

Long Term Debt Committee
August 4, 2025
Minutes of the Meeting

Attendance

Chairperson McMenimen	Present
Councillor Durkee	Present
Councillor Bradley-MacArthur	Absent
Councillor Stanley	Absent
Councillor Vidal	Present

Chairperson McMenimen called the meeting to order.

Councillor Durkee moved approval of the June 23, 2025 minutes. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Chairperson McMenimen recused herself from the next item.
Councillor Durkee took over the Chair.

Councillor Vidal moved to hear from all off-committee members. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

1. The Mayor respectfully requests approval of a loan in the amount of \$ 6,420,000.00 for exterior renovations to the Howe & the Administration Buildings located at 200 Trapelo Road.

The Mayor gave a brief presentation on the exterior work that will be done on these two buildings. Councillor Vidal questioned the very large amount of money that is being requested for just exterior work on only two buildings. The Mayor said she needs to button up the exterior of these two buildings. Councillor Vidal asked if the buildings could be torn down. The Mayor said they are historic buildings, tearing them down would need City and State approval. Councillor Bradley-MacArthur said she was also concerned with the appropriation request of 6.4 million dollars for these two buildings. She mentioned that the City only paid 3.7 million for the entire parcel. Councillor Bradley-MacArthur asked if a pool is included in this building plan. The Mayor said that is still an unknown. However, there is 60K allocated in the budget for a pool. Off committee, Councillor Brasco said he is concerned with spending almost 6.5 million dollars on exterior work without knowing anything about the integrity of the interior of these two buildings. Councillor Brasco said it could make more sense to build a state-of-the-art new facility. The Mayor said we cannot build any new building in this area. Councillor Brasco asked if there was a need to approve this item tonight or could they wait for interior budget numbers. The Mayor said she needed a first reading tonight. Councillor Vidal asked if sometime before September they could hear from some experts and get more information. The Mayor said yes.

Councillor Bradley MacArthur move approval for a first reading of the matter. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

2. CPC recommendation of an allocation of CPA funds for structural repairs at 88 Lexington Street totaling \$ 270,000 at the St. Mary Apartments.

The CPC Administrator Julie Toole and Father Michael Nolan appeared before the committee.

Councillor Durkee said he had previously submitted a letter of support for this project. Councillor Bradley-MacArthur asked if anybody would be relocated during this project. There will be no relocations of residents during this project. Councillor Durkee made a motion for approval. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Councillor Durkee made a motion for adjourn. Motion was adopted on a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 1108pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas J Magno - Clerk