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Mayor Fiorentini charges taxpayers of Haverhill \$300,000 for Hunking School building permit City Charges Hunking School \$300K Fee; Paid Outside Propostion 2 1/2 -- WHAV, August 16, 2016

Another glaring example of the Mayor's "Hide and Seek" tactics with taxpayer dollars.

In 2016, Mayor Fiorentini imposed a fee of \$300,000 to the taxpayers of the City to pay for a building permit fee for the new Hunking School. A fee that was not made transparent to the Hunking School Building Committee members, the City Council or the Haverhill taxpayers.

In fact, public records show that the original estimate made by the construction company hired to build the school assumed the fee would be waived. And meeting minutes show that Mayor Fiorentini asked about the fee and was advised that such fees are typically waived by communities for school buildings, or need to be added to the budget. The Mayor chose to charge the fee, and pass it along to taxpayers.

Mayor Fiorentini: "I stand by it. I'm glad I did it. It was the right thing to do," Fiorentini said regarding his charging the building permit fee.

Interim GMP #1			
Shawmut Design and Construction			
PROJECT	DATE		
Haverhill Caleb Dustin Hunking School	3/9/2015		
LOCATION	PROJECT #		
Haverhill, MA	531411		
SUBJECT			
City of Haverhill / JLA			
ARCHITECT			
SGJ Architecture			
ESTIMATOR			
Sam Hens			
PROXY	TRADE	ICMP #1	Notes
0502-0000	30000 CONCRETE	\$ 2,525,000	
0502-0000	201000 STRUCTURAL STEEL	\$ 3,485,000	
0502-0100	510000 EARTHWORK	\$ 4,861,100	
SUBTOTAL		\$ 10,871,100	
0502-0000	GMP CONTINGENCY	1.7%	\$ 186,244
0502-0100	GENERAL REQUIREMENTS		\$ 25,000
0502-0100	GENERAL CONDITIONS		\$ 754,308
0502-0010	FEES	2.00%	\$ 233,008
0502-0020	SDC P&P BOND	0.85%	\$ 77,242
0502-0020	BUILDERS RISK and GLI	1.12%	\$ 136,978
0502-0020	BUILDING PERMIT		\$ -
TOTAL			\$ 12,287,876

Shawmut Design and Construction Interim Guaranteed Maximum Price (iGMP) Amendment #1

JLA explained that iGMP Amendment #1 amends SDC's original contract, which only covered Preconstruction Services and needs to be updated now that the Project is moving into the Construction phase. The Mayor asked if the Building Permit cost is included in the ERP costs, the team noted that it is not reimbursable by the MSBA, but many communities waive the permits for school buildings, if not, the cost will need to be absorbed by the budget.

Source: 03.10.15 Meeting Minutes from Hunking School Building Committee Meeting

Source: From the Hunking Building Project website: <https://www.haverhill-ps.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/HSBC-Meeting-Materials-031015.pdf>

“I do not understand why the city administration would increase the cost of its own project, one that was asked to be funded by the taxpayers through a debt exclusion vote,” said City Councilor Colin F. LePage, a member of the Caleb Dustin Hunking Building Committee.

Colin LePage was the one to identify the improper fee charged to taxpayers and led the effort by the City Council to rescind it. Mayor Fiorentini refused. Taxpayers are now "on the hook" for a fee that never should have been charged in the first place.

Haverhill taxpayers deserve to know how their hard-earned tax dollars are being spent.

LePage knows there is a “glaring problem” with fiscal transparency under the current administration.

I've spent a lot of time during the last 12 years on the City Council examining the city's financial documents and I've been very vocal about the money that has simply been missed, ignored, or not used in the best interest of the taxpayer.

If elected mayor, I pledge to bring a new approach to government transparency. I will work with city personnel and departments to identify all sources of revenue and ensure that all funds are properly allocated in the best interest of the taxpayers.

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