

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
October 30, 2013
City Hall – 1st Floor Conference Room #111 - West

Finance Chairperson Scott McMeans called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM

Present: Alderpersons Scott McMeans, James Brey, Eric Sitkiewitz and Tyler Martell

Absent: Christopher Able

Also Present: Assistant Finance Director Tony Scherer, Director of Public Infrastructure Dan Koski, Police Chief Oscar Dick, City Planner Dave Less, Library Director Cherilyn Stewart, Interim Fire Chief Gregg Kadow, Deputy Fire Chief Todd Blaser and Infrastructure Business Manager Karen Dorow.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Alderperson Brey, second by Alderperson Sitkiewitz to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2013 Finance Committee Meeting. Motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Public Input

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

Periodic Reporting to the Finance Committee

Prior to the evening's meeting Committee members were provided the following documents:

- 2013 Unbudgeted Capital Request log
- 2013 End-of-Life Request log
- City Attorney Claim logs

Alderman McMeans afforded Committee members the opportunity to comment or make inquiries concerning the reports. The Committee accepted the reports as presented with no further discussion.

2014 Budget Deliberations

Assessor's Office

Alderman McMeans called City Planner and Assessor's Office department head Dave Less to provide explanations and additional information involving the City Assessor's requests for line item reinstatement to the 2014 City Budget. Mr. Less covered the topics regarding the account requests for GIS/ESRI software licensing, auto mileage, lodging and meals. The Committee then discussed the proposed requests.

Public Safety - Fire

Alderman McMeans invited Interim Fire Chief Gregg Kadow and Deputy Fire Chief Todd Blaser to the Committee table. Alderman Sitkiewitz started by informing the

Finance Committee that the Public Safety Committee failed by a 2-3 vote to pass the continuance of the Contaminate Removal Charges (revenue for traffic accident and hazardous material spill clean-up fee) for the Fire Department. The revenue had been submitted in the Mayor's 2014 Executive Budget. In essence, this action created a \$20,000 deficit in the 2014 budget.

Alderman Sitkiewitz continued by reminding the Committee that the "SAFER" grant firefighter wages were budgeted for the entire year while the "SAFER" grant revenues would only cover their labor expenses through September of 2014.

The Committee further discussed EMS revenues/write-offs, health care as the Affordable Care Act moves forward, sale of assets, contractual services for equipment certifications and fuel as they relate to the Fire Department Budget. Further information is anticipated in relation to EMS revenues and health insurance rates. The Committee is requesting that the information be presented to the Committee upon its receipt.

Other 2014 Budget Issues Discussed

Alderman Sitkiewitz brought forth the subject of borrowing for General Fund capital items. He mentioned there were a number of items that he felt uncomfortable funding with borrowed money. Some of the General Fund items discussed by the Committee were Police Department squad cars, IT equipment and the Marina Deck.

Next Meeting Date

The Committee decided that the next meeting date would be Monday, November 4th at 5:00 PM to discuss the Library and 2014 Capital Project Program items. The Committee also set Wednesday, November 13th as a follow-up meeting date with a 5:00 PM start time. Again members should contact Alderman McMeans with any agenda items they wish to see brought forward on these dates.

Adjournment

Motion by Alderperson Sitkiewitz, second by Alderperson Brey to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously (4-0). Chairman McMeans declared the meeting adjourned at 6:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alderman Scott McMeans
By: Anthony Scherer
Assistant Finance Director

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