

MINUTES

Fiscal Policy Advisory Committee

April 21, 2011 4:30-6:00

Second Floor Conference Room

In Attendance: City Councilors - , Mark Coen, Fred Keach, Jan McClure and Dan St. Hilaire; Mayor Jim Bouley; City Staff - Tom Aspell, City Manager; Brian LeBrun, Deputy City Manager Finance; Bob McManus, OMB Director; Carlos Baia, Deputy City Manager Development; Ed Roberge, City Engineer

Excused: Councilors Allen Bennett (Chair), Keith Nyhan, and Candace White Bouchard

- 1) Approval of March 17, 2011 Meeting Minutes:** In the Chair's absence, Councilor Keach called the meeting to order at 5:18 pm and requested a motion to approve the minutes of March 17, 2011. **Councilor Dan St. Hilaire moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilor Fred Keach. The minutes were unanimously approved as presented.**

- 2) Storm Water Fund** – City Engineer Ed Roberge gave a PowerPoint presentation entitled “Concord Stormwater Utility, Should Concord consider a Stormwater Utility?” A copy of the presentation is attached. The committee generally welcomed the idea of discussing a stormwater utility and its benefits and drawbacks. There was also discussion of utilizing the City's current utility billing system to either add a small monthly charge for stormwater purposes or keeping it all within the same billing system. The committee also expressed concerns about the estimated administrative costs of a new utility and the need to coordinate the City's approach to requirements of approved projects requiring impervious surfaces (asphalt, etc.) and then assessing a fee on the impervious surface. The committee suggested that Mr. Roberge continue with providing some options on how to implement a stormwater utility on a small scale, reducing the anticipated administrative costs and utilizing existing systems for assessment and billing. They would like Mr. Roberge to report back to FPAC sometime in late fall with a revised plan. No formal action was taken. It is understood that funds for the development of a new system would not be budgeted in the FY12 budget at this time.

- 3) Adjournment:** A motion was made by Councilor Keach to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Coen, and a unanimous vote brought the meeting to an end at 6:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian LeBrun
Deputy City Manager – Finance