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Monday, May 1, 2023 Finance Committee Meeting 6:30 PM

The Quincy City Council held a Finance Committee meeting on Monday, May 1, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the Great Hall of City Hall with Finance Committee Chair Charles J. Phelan, Jr. presiding. Present were Councillor Andronico, Councillor Cain, Councillor Devine, Councillor DiBona, Councillor Liang and Councillor McCarthy. Councillor Mahoney arrived at 6:32 pm. Councillor Harris was absent. Christopher Walker was in attendance as administration representative. Auditor Susan O'Connor was in attendance.

Chairman Phelan read the open meeting law

Clerk of Committee Jennifer L. Manning called the role

2023-036 – Appropriation – \$10,000,000 State Revolving Fund Loan for Sewer & Drainage System Improvements

Commissioner Al Grazioso – Department of Public Works
Joseph D. Shea, P.E. – Granite City Partners

DPW Commissioner Grazioso reviewed the work done over the last several years to improve neighborhood infrastructure and the work that will be done through this appropriation. The SRF loan from the state has several financial benefits including principal forgiveness of \$600,000 and an opportunity to reduce the loan rate down to 1.5% which will save an additional half million in interest payments.

DPW systematically assesses and improves the horizontal infrastructure with an asset management base approach
1,035 Roadways totaling 257 Miles

- 304 Miles of Sidewalks
- 208 Miles of Sewers
- 240 Miles of Watermain
- 150 Miles of Drainage System & 188 Outfalls

Rolling CIP improvements every year - the Mayor's aggressive investment plan with the support of the City Council is improving neighborhoods quickly in a programmatic year-to-year advancement.

- Asset Management approach to coordinate Roads, Water, Sewers & Drains balances replacements with maintenance strategies to extend the life of assets.
- Roadways and Watermains are funding in Omnibus multi-year approvals (most recent was in spring of 2021).
- Sewers and Stormwater / MS4 are funded annually based upon annual assessments.



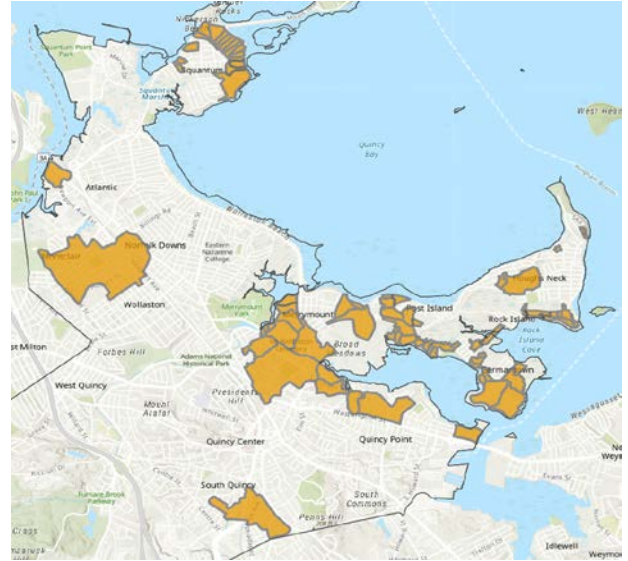
Benefits of Sewer Rehabilitation Program –

- Reduction in Infiltration and Inflow (I/I) which can reduce costs for treatment
- Environmental and Water Quality Improvements
- Sewer System Evaluations completed every three years creates a rolling priority
- Reduces reactive costs associated with collapses and overflows
- Can coordinate priorities for efficiencies in utility management and roadway construction

\$10M will focus on “Area 3” & Pavement Streets –

- Orange is Area 3 for Improvements in 2023 for work in 2024
- Funds will be used for sewer rehabilitation including
- the following areas for the 2024 Construction year.
- Additional sewers will be added as 2023 assessments arrive.

- Montclair area from bog to W. Squantum
- Densmore Area
- Tributary streets to Bayside Road
- Streets between Bellevue and water’s edge
- Portions of Adams Shore
- Rock Island Road area
- Lenox / Stoughton / Winthrop Area
- Between S. Artery and Washington Street
- Lurton St / Federal Ave area
- End of Germantown



FY24 Sewer Construction Funding Structure –

Funding Source -	Amount -
MWRA Infiltration and Inflow Program*	\$1,000,000 (Previously approved by Council - 0% Interest Loan, 10 yr repay)
SRF Low Interest Loan (Order 2023-036)	\$10,000,000 (Request before you tonight)
Total FY2024 Sewer Construction Cost	\$11,000,000

* The MWRA Infiltration and Inflow (I/I) Program provides the City both 0% interest free-10-year loans and 75% grant / 25% interest free loans for sewer rehabilitation projects with the goal of reducing I/I in the sewer system and improving surface water quality. Current Phase 13 funding is a 0% interest free-10-year loans

