the streets with open containers. He explained that there was no Open Container Law when he was younger, and it was a mess.

Alderman Crawford gave Alderman Dougherty kudos, and explained that the Council would benefit from looking at the Codes and things we've just lived with for years and years. Alderman DaPolito explained that we seem backwards in the City, and didn't realize that you

couldn't have alcohol with your outside dining. He explained that we have to open it up a bit, and this is a start. Alderman Gonzalez explained that we need to stop thinking like "that's just the way we've always done it".

Alderman Dougherty explained that he is looking forward to putting a resolution forward as soon as possible. Alderman Crawford asked if the Council is alright with allowing open containers on an establishment's frontage, and Mr. DiCerbo responded that is where we are looking for input. He asked if it should include the frontage and bump outs. HE explained that the Police Chief still has enforcement rules, and if the Police Department sees someone walking from Union Whiskey to Talty's with a beer violating the open container law, they can be ticketed.

Alderman Crawford asked if this waiver is being granted on an annual basis or as a blanket cover, and Alderman Dougherty explained that it should be a blanket cover so that it can be sent to the Liquor Authority with the modified map from the establishment applying for the modification. Mr. DiCerbo explained that if the Council doesn't like the way that this works out, they can always yank it. Mayor Aiello asked if this could be a seasonal thing too, and Mr. DiCerbo explained that it could be. He suggested that it be set to expire automatically on a certain date, such as the end date for sidewalk cafes. Alderman Dougherty explained that he likes the idea of lining the two up together. He explained that he doesn't know what business models and people this might attract, but that it could be a good thing for businesses in the City.

d. Discussion – Keeping of Fowl in the City (Dougherty)

Alderman Dougherty explained that there are a lot of people who he has been talking to recently who want to be able to have chickens in the City. He explained that he has spoken with Code Enforcement who notified him that they usually get about one inquiry per year about chickens, but that they've gotten 14 this year since COVID started. He explained that some people have just had them in the City, and as Code Enforcement is complaint based and no one has turned them in, they continue to keep them.

Alderman Dougherty explained that according to the City's Code of Ordinances, chicken coops must be kept no closer than 50 feet to the property line, and he doesn't know many people with a large enough property for chickens in the City. He explained that they cannot be within 50 feet of a structure either, but that includes the owner's home as well, and he thinks it was only meant to include neighboring structures. He explained that he thinks that with added interest and people wanting to be self-sufficient, that the Council should consider what would be a fair practice. He explained that pools can be within 6 feet of the property line, and sheds can be 50 feet from the property line, and he thinks that 50 feet is too far.

Alderman Dougherty explained that he has spoken to animal raisers at the Farmers' Market, and they were not concerned that 6 to 12 chickens in someone's yard could cause diseases. He explained that in addition, according to the Code, it is required that feeding and watering be maintained, and that coops and grounds are maintained to minimum standards.

Alderman Dougherty explained that he has heard complaints about neighbors who have an issue with excess smelly fecal matter from dogs, and Code Enforcement has no issue giving out an Order to Remedy for this. He explained that some restrictions, such as the number of chickens and requirements for regular cleaning aren't bad, but he feels that distances should be adjusted.

Mayor Aiello explained that the first thing that comes to mind is an issue with feral cats. He asks if this will increase that problem, or create a rodent issue. Alderman DaPolito expressed concern that chickens would attract coyotes.

Alderman Crawford explained that 50 feet does seem a bit excessive, and he asked what other municipalities do. Alderman Dougherty responded that he is unsure, but he will look into it. He was hoping that the Council could put forth a reasonable number, with a possible adage that requires waivers from neighbors. He explained that he does have people in his neighborhood with coops up to the property line, and there are no issues.

Mayor Aiello explained that he feels that there will be an issue with roosters. Alderman Dougherty explained that he has no problem limiting roosters. He explained that farmers in the area don't have much success breeding chickens, so roosters aren't needed. He explained that the wording for chickens and fowl can be removed from the code, and be replaced with "hen" only.

Mayor Aiello explained that he feels that this will create a lot of discussion around the City. Alderman Panus explained that he would like the discussion to stay open. He explained that he does like people to have freedoms, and it makes sense to allow chickens. He knows some people with chickens in the City. Alderman DaPolito asked what kind of places people have chickens, and Alderman Panus responded on King Street, for example. He noted that he does not believe that this individual is meeting setbacks, either.

