

The FINANCE COMMITTEE held a MEETING on Monday, April 28th, 2025 beginning at 6:20 P.M.

FINANCE PRESENT: Chair Tollett, Cerra, Davis, Schneider, Siwierka

COM DEV PRESENT: Chair Schneider, Mitchell, Oswald, Callahan

OTHERS: Stewart, Armstrong

EXCUSED ABSENSE: Lipian

OTHERS PRESENT: Law Dir Deery, Safety Svc Dir Pyanowski,
Finance Dir Pileski, Fin Dir Farrell, City Planner Schoenig, CD Manager Almabayyed,
Parks Dir Reardon

1. The matter of approval of meeting minutes from the Finance Committee Meeting, on April 14th, 2025 as circulated.

This matter was not voted on due to the minutes from the April 14th meeting not being completed and had not been circulated.

2. The matter of applying for a Safety Intervention Grant through Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation (OBWC).

[This passed at Utilities Meeting on 4/23/2025]

Referred By: Parks Director Reardon

Parks Dir Reardon said they would like to apply for this grant for the purchase of a paint machine. It's a robotic paint machine. They can be programed as to what field needs to be painted and the machine does the work. They have had two demos on this type of equipment so they can compare. The grant is a 3 to 1 matching grant. We can apply for up to \$40,000, our portion will be around \$15,000. This machine painted a full-size football field for us at South Park in 30 minutes. For staff to do this same job, they would need 3 staff members to measure and hold everything and would take about 2 to 3 hours. The other thing that is good about this machine, is it regulates the paint use. We'll see a savings in the amount of paint also. The machine is mobile and would fit in the back of the parks pick-up truck.

Mrs. Davis asked if this is the robot?

Dir Reardon said yes, the company they have chosen is called Tiny Mobile Robots. The robot has wheels on it and you program it from a tablet and pull up the field, click it and it paints the field. They budgeted money in the Issue 6 (2016 ½ percent tax) for field maintenance items for this year. So, that money is allocated.

Dir Pyanowski said it uses GPS to identify the field. this is exciting. The lines would be more precise, straighter and more accurate. And a field can be programmed into the system and as long as you start at the same point, like a pinpoint and you just push go. Once each field is programmed, it's saved in a library. And we would never have to measure again.

Mrs. Siwierka asked what is the BWC angle on this, is it because it's a repetitive job?

Dir Reardon said that is the reason they started looking at this process. They were at a conference earlier in the year and they had the robot there and it was suggested to apply for the grant to get this equipment.

Mrs. Siwierka said the grant probably looks at the workers breathing in paint fumes and lifting. The city has purchased multiple items through this grant program.

Mr. Schneider asked where Dir Reardon thought this would get used the most at?

Dir Reardon said definitely at West Park and it will get used more because of how many soccer fields we have and the football field that is at East Park. This also can paint parking lot lines. The ability to refresh those is beneficial.

Dir Reardon said they will go over all of that in the training and we can program the machine for what to do in each park and on each field. And then the employee can go do something else and the machine will alert them if the machine runs out of paint or when it's finished with that particular job. The plus is the efficiency is great and they will be able to save money in paint.

Motion made by Mrs. Siwierka, second by Mr. Schneider to authorize an ordinance to apply for the 'said' grant and accept if offered.

MOTION CARRIES COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

3. The matter of an agreement with ODOT for the purchase of road salt for the 2025-2026 Season.

[This passed at Utilities Meeting on 4/23/2025]

Referred By: Director Pyanowski

Dir Pyanowski said this is our annual road salt purchase for next winter. They will ask for 9,000 tons of salt this year. Last year we bought 6,000 tons and we had to go back and buy more. There was a lot of winter this past year. He has already put in the request and this ordinance will be to support the request. They don't have prices yet. They give the prices after we commit to the purchase.

Mrs. Siwierka said the salt used to be barged over from Canada.

Chair Tollett said the mine in Cleveland underneath Lake Erie is up and running now. Dir Pyanowski added that, yes, Cleveland mine is up and running.

Chair Tollett said the salt is classified as a commodity which is why you can't extend contracts out.

Motion made by Mr. Cerra, second by Mrs. Davis to authorize an ordinance to enter into the 'said' agreement.

MOTION CARRIES COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

4. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Republic Services for solid waste container services.

[This passed at Utilities Meeting on 4/23/2025]

Referred By: Director Pyanowski

Dir Pyanowski said this 'solid waste container' is a dumpster. We have dumpsters at the Police and each Fire Dept., Muni Court and Metro Park garage on Floradale, Brookdale, Wastewater has 5 dumpsters. We did eliminate all the dumpster at the parks and at other places in the City. We also made sure we had all the right size dumpsters because we get charged for each pickup. We reviewed all of these to make sure we found the best and most efficient way to provide the service. We are pretty good with our needs being met but not exceeded. They have talked about a 3-year contract and still trying to decide if they want to do the one-year with two one-year options or if they want to do the full three-year given where they are at with the Sanitation conversation. He would like this to say not to exceed three years and not to exceed \$225,000.

Motion made by Mrs. Davis, second by Mr. Schneider to authorize an ordinance to enter into the 'said' contract.

MOTION CARRIES

5. The matter of Amendments to the 2025 Permanent Appropriations.

Referred By: Finance Directors Pileski and Farrell *[Standing Referral]*

Finance Director Pileski said his office has no amendments to the permanent appropriations this evening.

Chair Tollett asked for a motion to adjourn Finance:

Motion made by Mr. Cerra and second by Mr. Schneider to adjourn this evening's Finance committee meeting at 6:30 P.M.

MOTION CARRIES

Respectfully Submitted by,

Colleen Rosado, Clerk Secretary/Administrative Assistant