

**The FINANCE COMMITTEE held a meeting on
Monday, September 8th, 2025 beginning at 7:05 P.M.**

FINANCE PRESENT: Asst Chair Davis, Cerra, Schneider, Siwierka
COM DEV PRESENT: Chair Schneider, Mitchell, Oswald
OTHERS: Armstrong, Stewart
EXCUSED ABSENCE: Callahan, Lipian, Tollett

OTHERS PRESENT: Law Dir Deery, Safety Svc Dir Pyanowski, Mayor Brubaker,
Finance Dir Pileski, Public Works Sup Conner, Planner Schoenig, Engineer Schneider

**1. The matter of approval of meeting minutes from the Finance Committee
Meeting, from August 11th, 2025 as circulated.**

Motion made by Mr. Cerra and seconded by Mr. Schneider to approve the said Joint
Meeting Minutes.

MOTION CARRIES

**2. The matter of delinquent and final utility accounts approved by the Utility
Resolution Board and to be certified to the Lorain County Auditor's Office.**

Referred By: Public Works Supt Conner

Supt Conner said this list consists of 42 accounts and the amount i \$42,146 which was
approved by the resolution board to be forwarded on for property tax liens.

Mr. Schneider asked her to explain the 614 Princeton, because it says sanitation only.

Supt Conner said its commercial and the unit in the middle only gets billed for sanitation
and the water is billed with the unit on the end of the building.

There were no further questions and Chair Davis read the committee report and asked for a motion.

**Motion made by Mr. Cerra, second by Mrs. Siwierka to authorize a resolution to
authorize the 'said' delinquent accounts to be certified to the County Auditor.**

MOTION CARRIES COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

3. The matter of the 2026 Insurance Coverage Renewals for the City.

Referred By: Mayor Brubaker

Dir Pyanowski said this is the annual renewal for property and liability insurance
coverage for our buildings, vehicles, cyber, crime, etc. The City's insurance broker is
Gallagher and they went out and sought pricing from a number of individuals providing
the larger umbrella policy and some providing specific policies. We received some bids
and quotes which resulted in an increase of \$76,358 over last years rates. Most of that
is through a property, liability package.

There were a couple of settlements this year and there are currently a couple of pending claims which did impact the rates and the interest in quoting coverage. We've had Travelers for the last few years and have received good customer service. He doesn't see a need for a change. It's his recommendation to continue with Travelers and move forward with this quote which we received from Gallagher. Gallagher has agreed to not increase their broker service fees for this new contract, which is not their standard practice. They did that because of the increases elsewhere, which is a consideration to us for being a long-term client. This will need to be with an emergency clause because it has to be renewed by October first.

There were no questions and Chair Davis read the committee report and asked for a motion.

Motion made by Mr. Schneider, second by Mrs. Siwierka to authorize an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into insurance contracts for 2026.
MOTION CARRIES COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

4. The matter of Elyria Fire Department property which is unfit for use and to be taken out of service and to be disposed of.

Referred By: Fire Chief Pronesti

Dir Pyanowski said this is for extrication equipment, jaws of life, which are equipment that spreads and cuts metal and have a hydraulic nature. When we purchase new, we're not allowed to sell the old, so the disposal process is to take to the scrap yard and we need to show proof that the old was scraped, which is the agreement.

There were no questions and Chair Davis read the committee report and asked for a motion.

Motion made by Mrs. Siwierka, second by Mr. Schneider to authorize a resolution declaring the 'said' equipment is no longer fit for city use and an ordinance authorizing the 'said' equipment to be disposed of by the best means possible.
MOTION CARRIES COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

5. The matter of Elyria Police Department property which is unfit for use and to be taken out of service and to be disposed of.

Referred By: Police Captain Palmer

Dir Pyanowski said this is to dispose of a number of Chevy Tahos which have been used by the Police Dept for a number of years and were purchased back to 2012. They have lived their useful life and they will try to sell on govdeals to try and recover what we can. They all have high mileage, rust issues and general wear and tear. Also, they are not outfitted with the cameras that we use now and it's not feasible to upgrade them. The department currently uses the Ford Explorers.

Mrs. Siwierka said that the Tahos were part of a special purchase in 2012 when there was State purchasing and they were on that list. She also asked if the City will be ordering new vehicles to replace these?

She also stated that she thinks we should be marking our Police vehicles more prominently.

Dir Pyanowski said we are buying additional vehicles. The fleet was doing well and they didn't purchase any last year, they had some in storage that they started using. But, he anticipates that they will have vehicle purchases in next year's budget. He said he met with Chief Welsh and Capt. Palmer and they discussed the matter of markings of the Police vehicles better. They are in discussions right about some designs. That process is moving forward to change the look of the vehicles.

There were no questions and Chair Davis read the committee report and asked for a motion.

Motion made by Mr. Cerra, second by Mr. Schneider to authorize a resolution declaring the 'said' equipment is no longer fit for city use and an ordinance authorizing the 'said' equipment to be disposed of by the best means possible.
MOTION CARRIES COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

6. The matter of Amendments to the 2025 Permanent Appropriations Ordinance.

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

Finance Dir said they have 5 appropriation changes this evening. 1.) 2016 ½% Income Tax fund – Street Dept., Operating & Maintenance – adding \$26,500 for cost of new street pavement management project. 2.) Muni Motor Tax Fund, moving \$65,760 from Capital Outlay into Debt Service for SIB Loan payment for Cleveland/E Bridge and E Broad Improvement project, that will be the first debt payment on those loans. The last 3 are General Fund, HR Dept., he originally reduced their request by \$45,000, they have since convinced that they need that money, will add \$40,000 to operating & maintenance for education & training and the DEI program. The next is in the Building Dept, Housing Code Enforcement, adding \$25,000 to the Demo line item for demos that will be scheduled and to cover the cost of those. The last is in the General Fund, Clerk of Courts and adding \$50,000 for additional postage because of the increase of Income Tax cases that are being heard and increase in postage rates.

Mrs. Siwierka asked if the HR Dir can give a report to Council of how they are going to spend \$40,000 in the last three months of the year, that's a lot of money for 500 employees.

Dir Pyanowski asked if she would be comfortable circulating an email explaining that?

Mrs. Siwierka said that everyone appreciates when the department heads give their reports to council.

Motion made by Mrs. Siwierka, second by Mr. Cerra to authorize an ordinance to amend the 'said' permanent appropriations as per attached.
MOTION CARRIES COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

Chair Davis asked for a motion to adjourn The Finance Committee Meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Cerra and second by Mr. Schneider to adjourn the Finance Committee Meeting at 7:22 P.M.

MOTION CARRIES

The Next Finance Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 29th, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Colleen Rosado, Secretary/Administrative Assistant