

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
April 02, 2012
City Hall – 1st Floor Conference Room - West

Finance Chairperson Scott McMeans called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM

Present: Alderpersons Scott McMeans, Matt Kadow and Collin Braunel.

Absent: Alex Olson, Christopher Able

Also Present: Mayor Justin Nickels, Alderperson Jill Hennessey, Acting Finance Director/Treasurer Tony Scherer, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Jennifer Hudon, Fire Chief Bill Manis, Deputy Fire Chief Todd Blaser, Deputy Police Chief Bridget Brennan, City Planner Dave Less, MPU IT Manager Gary Heim, Director of Public Works/Parks and Recreation/City Engineer Valerie Mellon, HTR Reporter Charlie Mathews and members of the public.

Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Scott McMeans noted one spelling correction to the minutes; strategic be changed to strategic. Motion by Alderperson Kadow, second by Alderperson Braunel to approve the minutes as corrected from the March 5th, 2012, Finance Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input

No public input was presented.

2011 Information Technology (I.T.) Carry-Forward Request

Alderperson McMeans invited input from managers and department heads regarding the topic of the 2011 I.T. Carry-forward. The Fire Chief, City Clerk, Director of Public Works and City Planner spoke in favor of the carry-forward and expressed their concerns and the need for the funding of this department. Many stated the importance of having this service in their efforts to accomplish departmental work in an efficient and timely manner.

Alderman McMeans then called Gary Heim up to the table to address the Committee on the topic. Heim went on to explain what the department does for the City and the people involved in that function. He also outlined the equipment and the physical equipment structure of the department. Gary went on to explain the documents he provided to the Committee. He also provided the Committee some cost savings ideas for his department that he felt could be implemented. Along with these ideas, he also reported on his attempts to reduce the cost of the City's annual maintenance agreements.

Chairman McMeans then expressed his understanding of the importance of I.T. and his intent to support additional funding. He also stated that with his support he is expecting the issue will be looked at and evaluated in greater depth. Alderpersons Kadow and Braunel also stated their support of the funding. Chairman McMeans stated that it was his intent to act upon this matter with the other carry forwards at the Finance Committee's next meeting.

Update to 2012 Budget Ad Hoc Committee Goals and Directives

Acting Finance Director/Treasurer Tony Scherer had provide a document to the Committee detailing the changes need in the 2012 Budget in order to accomplish the actions taken by the 2012 Ad Hoc Budget Committee. Mr. Scherer explained that there is no net change to the 2012 Budget, just the redistribution of the amounts within the budgeted accounts.

Motion by Alderperson Kadow, second by Alderperson Braunel to approve the adjustments to the 2012 budget to reflect the changes made by the 2012 Ad Hoc Budget Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Update Regarding 2012 Bonding Package

Acting Finance Director/Treasurer Tony Scherer explained that the 2012 bonding issue is in motion. The documentation was sent to Brad Viegut of R.W. Baird. Mr. Viegut will be in attendance at the next Finance Committee meeting on April 16, 2012, to present the preliminary resolutions, explain the bond package and discuss the annual borrowing with the Committee.

Motion by Alderperson Kadow, second by Alderperson Braunel to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Chairperson McMeans declared the meeting adjourned at 6:34 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alderman Scott McMeans
By: Anthony Scherer
Acting Finance Director

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