

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
6-1-21 AT 5:30 PM
ZOOM



The meeting was called to order by Chairman Figy at 5:30 PM. In attendance were Committee members Councilor Ralph Figy, Councilor Bridget Matthews-Kane and Councilor Richard K. Sullivan, Jr. Also, in attendance were City Councilor William Onyski, IT Support Staff Mark St. Jean and Scribe of the Finance Committee Marisa Colon.

Councilor Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Councilor Matthews-Kane, to APPROVE the acceptance of the Finance Committee minutes from May 18, 2021. The motion passed 3-0 with Councilors Figy, Matthews-Kane, and Sullivan voting YES.

Chairman Figy asked if anyone from the public would like to speak during public participation. There was no one from the public who spoke.

Councilor Matthews-Kane made a motion, seconded by Councilor Sullivan, to APPROVE at transfer of \$30,000 from Severance (account #67004400-519900) to Purchase of Service (account #67004400-520000) for funding a proposal for Design and Bidding Services for Big Stuart Pump Station Replacement.

Councilor Figy opened the floor to discuss the first item. He stated that there was no one from the Department of Public Works present to answer questions at this time. Councilor Sullivan asked why is there extra money in the severance account. He asked Councilor Figy if it was due to someone not retiring and if that can be confirmed. Councilor Figy stated that could be the reason and further explained that the Big Stuart Pump Station is most likely the worst out of the four pumps that is in desperate need of repair. He expressed the hope of being able to use money from the CARES Act so as not to solely rely on city funding. Councilor Sullivan stated that although these are Sewer and Waste water projects, he agreed with Councilor Figy that they should be eligible to receive direct funding from the CARES Act or be reimbursed via money from the CARES Act. Chairman Figy stated he will ask Interim Superintendent of the Public Works Department, Francis Cain questions regarding the funding of the project. Roll Call vote was made and the motion passed 3-0 with Councilors Figy, Matthews-Kane and Sullivan voting YES.

Councilor Figy introduced the next item on the agenda, the upcoming Budget Committee meetings of the whole. He stated that as of June 1, 2021, each department will present their budget to the Finance Committee of the whole and the schedule is as follows:

DATE	TIME	DEPARTMENT
June 10 th	6 PM	Public Hearing
June 10 th	7 PM	Assessor Department
		Law Department
		Treasurer/Collector
		School Department
June 14 th	6 PM	City Council (Enterprise Funds)
		City Clerk/Licensing
		Mayor
		Auditor
		Flood Control
		Engineering
		Fire/Ambulance
June 16 th	6 PM	Health/Landfill
		Community Development/Planning Department
		C O A
		Veterans
		Purchasing
		Building
June 17 th	6 PM	D P W
	7 PM	City Council Meeting
June 21 st	6 PM	Police
June 24 th	6 PM	Special City Council Meeting for Budget Reconciliation
	7 PM	Special City Council Meeting for approval or rejection of the 2022 City Budget

Councilor Figy asked Councilor Sullivan to research the details of the two grants for the Westfield-Barnes Regional Airport that will be presented to the Finance Committee as a whole at the June 3rd City Council Meeting. Councilor Sullivan stated that he believes it is relative to the Avgas Self-Serve Facility but will contact Airport Manager Christopher J. Willenborg for the details. Councilor Figy stated, as he understood it, the project will be an increase in revenue and a decrease of expense in labor. He mentioned that there is a local share attached to the acceptance of the grants and the details of the financial breakdown is available. Chairman Figy asked if there were any questions or discussions regarding the budget hearings or any other matter. Hearing none, Councilor Figy set the next Finance Committee meeting for Tuesday, June 15th at 5:30 PM, with all members in agreement. He stated that some of the items that will be discussed are bonds to replace the pool at the high school, science labs and a couple of the master controls for the middle school.

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

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:38 PM

Respectfully submitted
Marisa Colon, Scribe of the Finance Committee



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