Meeting Minutes of the **FINANCE COMMITTEE held a meeting on Monday, June 8th, 2026 beginning at 8:12 P.M.** *Circulated 6/26/2026*

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Brubaker, Law Dir Deery, Safety Svc Dir Pyanowski, Finance Dir Pileski, Finance Dir Farrell, Asst Dir Calvert, Planning Dir Schoenig, Engineer Schneider, Public Works Supt Conner, CD Mgr. Almobayyed

1.The matter of approval of meeting minutes from the Finance Committee Meeting, which took place on May 26th, 2026, *as circulated on 6/1/2026.*
Motion made by Mr. Van Wormer and seconded by Mr. Schneider 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

Supt Conner said the list which was approved by the Resolution board was an amount of $18,334.99. There are two accounts that are substantially high primarily because of water leaks. The department had no dialogue with those account holders.

Chair Tollett wanted to tell the committee that he had a leak in his residence this past winter, a water line froze and broke and Dir Conner walked him through the process and he can't say enough for what she and her staff does for the residents.

There were no questions and Chair Tollett read the committee report and asked for a motion.
Motion made by Mr. Cerra, second by Mr. Schneider 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 the 2027 Tax Budget.
Referred By: Finance Directors Pileski and Farrell *[Standing Referral].*

Finance Dir Pileski said everyone has received the 2027 Tax Budget. They prepare and submit this document every July to the Lorain County Budget Commission. This becomes our starting document for how much we can appropriate by fund type for the following year. The first column is the estimated balance of cash at the end of December of 2026 and the beginning of 2027 by fund type.
We have to report estimated real estate taxes and local government allocations separately. And then all revenue items are under 'other sources. This is all done by fund type; general fund, TIF fund, special revenue fund, debt service fund, capital

project funds, enterprise funds, internal service funds, trust and custodial funds and Elyria Public Library fund. We have in all about 80 funds. Once this document is passed by City Council, it will be submitted to the Lorain County Budget Commission. It will be amended at the end of the year, beginning of the next year to replace the estimated cash balance with actual cash balance and it will be amended throughout the course of the next year as revenues come in or don't come in and as they appropriate funds and do the final budget in March 2027.
The general fund beginning balance going in to 2027, he is still anticipating that the cash balance will drop by 3.2 million and he estimates that we will be starting with just shy of 9.3 million at the beginning of 2027. He is still looking at taking a conservative approach and will be depleting more cash balance in 2027. He has it down of just shy of 3.5 million at the end of 2027, but, he thinks it will be better than that, but, that's where he'll start in the general fund. All the other funds are typical. Upon council's approval, he will submit this to the Budget Commission.
Chair Tollett thanked Dir Pileski for his decades award-winning work.

There were no questions and Chair Tollett read the committee report and asked for a motion.
Motion made by Mr. Van Wormer second by Mr. Davis to authorize the Finance Director to establish the Tax Budget for the year 2027. Emergency clause.
MOTION CARRIES   COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

4. The matter of amendments to the 2026 Permanent Appropriations.
Referred By: Finance Directors Pileski and Farrell *[Standing Referral].*

Dir Pileski said there are two this evening. The first one being in general fund, community development department, operating & maintenance, he has $32,600 on the exhibit, but, he will change that to $30,000 based on the discussion tonight about the HVAC program. The not to exceed figure is now $130,000, and we are just adding $30,000 to that.
The second one is in the water fund, water misc. capital outlay, adding 1 million to that line item due to the discussion with engineering regarding the Gulf Road water line project, to supply water to Sheffield.

There were no further questions and Chair Tollett read the committee report and asked for a motion.
Motion made by Mr. Van Wormer seconded by Mr. Schneider to authorize approval of the 'said' appropriation changes per the attached list.
MOTION CARRIES   COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

Chair Tollett said that is all the business for this evening's Finance Meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Van Wormer and second by Mr. Cerra to adjourn the Finance Committee Meeting at 8:15 P.M.
MOTION CARRIES

The Next Finance Meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 13th, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Colleen Rosado, Secretary/Administrative Assistant