

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
2-2-2021 AT 6 PM  
ZOOM



The meeting was called to order by Chairman Figy at 6PM. In attendance were Committee members Matthews-Kane and Sullivan. Also in attendance were Lenore Bernashe, Mark Cressotti, Steve Zawada, Mayor Humason, and Vicki Moro.

Councilor Matthews-Kane made a motion to accept the minutes of the 1-19-2021 Finance Committee meeting. Councilor Sullivan seconded the motion which passed 3-0. Voting yes was Councilors Figy, Matthews-Kane, and Sullivan.

Councilor Sullivan made a motion to approve the appropriation of \$1,000,000.00 from Stabilization Account to Engineering Department, Construction Account for the following construction projects,

- a) \$430,000.00 to pave City View Boulevard
- b) \$300,000.00 to pave Hillside Road
- c) \$270,000.00 to reconstruct sidewalks on Union Street

Councilor Sullivan asked the City Engineer how these specific streets were chosen given the number of streets that need work. The City Engineer stated that these streets were chosen due to the amount of traffic and road conditions. There is a list of potential roads that are waiting for repairs. These particular roads are heavily traveled and in need of repairs and were chosen by the Mayor and the Engineer in consultation with the DPW. These will be mill and overlay projects.

In regards to the Union St. Sidewalks, this area was chosen because of the foot traffic and from citizen complaints. This project will complete some missing sections around the Powdermill Complex. They will also connect the PVRTA bus stop which is heavily used. Past attempts to reconstruct these sidewalks with HUD funds was unsuccessful. If this appropriation passes, there will be a community outreach to the neighborhood to explain the project. The motion passed 3-0 with Councilors Figy, Matthews-Kane, and Sullivan voting yes.

Councilor Matthew-Kane made a motion, which was seconded by Councilor Sullivan, to approve the appropriation of \$46,028.00 from the Stabilization account to the Technology Center as follows:

- a) Allocation for one tech position

- \$15,175.00 to full time salary account
- \$ 22.00 to travel stipend account
- b) Allocation to part time hourly position
- \$8,000.00 to part time hourly position
- c) Allocate to one database admin position
- \$22,520.00 to full time salary position
- \$111.00 to travel stipend account

Councilor Sullivan sked Ms. Bernashe to break down each request. Ms. Bernashe explained that the additional Tech would increase the number of employees available to assist the city, parents and students in the day and age of remote working and learning. The addition to the part time account would allow for the increase in a current employee weekly hour from 14 to 19. It would also allow for the potential to add ana additional part time employee. The Data Administrator would be a new position. The requested positions have been asked for in prior budgets but have been cut in the final budget. The need for Tech support has increase dramatically in this time of remote learning and work. The Tech Center helps Employees, Parents and Students with their remote needs. The school department has increased their number of Chrome Books from 1600 to 6000. The repair and programming needs do not end.

Councilor Sullivan asked the Mayor and Auditor Moro why they decided to use Stabilization instead of Free Cash. They stated that the funds were cut from the. 2021 budget and when the funds became available later in the year and went into stabilization. Councilor Sullivan commented that he understood but Siamization takes 9 votes and Free Cash takes 7 to pass.

Chair Figy asked Ms. Bernashe if this request was adequate? She replied that it is a start that will allow for the current needs of her department. In a perfect world she would be asking for more.

The motion passed 3-0 with Councilors Figy, Matthews-Kane, and Sullivan voting yes.

Councilor Matthews-Kane made a motion to adjourn which Councilor Sullivan seconded. The motion passed 3-0 with Councilor Figy, Matthews-Kane, and Sullivan voting Yes

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:24PM.

Respectfully submitted  
Ralph Figy, Chair

