

Finance Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
September 20, 2021
5:45pm

The Finance Committee met in Council Chambers September 20, 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 21-59 Expedite** A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (\$6,310.00 (STEP/IDEP OT)
Safety Director, Tim Hickman – This is a request for overtime funds for the impaired driving enforcement program and the selective traffic enforcement program.
Motion to send to full council by Mr. Bubb, second by Mr. Harris, motion passed 5-0
2. Consider **Resolution No. 21-60** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 BODY WORN CAMERA GRANT FUNDING.
Safety Director, Tim Hickman – The state of Ohio will be awarding over the next few years \$10 million for body worn cameras for local law enforcement agencies. This is a request for us to apply for some of those funds.
Motion to send to full council by Mr. Lang, second by Mr. Bubb
Mr. Lang – Mr. Hickman, I just wanted to applaud you guys for going out and getting the grants. This is something that I myself and councilman Rath support heavily along with others on council, so I'm glad we're going out and getting that done.
Mr. Marmie – Is there a required match or is there a limit?
Director Hickman – No sir, there is no match. This is one where we would have to pay up front and then be reimbursed those funds.
Mr. Marmie – Fantastic, do we have an estimate yet of what we're going to apply for?
Director Hickman – Yes, we're applying for \$240,000. We had a couple different options. There was a lease option or a purchase option. We're trying to get the lease option, where we will lease some of the equipment and purchase some of the equipment. The advantage to the lease is this will take us out 5 years. The lease is for 5 years. You get tech support, you get replacement for damaged cameras, there's a lot more that comes with it. If you just buy them and they break, you have to pay to replace them, this way it gives us some protection and ability to try to control our costs a little bit down the road.
Mr. Marmie – That's very exciting news. I know like Mr. Lang said, a lot of us fully support the body cameras, so I hope that comes very quickly.
Mr. Blake – Director, what's the timeline for when this grant goes through, when we will actually see it?

Director Hickman – That I'm not sure. I believe the grant is up the first part of October, we're asking this be expedited so we can get it in time, so I can't give you a timeline, I can ask Barbara to see if maybe she would have a better idea on that.

Motion passed 5-0

3. Consider **Resolution No. 21-62** A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

(\$3,945.40 (Insurance monies for power surge damage to security access panels for entry doors)

Service Director, David Rhodes – These are insurance dollars that we would like to have appropriated back into maintenance, building and grounds. We had a power surge in the security access panels to the entryway doors here at City Hall. Instead of just paying for it, we filed an insurance claim.

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

Mr. Marmie – Is this going to raise our insurance premiums?

Director Rhodes – I hope not, but it seems like it's up every year!

Motion passed 5-0

4. Other items at the discretion of the chair

Doug Marmie, Chair