Alderman DaPolito asked if chicken owners are selling eggs, and Alderman Dougherty explained that if they are selling eggs, that they are violating the Ag and Markets Law. He noted that Code Enforcement forwards these complaints to the appropriate department with the State. Alderman Gonzalez mentioned the donation of eggs, and Alderman Witte explained that if the neighbors are buying eggs, they aren't going to tell you about it.

Alderman DaPolito explained that he can see both sides. Alderman Gonzalez explained that he thinks that this is a good start, and we can bring this back to the table at another time and dig into it some more.

e. Walkable Olean Phase II Update

Mr. Ring explained that bids were opened a week ago Friday for Walkable Olean Phase II for Main Street at Union and Front to Front Street at Second Avenue. He explained that most of the funding comes from grants, and there is a \$357,000 City match. He explained that the \$1.5 million bid has been compared with committed funds already, and design costs, inspection costs, and the remaining construction funding. He noted that the low bidder is presumably D&H Excavation from Arcade, NY.

Mr. Ring explained that he would like to include Bid Alt 1 and Bid Alt 2 in the construction contract, and this leaves a funding shortfall of roughly \$137,000. He presented plans to the Council of the project, which include the bid alternates portions. He explained that a majority of the project is centered on walkability, traffic calming, and greenspace. Mr. Ring explained that he would like to see the whole project completed, but it is up to the Council. He explained that Alternate 2 includes lighting and lighted bollards. He explained that he is asking what the Council would like to fund. He noted that he needs to get back to the State on what we choose, as well as our consultant on the project.

Mr. Ring explained that when the City is reimbursed for the project, it will be applied towards the BAN for the project. The Council has different funding options for the additional cost. He explained that the City just received an incentive check from National Grid from the LED conversion for \$86,000 that could be a potential funding source. That would leave a shortfall of \$51,000.

Alderman Gonzalez asked if the plans deviate from the shared use path, and Mr. Ring responded that they do not. Alderman Crawford asked what light bollards are, and Mr. Ring explained that 15 foot light poles would be installed with bollards in between that include pedestrian level lighting. He explained that the bollards can be set to point a certain way, and the design will consider which way looks good and is safe.

Alderman Gonzalez asked if there is any lighting like this now in the City, and Mr. Ring responded that there is similar lighting in Lincoln Park. Mr. Ring explained that the design includes a ten foot shared use path that accommodates bicycles and pedestrians, and the lighting will be mostly along that pathway. He noted that the sidewalk dead ends at Front Street and Second Avenue, so the intent is to eventually loop the shared use path around.

Alderman Witte explained that every night she sees people riding their bikes, kids, people walking, and strollers in this area, and these changes will enhance the quality of life, especially in the hospital area medical corridor. Mayor Aiello explained that people like to stay at the Holiday Inn Express, and you could imagine what they would see when they first enter the City. Alderman Gonzalez explained that this is the stepping stone to Front Street, and he wishes that the shared use path could be extended to School Street. Mr. Ring explained that a four foot walk could probably be put in, comprised of crushed stone or something of the sort.

Alderman Crawford asked if there is anything that you can do to that side of the street. Mr. Ring explained that something could be put in where the beaten down path is. Alderman Dougherty asked if this in an unimproved street, and Mr. Ring explained that it was widened at one point.

Alderman Crawford explained that he thinks that the long term goal should be to see that two mile loop come to fruition at all costs. He explained that he thinks that is the one thing that can possibly bring all neighborhoods together and improve the downtown area. He explained that shared use paths are key, and it has been proven. Alderman Gonzalez explained that the multiuse path is incorporated into multiple DRI projects. He explained that we are headed in that direction, and this is the next thing.

Alderman Anastasia asked if in front of the hospital, if the red dotted area is grass, and Mr. Ring responded that it is. Alderman Anastasia explained that he likes that, and it will be easier for DPW to maintain. Alderman Crawford asked if there is shrubbery, and Mr. Ring explained that there are a couple of small landscaped areas. He explained that he spoke with Mayor Aiello, and brick with planters is easier to maintain.

Alderman Gonzalez asked when this is going to happen, and Mr. Ring responded that he believes that it will this summer. Mr. Ring explained that he doesn't need money now, and that it wouldn't be needed until he and Ms. Stephen work on reimbursements. Alderman Crawford asked if the money from National Grid has been committed towards anything, and Mayor Aiello responded that it hasn't been. Alderman Gonzalez explained that he doesn't want to cut corners or anything, but let's get this done.

4. Approval of Committee Reports

None

5. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Gonzalez, seconded by Alderman Crawford. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40 p.m.