



Minutes - Final

Public Works Committee

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Wednesday, January 2, 2019

6:45 PM

Chambers

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**Roll Call: Chairperson Zucal, Hendricks, Robinson**

[15-2684](#)

Bill 90

Amending the 2018 Capital Fund Budget by transferring Three Hundred Nineteen Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Nine Dollars and Ninety-Nine Cents (\$319,429.99) from the 2018 General Fund to Capital Project 1805 – Emergency Water Repairs (Inoperable Valves) project - an uncompleted project under the Water/Sewer Lease Agreement with the Lehigh County Authority.

**Attachments:** [Bill 90 Emergency Water Services Transfer](#)  
[Ordinance #15507](#)

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that they completed Schedule 7 that is part of the Lease Concession. This is a required payment for this year for the inoperable valves.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if Lehigh County Authority contributing to this at all.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that this is our part. It is actual valves that were pointed out prior to the Lease Concession that the city is responsible to repair.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if there were any comments from his colleagues.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that this was set aside for this purpose.

Mr. Brent Hartzell stated that in the 2019 budget we already set this aside as part of the Capital Fund contributions in the General in Civic Funds so we will have this dealt with for next year. The monies that were contributed to that to try to reduce what our overall hit to the General Fund is going to be should not have been taken and did in this case take in the money that was assigned in the inoperable valves. This is to make sure that we budgeted authority to cover the inoperable valves in 2018. We have it covered for 2019 already in the budget.

Mr. Courtney Robinson asked if they were transferring \$319,000 and when you look into the supporting documentation it is \$370,000. He asked is the

remaining money already in the account. What work was already completed and what work already is remaining.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that the project is completed.

Ms. Jennifer McKenna stated that the project is completed. They worked out an agreement with LCA that they will only pay a portion every year. They completed it at the year of this year. The agreement is for \$370,000 a year until the total debt is cleared up. It should be approximately \$1.2 million. She stated that she does not have the final invoices yet.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if there were any comments from the public.

Mr. Louis Hershman stated that it reads Transfer for the General Fund. Where in the General Fund?

Mr. Brent Hartzell stated that in dealing with interfund transfers, they had anticipated with respect to the short-term equipment loan that we were going to make a payment on that loan in 2018 of \$375,000. They have restructured that financing as a result of what we did in the autumn so that we do not have any payments that have to be made on that particular account for this year. So the appropriation that has already been appropriated is available for transfer for this purpose.

Mr. Louis Hershman asked if the auditor comes in and see the transfer of \$319,000 he will ask what is the account it came out of the transfer into the account Mr. Hartzell wants to Transfer the money. He have to put a trail to it.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that Mr. Hershman is looking for an account number.

Mr. Brent Hartzell stated that it is included in the supporting documentation of the Ordinance, 000-01-0609-0001-88. It was specified in the 2018 budget for the short-term loan for \$375,000.

Mr. Glenn Hunsicker asked about the November Financial Report in the amount of \$1,074,000. Is it part of that or an addition. He asked about the Equipment Fund and where it came out of.

Mr. Brent Hartzell stated that this will be an addition. This is for a separate project dealing with inoperable valves that were under way at the time of the Concession Lease.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if there were any other comments from the public.

Ms. Kathy Woolford, 429 Ridge Avenue, stated that she is unclear on the issue. Is it having something on reserves in case something breaks.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that this was a program agreed upon between Lehigh County Authority and the City to replace or repair certain water valves. This is an ongoing process. The project is already completed. It needs to be paid for. This is the city's portion for this year.

Ms. Kathy Woolford stated that is an awful amount of money. She asked couldn't have preventive maintenance been done.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that they were probably done. Things wear out and they are replaced.

Ms. Kathy Woolford stated that she knows why Allentown goes broke.

**A motion was made by Daryl Hendricks, seconded by Courtney Robinson, that this Bill be forwarded to full Council for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Ed Zucal, Daryl Hendricks and Courtney Robinson

Enactment No: 15507

**Adjourned: 6:55 PM**