

## Government Operations Committee

### Minutes

September 9, 2015

Councilors Attending: Plourde, Baldacci, Sprague, Nealley, Durgin, Graham, Faircloth

Staff Attending: Conlow, Farrar, Higgins, Hamilton, Riitano, Eyles, Heitmann

Others Attending: Paul LeClair, BDN

Councilor Plourde, serving as temporary Committee Chair, called the meeting to Order at 5:15 pm.

1. Order, Authorizing the City Manager to Apply for \$115,638 in Partnership for Success (PFS) 2015 Project Grant Funds from the State of Maine's Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services (SAMHS)

Director Hamilton explained the purpose of and details about the grant. Councilor Sprague asked for an update at a later point regarding the status of mental health services provided in the community and the Dorothea Dix facility. It was then moved by Sprague, seconded by Nealley and voted to recommend approval to the City Council.

2. Resolve, Authorizing the City Manager to Accept and Appropriate Grant Funds from the Maine Department of Health and Human Services – WIC Nutrition Program

WIC Program Manager Eyles explained the purpose of and details about the grant. It was moved by Baldacci, seconded by Sprague and voted to recommend approval to the City Council.

3. Resolve, Accepting and Appropriating a Grant in the Amount of \$125,000 from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to Implement Drug Free Communities Program

Director Hamilton explained the purpose of and details about the grant. Councilor Baldacci inquired about the status of the Drug Court approved in the State's new budget. Manager Conlow indicated that she had asked the Police Chief to look into this. It was moved by Baldacci, seconded by Durgin and voted to recommend approval to the City Council.

4. Resolve, Authorizing the City Manager to Accept and Appropriate \$132,000 in Grants Funds from the Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Center for Disease Control and Prevention(CDCP) for the Sodium Reduction in Communities Program

Director Hamilton explained the purpose of and details about the grant. Councilor Durgin asked if Good Shepherd Food Bank was participating; Director Hamilton responded yes they were. Councilor Graham asked if a review / summary of the various Health and Community Services grant programs could be provided at some point. Director Hamilton indicated that the binder the Department prepares annually with all of the information should be completed shortly, and will be provided to Council. It was moved by Baldacci and seconded by Sprague and voted to recommend approval to the City Council.

5. FY 2015 Homeland Security Allocation- Resolve to Accept and Appropriate \$179,023 in Grant Funds

Fire Chief Higgins explained the purpose of and details about the grant. A copy of the proposed projects to be funded by the grant was included with the agenda information. Councilors commented about the value of this program, the funding provided and the benefit to the community. It was moved by Baldacci, seconded by Nealley and voted to recommend approval to the City Council.

6. City Council Attendance/Absence Policy Discussion

This item was tabled until the next Committee meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup> at the request of Councilor Civiello, who wanted to participate in the discussion, but was unable to attend.

With no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5.27 pm