

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
October 16, 2013
City Hall – Council Chambers

Finance Chairperson Scott McMeans called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM

Present: Alderpersons Scott McMeans, Christopher Able, James Brey (5:28), Eric Sitkiewitz and Tyler Martell.

Absent: None

Also Present: Finance Director/Treasurer Steve Corbeille, Assistant Finance Director Tony Scherer, Director of Public Infrastructure Dan Koski, City Planner Dave Less, Deputy Fire Chief Gregg Kadow, Deputy Fire Chief Todd Blaser and Infrastructure Business Manager Karen Dorow.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Alderperson Able, second by Alderperson Martell to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2013 Joint Finance and Public Safety Committee Meeting and the October 7, 2013 Finance Committee Meeting. Motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Public Input

There was no public input presented to the Finance Committee at this meeting.

2014 Budget Deliberations

Aquatic Center

Alderman McMeans opened the discussion with the funding of the Aquatic Center, providing as summary of the current funding and requests from the Department of Infrastructure for reinstatement into the budget. Director of Public Infrastructure Dan Koski presented and summarized to the Committee the areas for reinstatement including fees, chemicals, wages, training, advertising, promotion and other miscellaneous expenses. The Committee discussed each issue extensively with Department of Infrastructure personnel providing more detailed information to the Committee member's inquiries. No decisions were made at this time by the Committee. Alderperson Martell recommended referring the fee structure to the Parks and Recreation Committee for consideration. Alderperson Brey added to the recommendation that the Parks and Recreation Committee address the issues of daily hours and seasonal time frame.

Economic Development Corporation (EDC)

Alderman McMeans introduced the item to the Committee providing some background and history on the organization and the financing thereof. He stated that he would forward information to the members that he received from the Director of the Economic

Development Corporation providing tangible measurements of the EDC's effectiveness. Alder McMeans also stated that in addition the EDC is willing to provide additional feedback through quarterly updates and progress reports to the Council along with assistance in providing some of the front-end customer service duties involved with the operation of the revolving loan fund.

The Committee discussed the benefits and advantages of this public-private partnership to all of Manitowoc County. Also deliberated were the contributions provided by other governmental entities within the County and the funding options available within the 2014 Proposed City Budget to maintain the previous funding level.

A motion by Alderman Able, to restore the 2014 appropriation to the Economic Development Corporation in the amount of \$66,667. Motion died due to the lack of a second.

Other Issues: Lincoln Park Camp Sites

Alderman Brey brought forth the subject of the proposed development of Lincoln Park Camping Sites. The Committee discussed the number of sites, proposed amenities, public demand for the facilities, anticipated problems and involved risks. Also discussed were capital projects that may be more of a city-wide priority than the camp sites.

Other Issues: Wages and Benefits

Alderman Sitkiewitz brought forth the subject of the salary study and his desire to set money aside in order to provide for its implementation in whole or in part.

Other Issues: General Fund Capital

Alderman McMeans reviewed the capital items in the general fund being funded through the Capital plan. McMeans would like to have further discussion on the items to see whether they can be funded through a different source or pushed back a year.

Other Issues: General Fund Capital

Alderman Martell requested further information on the reduction within the proposed Fire Department budget. Finance Director/Treasurer Steve Corbeille directed Alderman Martell to a couple of spreadsheets and indicated where the shortfalls were and how the budget proposed to correct the shortfalls. Alderman Martell proposed that discussion regarding this issue continue into the future.

Next Meeting Date

McMeans restated that the next meeting would be on Wednesday, October 23rd at 5:00 PM. Committee members should contact him with any agenda items they wish to see brought forth.

Adjournment

Motion by Alderperson Brey, second by Alderperson Sitkiewitz to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously (5-0). Chairman McMeans declared the meeting adjourned at 6:22 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alderman Scott McMeans
By: Anthony Scherer
Assistant Finance Director

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