

FINANCE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, January 8, 2024

Present: Mark Lyon, Cory Simonson

Absent: Josh Collister

Others

Present: Joshua Boldt, Andrea White

Lyon appointed Simonson as chairperson.

Chairperson Simonson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Simonson approving the agenda. All Ayes

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Simonson approving the December 11th minutes. All Ayes

Committee members reviewed the December credit card statement and the December bank statement.

Boldt discussed Budget Re-estimate for FY 23/24 and FY 24/25 Budget. Boldt stated that American Rescue Funds are where they need to be. Boldt stated that franchise fees would help the City in the future once we change the Revenue purpose statement. Boldt stated what we need to get citizens used to franchise fees before we decide to change them. Simonson stated that he appreciates the CIP additional funds going in as equipment costs keep raising.

Boldt stated that the City is working on a 28E Agreement with the County to get support of local emergency management for the property valuation in the future.

Boldt stated that the Water fund and the Wastewater fund are sitting good with reserve balances.

Boldt stated that the Airport fund looks like it should. Boldt stated that the City is going to take care of what we have as far as the runway grants go.

Boldt discussed American Rescue Plant Act (ARPA) funds. Boldt stated that so far Sunshine and Sacred Heart have been the only two taking steps towards expansion. Boldt suggested altering the previous \$219,367 targeted funds towards Daycare Assistant and back it down to \$160,000.

Boldt recommends to no longer include the Stormwater Levee Project costs of \$175,063 on the ARPA funds. Boldt suggested to use the Stormwater fund reserve balance for any potential overage of the Levee project. The Stormwater reserve balance as of the beginning of FY 23/24 was \$365,051.

Boldt recommends to give the \$175,063 (Stormwater Levee Project) and \$59,367 (difference of child care support) and commit it to the General Fund for the purpose of recapturing City revenue loss from the pandemic.

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Simonson to finalize all ARPA resources and generate Council Resolution to support the transfers.

All Ayes

Boldt discussed the Property Tax and Levy Notice for FY 24/25. The proposed property tax levy percent change is -27.45. Franchise fees revenue purpose stated property tax reduction. The City adjusted other employee benefits to reflect the additional revenue and lower the tax rate for FY 24/25. The property tax rate for FY 24/25 will be 12.6 compared to 14.72 the previous year. Boldt stated that the City will have to re-evaluate how to use the Franchise revenue as the State continues their four-year process of tightening property tax abilities.

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Simonson to propose the property tax levy.

All Ayes

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Simonson adjourning at 4:59 p.m.

All Ayes

Cory Simonson, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Andrea White, Finance Clerk