

# DERBY MUNICIPAL PARKING AUTHORITY

## Minutes

(meeting taped)

Special meeting: Wednesday May 27, 2009 in the Derby Municipal Parking Garage Office.

Meeting was called to order at 6:55 p.m. The members toured the facility with the engineer prior to the meeting from 6:30 p.m. to 6:50 p.m.

By roll call, members present: John Dorosh, Delphine Krezel, Jack Moran, Joseph Moore and Anthony Szewczyk.

Also present – Parking Authority Director Leo Moscato and Herman L. Szeker, professional engineer from Szeker Engineering, Inc.

It was noted that Mayor Staffieri and Community Development Director Sheila O'Malley were invited to attend but were unable to do so.

Public Portion: No one was present and the public portion was closed.

Mr. Moscato presented the letter from Mr. Herman L. Szeker, P.E. from Szeker Engineering, Inc., 415 Howe Avenue, Suite 301, Shelton, CT 06484 dated May 6, 2009.

Dear Mr. Moscato

Reference is made to your project for rehabilitation of the existing parking structure, City of Derby Municipal Parking Structure, Derby, CT for which we are providing you structural engineering services.

In particular this correspondence addresses the status of the replacement of concrete deck in areas which were identified in our report as requiring attention. It is our understanding that the deck replacement, which we believed would be accomplished this spring, has been delayed indefinitely.

In view of the severity of the condition of areas of the structure, we recommend that you take immediate action to remove these areas from service. This can be accomplished by cordoning off the affected areas at the elevated level, as well as the area immediately below, or by shoring the area from below. Shoring from below would result in loss of parking in the area of the shoring, but allow for use of the area being shored. The areas as indicated on our drawings include:

Between column lines 8 and 10 and column lines G to K, for the full width of the ramp.

Between column lines 6 and 8 and column lines G to K, for the full width of the ramp.

Between column lines 3 and 4 and column lines D and D, at the entrance from Thompson.

Alternately, slab replacement of the areas, as indicated on our drawings, will allow these areas to be returned to service. Please feel free to contact me should you require additional information regarding this advice.

Mr. Szeker stated that in speaking with the contractors that were involved in the inspection process, he became aware of the fact that no repairs were scheduled in the foreseeable future on the Derby Parking garage. This precipitated the communication dated May 6<sup>th</sup>. He stressed the emergency need for immediate attention to the areas he has identified. He stated that options to temporarily relieve the urgency would be 1.) to shut down the effected areas, above and below or 2.) shore up the concrete slabs in the effected areas. To shore up the areas would involve placing plywood to completely cover the

undercarriage and then place wood beams spaced strategically to hold up the reinforced area. He repeated again that this action would be only a TEMPORARY action. The areas of the identified undercarriage were inspected during the tour and they were observed in the lower level on the Olivia Street side as well as under the Thompson Street entrance to the garage. His opinion is that action must be taken as soon as possible.

Members discussed the actions necessary. It was determined that the support beams would hinder traffic flow and an alternative was offered by placing support beams straddling the existing structure's steel support beams. This would provide the necessary support to the plywood while not effecting the floor space in the area. Due to the urgent nature of the report, members were all in agreement that action must be taken ASAP.

Motion was made by Delphine Krezel and second by Anthony Szewczyk. Move to authorize Szeker Engineering to prepare bid specifications and estimates for the emergency work as defined in his letter of May 6, 2009 and as discussed. Motion carried unanimously.

Due to the emergency nature, Mr. Dorosh will explore with Corporation Counsel the legal requirements for moving forward expeditiously and the process regarding the funding of this project.

Motion was made by Anthony Szewczyk and second by Jack Moran. Move that the meeting adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully prepared,  
Karen Kemmesies, recording secretary

*"These minutes are subject to the Authority's approval at their next scheduled meeting."*