Minutes of the JOINT ~ UTILITIES and FINANCE Committee held a meeting on Monday, October 26th, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

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FINANCE PRESENT: Chair Tollett, Cerra, Schneider, Van Wormer, Davis
UTILITIES PRESENT: Chair Mitchell, Davis, Armstrong, Oswald, Rothgery
OTHERS: Doehne
ABSENT: None
OTHERS PRESENT: Safety Svc Dir Loesch, Law Dir Deery, Finance Dir Farrell, Deputy Finance Dir Tuma, Engineer Schneider, Parks Dir Reardon

1.The matter of approval of meeting minutes of the JOINT Utilities, Safety & Environment Committee and Finance Committee Meeting, which took place on October 13th, 2026, *as circulated 10/23/2026*

UTILITIES COMMITTEE:
Motion made by Mr. Oswald and seconded by Mr. Armstrong to approve the said Minutes.
MOTION CARRIES

FINANCE COMMITTEE:
Motion made by Mr. Van Wormer and seconded by Mr. Schneider to approve the said Minutes.
MOTION CARRIES

2. The matter of a 2026 Emergency Sanitary and Storm Sewer Repair Contract.
Referred By: Engineer Schneider

Engineer Schneider said this an annual contract that goes out every year or sometimes every other year depending on how much money they spend for sewer issues that pop up throughout the city. They've noticed with all the street resurfacing, they are finding a lot more repairs that need to be done. Earlier in the year they extended the previous contract by a change order and now they need to bid out for a new contract for later this year and early into 2027.

Mr. Van Wormer asked if this is a 'not to exceed' amount?

Engineer Schneider said the $400,000 was included in the budget, they actually had more than that which was used earlier this year.

There were no more questions and Chair Mitchell read the committee report and asked for a motion:
UTILITIES:
Motion made by Mrs. Davis and second by Mr. Armstrong to authorize the Mayor to advertise for bids and award the 'said' contract. Emergency Clause requested.
MOTION CARRIES COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

Chair Tollett asked for a motion from Finance.

FINANCE:

Motion made by Mr. Cerra and second by Mr. Schneider to authorize the Mayor to advertise for bids and award the 'said' contract. Emergency Clause requested.
MOTION CARRIES COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

3. The matter of a contract for professional engineering services for the Spring Valley Stormwater Improvement Project.
Referred By: Engineer Schneider

Engineer Schneider said this is an area of the city which does not have storm sewers. It was originally developed as a township. As moving forward to start the assessment program, they are looking to do the preliminary design to essentially go out to survey the area and look for the best locations for outfalls, look at elevations in the roadway and figure out how they will send things and size things up. At this time, they will start the preliminary design. They will be coming back to council for individual projects before bidding out later on. This preliminary cost is $214,000 and they ask to pass this as emergency.

Mr. Oswald is very happy about this, he has been discussing this with Engineering for the last five years. We are now at step one and this will be a long process with lots of steps and phases. There have been meetings where residents have met and spoke out about these issues. There will be around 500 homes that will be involved with this project. He hopes they can figure this out with limited costs to the residents. He thanked the Engineering Dept. for getting this started.

Mrs. Rothgery asked what the perimeters of the area are?

Engineer Schneider said the area is the Turnpike north to the Whitman ditch, east, Abbe Road and west to Gulf Road, (including Gulf Road). It does not include Overbrook at this time.

Mr. Schneider asked if the ditches along the roads will be filled in or does that not apply?

Engineer Schneider said the plan is not to curb the entire area. Some ditches will be left, but probably not as deep, flatter and not as deep. The plan would be to install a drain in each front yard which would give access as part of their lateral to their house and the front yard can drain into it. Some drains will be in the ditches.

Mr. Schneider asked if the city will have to acquire easements?

Engineer Schneider said it's too early to tell if we would need to do that. There are a number of locations where we do have easements because we do have some outfalls out there. The size of the easements and how they're defined could be something they would have to come back to council for.

Mr. Oswald asked if Berkley will be a part of this. At one time, one side of Berkley was in the city and one side of the street was in the township, so, there was a little discrepancy. He wondered if this project would clean up some of the issues they've had on Berkley? Or is that too early to determine that?

Engineer Schneider said, yes, it's too early, but he said there is a large outfall on Berkley and that would be one location they would highly use to send water.

There were no more questions and Chair Mitchell read the committee report and asked for a motion:
UTILITIES:
Motion made by Mr. Oswald and second by Mrs. Rothgery to authorize the Mayor to enter into the 'said' contract for preliminary plans. Emergency clause.
MOTION CARRIES COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

Chair Tollett asked for a motion from Finance.
FINANCE:
Motion made by Mr. Schneider and second by Mr. Van Wormer to authorize the Mayor to enter into the 'said' contract for preliminary plans. Emergency clause.
MOTION CARRIES COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

4. The matter of applying for a Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant through ODNR for the West Park Skate Park Project.
Referred By: Parks Dir Reardon

Dir Reardon said the department has received this grant in the past for West Park, one for the Pickleball courts, one for the playground and now they want to apply for it again, this time for the skate park project. So, this matter is for permission to apply for this grant for the skate park project.

Mrs. Rothgery asked if there is a dollar amount?

Dir Reardon said this is a matching grant. They will apply for $400,000, the total for the project would be around $800,000. They will also apply for CDBG funds for next year. If everything works out, the city would be left to pay $240,000, which would come out of the Parks 2016 ½ percent income tax fund. This project won't go until 2028. We apply for this grant now, we won't find out if we will receive funds until the Spring of 2027 but, we won't get the contract until October of 2027, which will push the project into 2028, this is a rough timeline.

Mr. Armstrong thanked the Director for searching for this money for this project.

There were no more questions and Chair Mitchell read the committee report and asked for a motion:
UTILITIES:
Motion made by Mr. Armstrong and second by Mrs. Rothgery to authorize the Mayor to apply for 'said' grant. Emergency clause requested due to grant deadline.
MOTION CARRIES COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

Chair Tollett asked for a motion from Finance.

FINANCE:

Motion made by Mr. Cerra and second by Mr. Schneider to authorize the Mayor to apply for the 'said' grant. Emergency clause requested due to grant deadline.
MOTION CARRIES COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

There was no further business to come before the Utilities, Safety & Environment Committee and Chair Mitchell asked for a motion to adjourn the Utilities portion of the evening's meetings.

Motion made by Mr. Armstrong and second by Mrs. Rothgery to adjourn the Utilities Safety & Environment Committee portion of this evening's meetings at 6:15 P.M.
MOTION CARRIES

This evening's meetings continued with The Finance Committee which was called to order at 6:17 P.M.

The Next Joint Utilities and Finance Committee Meeting will take place on Monday, November 9th, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Colleen Rosado, Secretary/Administrative Assistant