

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
November 16, 2009  
City Hall - First Floor Hearing Room East

Chairperson James Brey called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM

Present: Alderpersons, James N. Brey, Christopher T. Able, Dean W. Graunke, Eric J. Sitkiewitz, and Jill C. Hennessey.

Absent: None

Also Present: Finance Director/Treasurer Brian Ruechel, Assistant Finance Director Tony Scherer, Mayor Justin Nickels, Alderpersons Ray Geigel, Dave Soeldner, Jason Sladky and Scott McMeans, City Planner Dave Less, Fire Chief Bill Manis, Park and Recreation Director Joe McLafferty, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Valerie Mellon, DPW Business Manger Mike Huck, and the news media.

**2010 City Budget**

The Committee continued the process of examining the 2010 executive budget proposal.

The Committee discussed possible reductions that could be made in the budget to offset information technology capital expenditures currently funded at \$135,000 in the 2010 bond issue. The following items would be considered to reduce bonding for information technology capital items: economic development corporation levy funding, unused 2009 non-represented employee performance funds, Lincoln Park pathways overlays, and Dale Street tennis courts replacement.

The Committee discussed the 2010 Economic Development Corporation \$66,663 payment being financed by room tax funds rather than the tax levy. Discussion included the industrial development portion of the current room tax and reserve funds available in the fund for economic development use.

City Planner Dave Less appeared before the Committee to answer questions relating to the use of room tax dollars for the 2010 economic development corporation funding.

Motion by Alderperson Sitkiewitz and second by Alderperson Able to fund the 2010 Economic Development Corporation \$66,663 payment from industrial development room tax funds rather than the 2010 tax levy and use this amount of the tax levy to finance 2010 information technology capital items. Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee discussed 2009 non-represented performance evaluation funds that would not be spent in the amount of \$30,000 and could be carry-forward to the 2010 budget to offset information technology capital items.

Motion by Alderperson Hennessey second by Alderperson Sitkiewitz to approve the carry forward of 2009 non-represented performance evaluation funds of \$30,000 to the 2010 Budget to finance information technology capital items. Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee discussed two Park and Recreation capital projects currently financed by the 2010 tax levy. The projects were the Dale Street Tennis Courts and Lincoln Park pathways overlays.

Motion by Alderperson Brey second by Alderperson Graunke to remove \$38,337 in 2010 tax levy and reduce the Lincoln Park pathways overlays capital expenditure from \$60,000 to \$21,663 and apply the levy reduction to finance the remaining amount needed for 2010 information technology capital items. Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee discussed the following budget items: DPW reflectivity meter, Lincoln Park Zoo, and decorative street lighting assessment revenue.

Motion by Alderperson Sitkiewitz second by Alderperson Able to remove the \$12,500 decorative lighting special assessment revenue from the 2010 budget as was originally proposed in the executive budget. Motion carried 4 to 1 with Alderperson Hennessey voting nay.

Motion by Alderperson Able and second by Alderperson Sitkiewitz to approve the 2010 City Budget with Finance Committee recommendations and forward to the Common Council Meeting on November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Brey declared the meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Alderperson James N. Brey  
Chairperson  
Finance Committee

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By: Brian C. Ruechel, CGFM  
Finance Director/Treasurer