

MINUTES OF THE September 27 2018 TRUST FUND COMMISSION

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Messier in Room 401 of City Hall at 2:17 p.m. Commissioners McGourthy and Foley present.

Other attendees: Sandra J. Flynn, City Treasurer and Candee Raphaelson from the City of Worcester. Dr. Mathilde Castiel from the City of Worcester Health Department, Dr. Mary Meade Montaque from the Worcester Public Schools , and Tori Buerschaper from Community Harvest Project

First item of business was Motion to Approve the Minutes of the previous meeting on May 17, 2018. by Chairman Messier. Commissioner Foley seconded. All in Favor.

First item of business was funding request #092701, from Dr. Mathilde Castiel in the amount of \$12,500 from the Cy Pres Group 3 Trust Funds for the Community Harvest Program was next. Dr. Castiel introduced Ms. Tori Buerschaper who has been running the program for five years. Community Harvest is a non-profit farm whose goal is to provide opportunities to at risk students in the form of nutrition and cooking education. The Commissioners asked many questions about the students, goals, time spent etc. Commissioner Foley asked that a report on the results and initiatives through a beginning and ending survey be shared moving forward. Chairman Messier recused himself. Commissioner Foley made a Motion to approve which Commissioner McGourthy seconded. All in favor. So moved.

The Worcester Public Schools scholarships were next. Chairman Messier explained to Dr. Mary Meade Montaque that there were questions/concerns on three of the requests. #92702, 03 and 05. Treasurer Flynn reported that the others met the criteria of the Trust and that the money was available and Chairman Messier made motion to accept all others as presented (d, f,g,h, i and j) Commissioner Foley seconded. A long detailed conversation ensued with respect to the Commissioners prior year request that students not be notified of awards until passed and that a representative be present to ensure that the scholarships met the criteria. After all concerns were discussed and addressed motions were made to approve all but funding request #022702, \$800.00 from the Anna Marble Trust fund which purpose was for the North High Library not scholarships. Chairman Messier made a Motion to Deny which was seconded by both Commissioners.

Next were funding requests #092711 and 12 from City Manager Edward Augustus, Jr. in the amount of \$500.00 from the Stoddard Trust for food for needy children and \$500.00 from the Francis Dewey Trust for Coats for Kids. Chairman Messier made a Motion to Approve –all in favor. A transcription error was discussed and the Stoddard Fund is for Coats for Kids and the Stoddard for needy children, however the amounts were the same.

Next item was funding request #092713 from Jarrett Conner, Assistant Commissioner, and Department of Public Works in the amount of \$19,595.25 from the Street Lighting Trust Fund.

Chairman Messier made a Motion to Approve after commenting that the Trust Fund is held and they are approving amount only. All in Favor.

Last item was a quarterly review from Bartholomew and Company. Due to the change in meeting time, Bartholomew and Company were unable to attend and sent a comprehensive report . Chairman Messier read the summary and advised that the Commissioners could read at their leisure.

Commissioner McGourthy made a Motion to Adjourn at 3:17 p.m.. Chairman Messier seconded.