

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

July 6, 2023 at 6:30 PM

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The meeting was called to order by Chair Bridget Matthews-Kane at 6:30 PM. In attendance were Finance Committee members Councilor Bridget Matthews-Kane, Councilor Richard K. Sullivan, Jr. and Councilor Brent Bean. Also in attendance was Airport Manager Christopher Willenborg and Scribe of the Finance Committee Karisa Zerbato.

Councilor Matthews-Kane asked if anyone from the public would like to speak during public participation. There were no speakers for public participation.

A motion was made by Councilor Sullivan for the acceptance of a Grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 from the Massachusetts Governor's Military Taskforce to the Westfield Barnes Regional Airport to be used for the Taxiway B North intersection with runway 15-33. The motion was seconded by Councilor Bean.

Prior to the vote, Christopher Willenborg stated several months ago the MassDOT Aeronautics Division provided a \$50,000.00 Grant that was accepted for this study. This is the remaining \$50,000.00 towards the total cost of \$100,000.00 for the study. There is no local share. The feasibility study will look at the intersection of where Taxiway B North intersects with Runway 15-33 where currently there is a safety issue. The construction of the project is 4-5 years out. Councilor Sullivan asked if the same funding sources that are typically received will be used for the construction project. Mr. Willenborg confirmed and stated the funding sources would include the FAA, DOD, MassDOT and a City share. The motion passed 3-0 with Councilor Bean, Councilor Sullivan and Councilor Matthews-Kane voting YES.

A motion was made by Councilor Bean for the acceptance of a Grant in the amount of \$48,400.15 from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety & Security Military Division to the Westfield-Barnes Regional Airport to assist with costs associated with the re-painting of airfield markings. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sullivan.

Prior to the vote, Christopher Willenborg stated over the years \$50,000.00 or \$75,000.000 is budgeted yearly for markings. This year the 104th Fighter Wing through the Executive Office of Public Safety and the Security Military Division is funding their share of the markings which is \$48,400.15. The dollar amount is based on joint use areas. The City amount is \$68,000.00 for the markings. The markings will happen at the end of July before the FAA Inspection. The City share is in the FY 2023 budget and will carry over into the FY 2024 budget. Councilor Matthews-Kane asked if there is a match every year. Mr. Willenborg confirmed and stated that the agreement is trying to be formalized better. Mr. Willenborg stated there is a good rotation to when the work is completed. The motion passed 3-0 with Councilor Bean, Councilor Sullivan and Councilor Matthews-Kane voting YES.

A motion was made by Councilor Bean to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilor Matthews-Kane. The motion passed 3-0 with Councilor Bean, Councilor Sullivan and Councilor Matthews-Kane voting YES.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karisa Zerbato

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