

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 24TH, 2021 beginning at 6:10 P.M.

FINANCE PRESENT: Chair Stewart, Tollett, Baird, Jessie, Davis

CD PRESENT: Chair Callahan, Mitchell, Cerra, Oswald, Jessie

OTHERS PRESENT: Law Dir Deery, Mayor Whitfield, Safety Service Dir Brubaker, Finance Dir Pileski, Asst Director Calvert, Engineer Schneider, Fire Chief Mack, Councilperson Keys

1. Approval of the Regular Finance Meeting Minutes ~ May 10TH, 2021 and December 14, 2020.

Mr. Baird moved, seconded by Mr. Tollett to approve the said Meeting Minutes.

2. The matter of a Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) Grant.

REFERRED BY: Safety Service Director Brubaker

Director Brubaker said as it's stated in the referral, this is the same grant we've gone after the last number of years. It does state what we will be able to spend it on but not limited to LED lighting, traffic signal upgrades, insulation, energy efficient windows, solar powered LED stop signs, energy efficient air conditioning, electrical upgrades, generators and LED lighting upgrades.

Chair Stewart asked if that applies to light poles that are down on Rt 57?

Mr. Brubaker said those are not a part of this grant. We have used Issue 6 dollars to stock up on those lights.

Law Dir Deery asked if this should be an emergency?

Mr. Brubaker said yes.

Chair Stewart asked if the motion concurs with the emergency clause? Mrs. Davis moved and Mr. Baird second to concur with this motion.

Mr. Baird moved and Mrs. Davis seconded to recommend an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to accept the 'said' NOPEC Energized Community Grant for the year 2021, emergency clause is requested.

MOTION MADE COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

Mr. Baird said this is a little less than what we've rec'd in the past and he wondered what that's based on?

Mr. Brubaker said it's due to the cost of energy has gone up and there's been a shift of what is dispersed.

3. The matter of the part-time seasonal wage ordinance.

REFERRED BY: Assistant Finance Director Farrell

Finance Dir Pileski said the Parks Dir requested to create these 2 new positions; Instructor III and Recreation Specialist III with wage scale of 9 steps.

Dir Reardon said there used to be 3 steps and now there will be 9 steps and some rates had been left off and because they did not come back in 2020 and now they are coming back, it also gives the opportunity to bump those employees that have been with the City in the past, the ability to bump their pay up.

Mr. Davis moved and Mr. Baird seconded to recommend an ordinance to add [2] seasonal part-time positions in the Parks Dept and amend the Wage Ordinance and to pass as an emergency clause.

MOTION MADE COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

4. The matter of amendments to the 2021 Permanent Appropriations Ordinance No. 2021-50. (Standing Referral)

REFERRED BY: Finance Director's Pileski and Farrell

Dir Pileski said he has one appropriation change. He said for what ever reason, muni court did not submit a budget for the indigent drivers alcohol treatment fund and they are now sending people for treatments. He is asking for the same amount of funds to be appropriated for this as were in the 2020 budget, which is \$40,000 in operating and maintenance, \$250 was already appropriated and now that will bring it up to \$40,250. This is for the indigent drivers alcohol and criminal offender treatment program.

Mr. Baird asked if that covers the entire year?

Mr. Pileski said he didn't think they would spend that much. There is several hundred thousand dollars in that fund.

Mr. Baird moved and Mr. Tollett seconded to recommend an ordinance to amend the 2021 Permanent Appropriations Ordinance.

MOTION MADE COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

Finance Dir Pileski added that the City received the first installment of the Rescue Plan Money in the amount of \$9,390,406 and it's in the bank and now we will need to appropriate it.

Mr. Baird moved and second by Mr. Tollett to adjourn this evening's Finance Meeting at 6:35 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted by,

Colleen Rosado, Council Clerk Secretary

(Committee Meeting was attended by Secretary Rosado ~ Meeting Minutes were transcribed by Secretary Rosado).