

**The FINANCE COMMITTEE held a meeting on Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026 beginning at 6:10 P.M.**

**FINANCE PRESENT:** Chair Tollett, Cerra, Schneider, Van Wormer  
**COM DEV PRESENT:** Chair Schneider, Mitchell, Rothgery, Doehne  
**OTHERS PRESENT:** Armstrong, Oswald  
**EXCUSED ABSENCE:** Lipian, Davis

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Law Dir Deery, Safety Svc Dir Pyanowski, Mayor Brubaker, Finance Dir Pileski, Asst Dir Calvert, Public Works Sup Conner

**1. The matter of approval of meeting minutes from the Finance Committee Meeting, which took place on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026, as circulated on February 2, 2026.**

Motion made by Mr. Cerra and seconded by Mr. Van Wormer to approve the 'said' 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

Sup Conner said this list has 14 accounts and totals \$14,446.32 that are past-due and final accounts and some are multi-unit accounts and handful of sewer and sanitation only accounts.

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

**Motion made by Mr. Schneider, second by Mr. Cerra to authorize a resolution to certify said charges as liens to the LC Auditor's Office.**

**MOTION CARRIES COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN**

**3. The matter of accepting the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council, (NOPEC) Energized Community Grant for 2026.**

Referred By: Mayor Brubaker

Mayor Brubaker said this is an annual grant from NOPEC. This year's amount is just under \$99,000. We have used monies from NOPEC in the past for energy efficient windows here in City Hall. Last year they used it to upgrade the lights at Finwood and in Ely Square. We currently have about \$135,000 in the fund, not counting the \$99,000 for this year. He is currently working with NOPEC to create grant funds available to residents for replacement of energy efficient furnaces, HVAC and hot water tanks. He is waiting to hear back from NOPEC if that's an eligible use. This money is technically coming from the residents and he wants to give it back to them. He will bring that request back to committee in the future.

This request for this evening is to accept the grant.

Mr. Van Wormer asked how long the City has been in this relationship with NOPEC and do we foresee this continuing?

Mayor Brubaker said this has been the better part of 20 years with NOPEC. We are one of about 175 communities that are a part of NOPEC. He sees the City to continue this for the foreseeable future. We receive about \$97,000 to \$98,000 a year in grant dollars which is based on how much energy is consumed by those that are participating in the program.

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

**Motion made by Mr. Schneider, seconded by Mr. Cerra to authorize an ordinance to accept the 'said' grant. Emergency clause is requested due to deadline.**

**MOTION CARRIES COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN**

#### **4. The matter of amendments to the 2026 Temporary Appropriations.**

Referred By: Finance Directors Pileski and Farrell

*[Standing Referral].*

There were no appropriation changes for this evening's meeting.

*Chair Tollett asked the Clerk's office to remove one item from the pending items on the agenda. The item to be removed is the matter of addressing the salaries of City Council members.*

*Chair Tollett said that is all the business of this evening's Finance Meeting and he asked for a motion to adjourn.*

**Motion made by Mr. Cerra and second by Mr. Van Wormer to adjourn the Finance Committee Meeting at 6:15 P.M.**

**MOTION CARRIES**

**That concluded this evening's meetings.**

***The Next Finance Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026.***

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Colleen Rosado, Secretary/Administrative Assistant