

THE FINANCE Committee held a meeting on Monday, April 29th, 2024 beginning at 6:50 P.M

Committee Members Present:

CD: Chair Callahan, Mitchell, Schneider, Oswald
Finance: Chair Tollett, Davis, Schneider, Cerra, Siwierka
Utilities: Chair Mitchell, Davis, Oswald, Armstrong, Stewart
Absent: Lipian (Excused)

Administration and Department Heads Present: Mayor Brubaker, Safety Service Dir Pyanowski, Law Dir Deery, Finance Dir Pileski, Asst Finance Dir Farrell, Engineer McKillips, Building Official Farkas, CD Dir Scott and Engineers Schneider, Dietz and Forthofer

1. Approval of the Finance Meeting Minutes from April 9th, 2024

Motion moved by Mr. Cerra and second by Mr. Schneider to approve said minutes.

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2. The matter of applying for and entering into a loan agreement thru DEFA for the Wet Weather Program, Overbrook Pump Station II.

Referred By: Engineer Schneider

Engineer McKillips said this project was approved thru Utilities Committee and this is the mechanism of funding this project. It is a requirement thru the Consent Decree involving the Wastewater Wet Weather Program in Overbrook area. They will install a second pump station, replacing a force main and adding a second force main and other improvements to the sewer system wet weather events. They will apply for this 'said' loan which is backed with Federal Funds and will have to meet Federal requirements. This loan is for 1.1 million dollars, which is what they will apply for and a 30-year repayment. This is a standard loan thru DEFA and there will be a low interest.

Chair Tollett asked if this lift station is a replacement of the existing one?

Engineer McKillips said this will be a second lift station.

Mr. Oswald asked about dates and how long?

Engineer McKillips said they are hoping to get the permit from the EPA to install within next 30 – 45 days. Looking at the fall of 2024.

Mr. Schneider said he sees this may interfere in the Overbrook area, will it interfere with the repaving projects in that area?

Engineer McKillips said Overbrook will not on the final street paving list for this year.

Motion made by Mr. Cerra and second by Mr. Schneider to authorize the Mayor to apply for & enter into the 'said' loan agreement. Emergency clause requested.

MOTION CARRIES COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

3. The matter of applying for and accepting, if awarded, a SAFER Grant (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) Grant, to hire three firefighters.

Referred By: Fire Chief Pronesti

(This matter was passed by Utilities Committee on Apr. 17th)

Safety Svc Dir Pyanowski said this is a grant that they have applied for before, we haven't been successful in getting it recently but, we're going to try again. If we were awarded this grant, it would pay for 3 firefighters.

Mr. Cerra asked if this would be replacing retirements that will be coming up so that we can keep these firefighters on the books?

Dir Deery said Chief Pronesti said if we are awarded this grant and even after the expiration, due to attrition on account of retirement that we would absorb the hiring of new firefighters and take their salaries on after the grant expires.

Mr. Pileski said starting next year we have to move 45 police and fire employees from the ARPA fund into the General Fund so, three years from now, when this grant runs out, he cannot guarantee that they will be able to keep those 3 firefighters.

**Motion made by Mr. Cerra and second by Mr. Schneider to authorize the Mayor to apply for and accept, if offered, the 'said' grant. Emergency clause requested.
MOTION CARRIES COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN**

4. The matter of Amendments to the 2024 Permanent Appropriations.

Referred By: Finance Directors Pileski and Farrell

[Standing Referral]

Finance Dir Pileski said there will only be the one amendment and that is the one that was just discussed, adding \$80,000 to the General Fund, Buildings and Lands Department, Capital Outlay Account.

**Motion made by Mrs. Siwierka and second by Mrs. Davis to authorize the approval of the discussed amendments to the 2024 Permanent Appropriations.
MOTION CARRIES COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN**

Motion made by Mrs. Davis and second by Mr. Schneider to adjourn this evening's Finance Committee Meeting at 7:05 P.M.

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Respectfully Submitted by,
Colleen Rosado, Secretary/Administrative Assistant