

Finance Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
May 17 2021
5:45pm

The Finance Committee met in Council Chambers May 17, 2021 with these members in attendance:

Doug Marmie – Chair
Ryan Bubb
Jeff Harris
Jonathan Lang
Jeremy Blake

We wish to report :

1. Consider **Resolution No 21-31Expedite** A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Section 1. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 153 Comp Abs Fund, in the amount of \$4,000.00 (Payout for firefighter Chris Reyes)

153.205.5144	Termination Vacation	3,000.00
153.205.5145	Termination Comp	1,000.00

Safety Director Tim Hickman – This is a payout for a resigning firefighter
Motion to send to full council by Mr. Bubb, Second by Mr. Lang, motion passed 5-0

2. Consider **Resolution No 21-32** A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Section 1. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 100 General Fund, in the amount of \$3,022,000.00

100.111.5901335	Projects	3,022,000.00
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Mayor Jeff Hall – This is an amount of unappropriated money that we received unexpectedly through a workers comp refund that we received from the State, that will be used for various projects.

Motion to send to full council by Mr. Lang, second by Mr. Harris.

Mr. Marmie – Just to make everyone aware of what this is going towards, \$1.5 million will go towards paving, \$100k for a pedestrian walkway for safety concerns, a fire station roof replacement, some maintenance of utility lines and city hall also has a roof replacement that we need to take care of. We actually did a patch job on it previously and now it's needing done. So, those are the items where this is going.

Mr. Blake – I just wanted to get an understanding, so considering the health pandemic that's happened, it's kind of unusual for us to get a \$2 million workers comp refund, so I just wanted to know a little more about why we are getting that. Is it because of the pandemic or was there an over collection in income tax, can you talk a little more about that.

Mayor Hall – Sure, actually workers comp was \$3 million and that was much higher partly because I think they had better returns on their moneys. In the past we have had to re-allocate those funds back into the prospective departments that generated those payments. This time we're very fortunate, didn't expect it, the amount can all be in the general fund and used accordingly, so we're very happy about that. A few years back, maybe 5 years, we used to pay in arrears and now we pay up front and at the end of the day they're getting favorable returns on that and their sharing that back with us. So, we're happy about that. These monies, which we'll probably discuss a little more in Capital Improvements, realistically we might have had to borrow some money and we're real fortunate now to have cash money that we can use.

Mr. Lang – Mayor, would it be reasonable to expect this kind of refund year to year or is this significantly higher than we can expect.

Mayor Hall – No, I don't think so, I'm certainly not involved in the calculation of that ,but we've gotten a couple hundred thousand back in the last 12 months, but never a number this high. Again the markets have been doing very well and I assume less people at work there's less workers comp claims, knock on wood on that, the insurance expert here would probably agree with that, I think it makes some sense, you've got less chance of getting a bump or something if you're at home than if you're wherever in your normal job. There's also less people in the workforce, so I would assume their claims are down. We don't anticipate it at all to be honest. That's nothing we plan for but it is welcome when we receive it. We don't bank on it we don't budget on it as you know, but is nice found money to be used for these projects.

Mr. Lang – Thanks for previewing, we'll go through in more detail in Capital Improvements.

Motion passed 5-0

Finance Meeting stands adjourned

Doug Marmie, Chair