

Finance Committee Minutes
January 18, 2022

Members present: Schaber, Meade, Rollins

With a quorum present, Mr. Schaber called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

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Minutes from the 12/06/2021 meeting were not available.

Old Business

New Business

Item 1. tORD2022-004: ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS IN THE BELOW LISTED LINE ITEMS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022 (Auditor)

Rollins asked if the furnace at station #1 had been repaired. It has been repaired and is pending replacement. Fire Department appropriation are for repairs to ladder truck.

Meade made a motion to recommend to Council; Rollins 2nd; Roll Call: Ayes –Schaber, Meade, Rollins; Nays – none.

Ordinance Recommended to Council (3-0)

Item 2. tORD 2022-005: ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS IN THE BELOW LISTED LINE ITEMS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022 (Auditor)

Meade made a motion to recommend to Council; Rollins 2nd; Roll Call: Ayes –Schaber, Meade, Rollins; Nays – none.

Ordinance Recommended to Council (3-0)

Item 3. tRES 2022-005: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO TRANSFER APPROPRIATED GENERAL FUND MONIES TO PARKS, TRANSIT POLICE, FIRE AND DISPATCH AND ANY OTHER FUNDS APPROVED BY COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022 (Auditor)

Meade made a motion to recommend to Council; Rollins 2nd; Roll Call: Ayes –Schaber, Meade, Rollins; Nays – none.

Ordinance Recommended to Council (3-0)

Item 4. tORD 2022-006: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH BEST EQUIPMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A (DEMO) THERMO-LAY ASPHALT PATCH TRUCK FOR THE STREETS DEPARTMENT AND WITH FREIGHTLINER FOR THE CHASSIS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Kurz)

Kurz (Service-Sanitation Superintendent) said this is a replacement and has all of the equipment that they need. The other vehicle is rusted out at the frame. This has been included in their capital budget for 2022. They are buying a demo, so that helps with a shorter time frame for availability. They are requesting that it be expedited so that someone else does not get the equipment in the meantime.

Rollins made a motion to recommend to Council; Meade 2nd; Roll Call: Ayes –Schaber, Meade, Rollins; Nays – none.

Ordinance Recommended to Council (3-0)

Item 5. Transfer of funds (Auditor) - purpose: close the end of year (2021)

Schaber explained difference of opinions on the approval process for interdepartmental transfers with the former auditor. Law Director Russell stated that he did not think that it was necessary to go to council. They have been approving these in committee for the past 30 years and have not had an audit finding. Auditor Meginness stated that she was in agreement to have approvals done in committee.

Rollins made a motion to approve transfer of funds in committee; Meade 2nd; Roll Call: Ayes – Schaber, Meade, Rollins; Nays – none.

Transfer of funds approved by committee (3-0)

Item 6. tORD 2022-007: ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY FUNDS AND ADMINISTER THE GRANT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Warr-Cummings) -- pending approval by Law Director

Miss Warr-Cummings explained that they applied for CDBG/Target of Opportunity Grant in May for Founders Park, specifically for the band shell. That was denied. They have since had other discussion about some of the other updates at Founders Park and the state was interested in those items. This has already been approved under another authorizing ordinance, but they thought she should get an updated one because of the changes. The idea is to create COVID-friendly outdoor spaces. The money would be spent on two pergolas, concrete corn hole boards, water (drinking) fountains, and additional furniture. This area is used for the farmer’s market and other downtown outdoor events. It could also be used as an outdoor staging area for Marion Area Transit.

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Mrs. Chaffin specified that the pergolas are tentatively planned to be 12' wide with a 40' long one on the Main Street side and a 60' long on the Church Street side. They will add the budgeted band shelter that will sit in the corner that they will do a spec and bid on.

Miss Warr-Cummings said that anything that can be tied back to prevention and spread of COVID. There is no specific list of eligible projects. This is from last year's funds and is going quickly. There is no deadline. It is a first come serve, rolling application. This has been in process and is just down to an updated authorizing legislation. They tentatively would make the grant effective date 03/01/2022 and go through 02/2023. They are getting the very end of the funding. She stated that she is fairly confident this will be funded, because they have worked with her through the application process.

Meade made a motion to recommend to Council; Schaber 2nd; Roll Call: Ayes –Schaber, Meade, Rollins; Nays – none.

Ordinance Recommended to Council (2-1)

Other Matters

Reports: October Budget, October Credit Card, November Budget, November Credit Card1, November Credit Card2

Adjourn

With no other business, Schaber adjourned the meeting at 6:52 PM.

Chairman Schaber

Clerk of Council

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