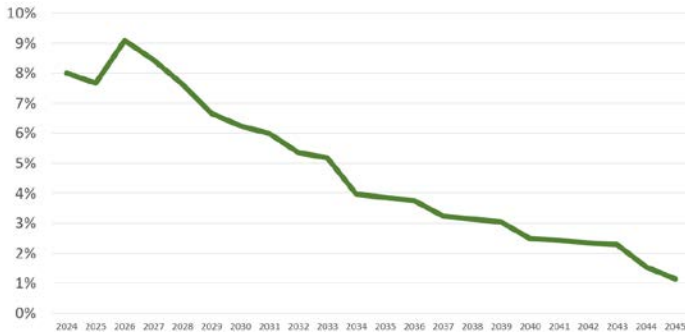
State Revolving Fund Loan Orders -

- Quincy applied for and won two competitive State Revolving Fund (SRF) opportunities for low interest infrastructure loans specifically targeting water quality improvement projects
- Sewer SRF Loan for \$10,000,000 -
- Sewer rehabilitation projects across the City in the 2024 Construction Season
- Sewers will be prioritized from the 2020 Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Survey (SSES) and from the on-going MS4 outfall sampling work completed over the next 12 months.
- The SRF loans are 20-year loans at a 2% interest rate with 6.6% principal forgiveness, which will provide a \$660,000 cost reduction between the Loan.
- As a Massachusetts Housing Choice community, Quincy may also receive a lower interest rate of 1.5%, further reducing the repayment costs by \$580,000.
- All costs will be paid through the Sewer Enterprise Fund, not the General Tax Rate

It is anticipated that one or more matters contained within the City Council Calendar, including any or all listed items pending in Committee, may be discussed and acted upon at this meeting. For a full Council Calendar, go to www.quincyma.gov. Reasonable accommodations can be made for the Deaf/deaf/Hard of Hearing using a wireless hearing assistance system. Requests for services should be made in writing 48 business hours to City Clerk Nicole L. Crispo via email at ncrispo@quincyma.gov.



Sewer Enterprise Fund Debt Service - Including impacts of \$10M repayment starting in 2026 –



Approval by Council is needed by June 30, 2023 to secure 2024 state funding

Councillor DiBona discussed all the work that has already been done in the neighborhoods and future plans.

Councillor McCarthy discussed the savings the city has seen by lining the pipes verse replacement and work that is planned and completed for Ward 1.

Councillor Mahoney would like to know the total amount that is currently borrowed by S&W and the effects this will have on water bills, and if any ARPA funds were used for the work being done. \$4m or Norfolk county funds were used to work done by the shipyard.

Motion for positive recommendation by Councillor DiBona, Seconded by Councillor McCarthy
The motion was approved, 8 yeas

Meeting recessed at 7:05 pm



**City Council Meeting
The Great Hall
Historic City Hall
1305 Hancock Street
7:00 PM**

The City Council of the City of Quincy met on Monday, May 1, 2023 at 7:06 pm in the Great Hall of City Hall with President Noel T. DiBona presiding. Present were Councillor Andronico, Councillor Cain, Councillor Devine, Councillor Liang, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor McCarthy and Councillor Phelan. Councillor Harris was absent. Christopher Walker was in attendance as administration representative. Auditor Susan O'Connor was present.

City Clerk Nicole L. Crispo called the role

Moment of Silence – President DiBona

Pledge of Allegiance

City Clerk Nicole L. Crispo read the open meeting law

2023-043 – Order – Home-Rule Petition – An Act Authorizing the Appointment of Retired Firefighters as Special Firefighters in the City of Quincy – Mayor Koch

Councillor McCarthy reviewed the requirements for retired firefighters to be designated a special firefighter and confirmed this is only to fill detail work and will not be used to fill positions at firehouses if they are shorthanded.

Mr. Walker confirmed this is only for details and that this is similar the authority the police chief has to fill details when needed

Councillor Liang discussed the timing and need for the petition. Mr. Walker stated that with the development across the city there is more detail work similar to the demand the police department and they are having a hard time filling them.

Councillor Mahoney questioned the type of details the fire department has. Mr. Walker said that the majority of them are construction related including demolition work and public events

Councillor Andronico is abstaining from voting as this will require legislative approval at the state level and it is a conflict with his primary job at the Massachusetts State Senate.

President DiBona confirmed with Mr. Walker that Chief Jackson and the Fire Fighters Union is in support of this.

Motion to approve by Councillor McCarthy, Seconded by Councillor Phelan

The motion was approved by 7-0 Roll Call Vote

2023-044 – Ordinance – Amending Municipal Code Chapter 270 - Sewers and Water - Section 2 - Payments – Mayor Koch

Motion by Councillor McCarthy to refer to Ordinance Committee and Advertise, Seconded by Councillor Devine

The motion was approved, 8 yeas



2023-045 – Gift - \$900.00 from Various Donors for D.A.R.E. - Mayor Koch
Councillor McCarthy requested a thank you letter be sent to donors.
Motion to approve by Councillor McCarthy, Seconded by Councillor Andronico
The motion was approved by 8-0 Roll Call Vote

Communications –

None

Unfinished Business from Previous Meeting –

None

Reports of Committees –

Finance Committee Chairman Phelan discussed the Finance Committee meeting prior to the City Council meeting on CO# 2023-036 – Appropriation – \$10,000,000 State Revolving Fund Loan for Sewer & Drainage System Improvements and this item will remain in committee with plans for a vote at the next Council meeting on May 15th

Petitions, Memorials and Remonstrance –

Councillor Phelan thanked everyone of the outpouring of support his family has received following the recent passing of his father-in-law and former Ward Three City Councillor Jack Lydon

Motions, Orders, Resolutions –

None

Scheduling of Committee Meetings & Public Hearings –

Monday, May 15 th	6:30 PM	City Council Meeting
Monday, June 12 th	6:30 PM	City Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 20 th	6:30 PM	City Council Meeting

Adjournment at 7:22 PM