

**WESTBROOK CITY COUNCIL  
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES  
MONDAY DECEMBER 17, 2018 AT 6:30PM  
WESTBROOK HIGH SCHOOL ROOM 114**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 6:32pm by City Council President Gary Rairdon.

**City Councilors Present:** Victor Chau (Ward 2); Michael T. Foley (At-Large); Ann E. Peoples (At-Large); Brendan Rielly (Ward 1); Gary Rairdon (Ward 3, President); Anna A. Turcotte (Ward 4, Vice President)

**City Councilors Absent:** Lynda Adams (Ward 5)

**Other City Officials Present:** Jerre Bryant (City Administrator); Natalie Burns (Legal Counsel); Dean Flanagan (Westbrook School District Director of Operations); Angela Holmes (City Clerk); Suzanne Knight (Finance Director); Dr. Peter Lancia (Westbrook School District Superintendent); Michael Sanphy (Mayor)

**WESTBROOK SCHOOL DISTRICT EXPENDITURES**

President Rairdon announced that the purpose of this workshop is to review various questions associated with Order 2018-185, entitled *Authorizing School Department Expenditures for Heat Pumps at Westbrook Middle School and Playground at Saccarappa School*. The Order is slated for second and final reading at the Special City Council meeting immediately following this workshop.

Mr. Bryant stated that Order 2018-185 stems from a request from the Westbrook School District to reallocate surplus bond funds obtained for the construction projects at Saccarappa Elementary and Westbrook Middle School. The low bid for both projects was considerably lower than the estimated construction bid estimate, and the School would like permission to reallocate a portion of the surplus funds for heat pump repairs at Westbrook Middle School and to build a playground at Saccarappa Elementary School.

Dr. Lancia, Mr. Flanagan and Norm Varney of Harriman Associates attended the meeting to provide information and answer questions.

Dr. Lancia stated that voters in November 2016 authorized \$27,344,972 in bond funds for these two construction projects. The accepted bid was for \$19,473,736. The City & School did not obtain bond funding for the full amount authorized by voters but did plan for a reserve fund for both building projects. Their request now is to utilize a portion of these reserve funds for the heat pump and playground projects. Mr. Flanagan presented additional information about the heat pumps and playground.

The following individuals presented questions and/or comments: Councilors Foley and Chau, Mr. Bryant, Vice President Turcotte, President Rairdon, Councilor Rielly, Ms. Knight

President Rairdon stated that he would make a motion during the Special City Council meeting to reduce the total proposed funds for the Westbrook Middle School heat pumps by \$100,000, and to move those funds to the bond stabilization fund for a new total of \$430,000.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Rairdon announced the meeting to be adjourned at 7:15pm.