

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
February 18, 2013
City Hall – 1st Floor Conference Room #111 - West

Finance Chairperson Scott McMeans called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

Present: Alderpersons Scott McMeans, James Brey, Christopher Able, Collin Braunel & Eric Sitkiewitz

Absent: None

Also Present: Mayor Justin Nickels, Alderpersons Tyler Martell, Jill Hennessey, Dave Soeldner, Allan Schema and Jason Sladky, Finance Director/Treasurer Steve Corbeille, Assistant Finance Director/Treasurer Tony Scherer, City Attorney Straun Boston, Fire Chief Bill Manis (6:50), Institutional Capital Management President Bob Moore, Mayoral Candidate Tony Burgarino and a reporter from the Herald Times Reporter.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Alderperson Brey, second by Alderperson Braunel to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2013, Finance Committee Meeting. Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Public Input

No public input was presented.

Balestrieri Company Invoice & Payment

Alderman McMeans presented a copy of the bill to the Committee. He reviewed the bill and the events leading up to tonight's Finance Committee Meeting.

Motion by Alderperson McMeans, second by Alderperson Braunel to create a non-lapsing fund titled Riverland Ag Historical Mural Restoration Fund, transfer \$25,000 from the 2012 general contingency fund and establish a policy to transfer \$.50 of every dollar donated to the RAHMR fund back to the City until the advanced payment has been repaid.

A lengthy discussion followed. Alderperson Able requested that someone more involved with the matter update the Committee and other Council members regarding the events that took place preceding tonight's meeting. Alderman McMeans gave his recollection of the events and activities that took place in regard to this incident. Additional clarification of the \$25,000 amount was requested by Alderman Able and provided by the Mayor. Alderperson Brey added his thoughts to the conversation and explained his involvement early in the process. Alderman Sitkiewitz expressed his concerns over the invoice and the approval process. He asked the Mayor about the level of fund raising that had taken place to this point. The Mayor explained the monies he had received, his efforts in fund raising and what he had been told by various people in the community that were leading the group in favor of saving and restoring the Anheuser-Busch silo mural. As of the time of this meeting, he had not heard from that group. Alderman Braunel again asked about

the validity of the \$25,000. The Mayor and Alderman Sladky explained their efforts and expressed their frustrations regarding the attempts made to get clarification on the agreement with Riverland and the Balestrieri invoice. It was brought up in the conversation that if the invoice wasn't paid by the following day it was Balestrieri's intent to file liens against Riverland Ag. The conversation continued. Topics discussed included discussions regarding Riverland's cost or share of the project, the option of offering a token or partial payment, the use of room tax funds and when the filing of the liens against Riverland Ag would take effect.

Motion by Alderperson Brey to amend the motion to pay the Balestrieri invoice of \$25,000 from the 2012 general contingency fund and defer the creation of a non-lapsing fund and the repayment aspects of Alderman McMeans motion to the next Finance Committee meeting.

A short discussion followed with alders reemphasizing their positions on many of the topics already discussed. Alderman McMeans called the motion on the amendment. The amendment, carried 3-2 with Alders Able and Sitkiewitz dissenting.

Alderman McMeans then called the vote on the original motion as amended. The motion carried 3-2 with Aldermen Able and Sitkiewitz dissenting.

Motion by Alderperson Sitkiewitz, second by Alderperson Braunel to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman McMeans declared the meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alderman Scott McMeans
By: Anthony Scherer
Assistant Finance Director

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