

Finance Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
May 7, 2019

The Finance Committee met in Council Chambers on Monday May 6, 2019 with these members in attendance:

Doug Marmie
Jeremy Blake
Mark Labutis for Ryan Bubb
Bill Cost Jr.
Mark Fraizer

We Wish to Report:

1. **Resolution No. 19-40** appropriating monies for the current expenses of the municipal corporation was considered.- Expedite

Section 1. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 153 Compensated Absences Fund, in the amount of \$6500.00 (Payout Shelly McKinney)

Account	Description	Amount
153.112.5144	Termination Vacation	\$5500.00
153.112.5145	Termination Comp	1000.00

Mayor Hall- that comes out of the Judicial Department and one of their long time employees is retiring.

Motion by Mr. Fraizer to send to full Council, second by Mr. Labutis

Section 2. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 153 Compensated Absences Fund, in the amount of \$31,500.00.00 (Payout Edward Bolen)

Account	Description	Amount
153.302.5143	Termination Sick	\$9500.00
153.302.5144	Termination Vacation	15,500.00

153.302.5145	Termination Comp	6,500.00
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Mayor Hall- Ed Bolen has worked in the Street Department and he is retiring.
Motion by Mr. Fraizer to send to full Council, second by Mr. Cost
Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Section 3. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 153 Compensated Absences Fund, in the amount of \$1200.00 (Payout Michael Duncan)

Account	Description	Amount
153.202.5144	Termination Vacation	\$1200.00

Director Baum- Michael Duncan has elected to resign and go to work somewhere else and this is his payout.
Motion by Mr. Fraizer to send to full Council, second by Mr. Labutis
Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Section 4. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 669 Storm Water Utility Fund, in the amount of \$500,000.00 (Arlington Ave & 40th St Storm Water Work)

Account	Description	Amount
669.169.5527	Storm Lines	\$500,000.00

Roger Loomis- this is money for two projects; the Arlington Avenue Safe Routes to school project that ODOT is doing in that area and for our 40th Street project we are doing some storm water lines.

Motion by Mr. Fraizer to send to full Council, second by Mr. Cost

Mr. Fraizer- will this cover everything for the projects?

Roger Loomis- we are hoping that it will take care of everything but we haven't bid them out yet so until we do and the project gets going it is always a possibility that we could run into something that could cost more but our original estimates are \$250,000.00 each.

Mr. Rath- what kind of work are you doing on 40th Street?

Roger Loomis- that is part of our Tamarack Transmission project, we are putting a new 18 inch water line down the road. We are putting in some curve gutter and catch basins and doing some other storm water work. We will basically be rebuilding the road from Cherry Valley to the end. This won't be bid until December so it will be next year when it gets paved.

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Section 5. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 152 Budget Stabilization Fund, in the amount of \$274,000.00 (Purchase of Cruisers and Detective Cars)

Account	Description	Amount
152.100.5901100	OPT	\$274,000.00

Director Baum- this is for the purchase of four outfitted cruisers plus two detective cars. This is a series of monetary transfers to remove \$274,000.00 from the rainy day fund to the General Fund and then from the General Fund into Capital Improvements.

Motion by Mr. Fraizer to send to full Council, second by Mr. Labutis

Mr. Fraizer- where does this leave our balance in the rainy day fund?

Director Baum- at over half a million dollars.

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Section 6. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 100 General Fund, in the amount of \$274,000.00 (Purchase of Cruisers and Detective Cars)

Account	Description	Amount
100.111.5901335	OPT	\$274,000.00

Motion by Mr. Fraizer to send to full Council, second by Mr. Labutis

Mr. Fraizer- when do you think that we will get the cruisers and the cars?

Director Baum- unfortunately in 2020 the police interceptor line is going with a hybrid understanding that a hybrid is because cruisers idle a long time during their shift. This will be the type of car that will be partially electric; it will shut off while in hybrid mode. When you put your foot on the accelerator the gas will kick in. Everybody is excited to try one of these. October is the first that is with ordering them now they told us that is when can expect to take possession. Basically a 2020 will be coming off of the line more towards 2021. This first year will be an off year. It is \$56,000.00 for each cruiser then \$25,000.00 for each plain car. That is fully equipped.

Mr. Rath- are these cars being used anywhere else yet?

Director Baum- it is first year production for them

Mr. Rath- we don't have any idea what a maintenance record will be for them?

Director Baum- no but the city through the Police Department always buys a warranty. If they are a dud then Ford is in trouble because everybody is buying

these that is why we can't get one until October. It is a good green purchase, if what Ford is saying with the gas tax coming in making gas prices higher these will allegedly save up to \$1200.00 of gas hours in a space of a year.

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

2. **Resolution No. 19-41** authorizing and directing the Mayor of the City of Newark to submit an application to the Ohio Department of Public Safety Office for federal fiscal year 2020 Ohio Traffic Safety Grants Programs: selective traffic enforcement program (STEP), the impaired driving enforcement program (IDEP), and drugged driving enforcement program (DDEP) was considered.

Barbara Gilkes- the three grants are offered through the Division of Highway Patrol Division within the Division of Ohio Department of Public Safety and Newark is eligible for all three of them.

Motion by Mr. Fraizer to send to full Council, second by Mr. Cost

Mr. Fraizer- we have gotten these grants before correct?

Barbara Gilkes- yes

Mr. Fraizer- when will they be awarded?

Barbara Gilkes- they follow the Federal Fiscal year so they would start October 1 through September 30th.

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

3. **Resolution No. 19-43** directing the application of increased gasoline and diesel tax revenues exclusively to paving projects was considered.

Director Rhodes- as we know the gas tax is going up and what that means to us locally is about a 1.1 million increase in revenue. You have to put 7.5% of that into the Ohio Highway Program that is a cost that we do that now; we are asking for another 5% of that to into the Street Traffic Department leaving 87.5% approximately \$960,000.00 a year to go directly into the Engineer's budget for street maintenance and paving. What this does by taking it through Council it locks this amount down for future administration for future Councils so it would take Council action to undo this.

Motion by Mr. Fraizer to send to full Council, second by Mr. Labutis

Mr. Fraizer- if the gas tax were to increase again would it take another Council action to designate the increased revenue for that as well?

Director Rhodes- we have a formula in there that I think would be retroactive but I will work with the Law Director and see if not we will come back and see you again.

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Doug Marmie, Chair