

## Finance Committee Minutes

Honorable Council  
City of Newark, Ohio  
October 8, 2019

The Finance Committee met in Council Chambers on Monday October 7, 2019 with these members in attendance:

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

We Wish to Report:

1. **Resolution No. 19- 70** 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 Abs Fund, in the amount of \$5,600.00 (Payout to Joan Spring)

Account	Description	Amount
153.131.5143.	Termination Sick	\$100.00
153.131.5144	Termination Vacation	5,500.00

**Mayor Hall-** Joan was a member of the Income Tax Department who is retiring.  
**Motion by Mr. Bubb to send to full Council, second by Mr. Fraizer**  
**Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.**

Section 2. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 153 Compensated Abs Fund, in the amount of \$27,100.00 (Payout to William Powell)

Account	Description	Amount
153.205.5143.	Termination Sick	\$5100.00
153.205.5144	Termination Vacation	22,000.00

**Director Baum-** this is a Fire Department resignation.  
**Motion by Mr. Bubb to send to full Council, second by Mr. Fraizer**  
**Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.**

Section 3. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 231 Probation Grant Fund, in the amount of \$2,806.21 (Funds not used return to State)

Account	Description	Amount
231.231.5289	Other Intra/Inter Govt. Billing	\$2,806.21

**Director Saad-** this is an old grant that we had back in fiscal year 2015, we no longer have this grant and it was discovered about a month ago that we had some money left in the account so we need to give it back to the State.  
**Motion by Mr. Bubb to send to full Council, second by Mr. Fraizer**  
**Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.**

- Resolution No. 19- 71** appropriating monies for the current expenses of the municipal corporation was considered.

Section 1. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 100 General Fund, in the amount of \$2,035.00 (sale of vehicle)

Account	Description	Amount
100.204.5532	Vehicles	\$2,035.00

**Director Baum-** the Fire Department sold a vehicle on Gov Deals and this is the money they want to appropriate back into that account.  
**Motion by Mr. Bubb to send to full Council, second by Mr. Fraizer**  
**Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.**

- Resolution No. 19-74** authorizing and directing the Mayor of the City of Newark to prepare and submit to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) a five year consolidated plan and a one year use of funds/action plan along with an application for FY 2020 Federal Community Development Block Grant funds (CDBG), as required by 24 CFR part 91.220, for various programs related to housing and community development was considered.

**Barbara Gilkes-** this is our annual legislation but this year it also includes our five year plan for 2024 use of CDBG  
**Mr. Fraizer-** when is the deadline for application?

**Barbara Gilkes**- it all depends on when we get word from Washington. We technically have to grant ready by November 15<sup>th</sup>. We can't submit it until we get our actual allocation.

**Motion by Mr. Fraizer to send to full Council, second by Mr. Bubb**

**Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.**

4. Other items at the discretion of the chair.

Consider bring Resolution No. 19-48 appropriating monies for the current expenses of the municipal corporation.

Section 1. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 152 Budget Stabilization Fund, in the amount of \$30,000.00 (Homeless Consultant)

Account	Description	Amount
152.100.590110 0	OPT	\$30,000.00

Section 2. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 100 General Fund, in the amount of \$30,000.00 (Homeless Consultant)

Account	Description	Amount
100.121.5238	Services	\$30,000.00

**Motion by Mr. Fraizer to bring Resolution No. 19-48 off of the table, second by Mr. Bubb**

**Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.**

Director Rhodes- when I presented this a little while ago some of the questions to me was what the total cost of the proposals would be. There are two proposals; there is one proposal for a low barrier shelter. That proposal would include an analysis, feasibility study, construction, a construction layout, operation of the shelter, it would identify the operator of the shelter and there would be public meetings held in addition. The second proposal is a comprehensive strategic plan for people that are coming to Newark without a place to live. If you put both of these proposals together the cost is a little under \$90,000.00. I am asking for \$30,000.00 the other 60,000.00 will be raised privately. There are asks out there in the community and if other entities want to get involved they certainly can. We are going to make some asks but we have

identified two proposals that we like. Again one for the shelter and one for a strategic plan. This has been a community discussion that has been held where people from The United Way, Job and Family Services and I could go on with the groups involved in the public meetings. I am asking for \$30,000.00 which would be just over 31%.

**Mr. Blake-** can we see what the proposals are? Can we get a copy of the proposals, what this money would be going towards?

**Director Rhodes-** yes but if you are asking for that tonight no because contracts have not been awarded at this point. I want to get some money in place then they will be awarded.

**Mr. Blake-** do you have a draft?

**Director Rhodes-** I have a draft I would be happy to make you a copy of these.

**Mr. Blake-** yes if you could provide them to the committee so we know what we are going to be spending it on.

**Mr. Fraizer-** is it two separate groups?

**Director Rhodes-** it is two separate groups since it hasn't been awarded to them yet we don't want to disclose that.

**Mr. Fraizer-** what is the time frame that you are looking at from the process standpoint?

**Director Rhodes-** right now we are looking at commitments. The will make a commitment then we are going to go to other community members to get commitments so I would hate to put a time frame on it because sometimes raising money is difficult but it is a very active group out there raising money. If you are asking when the shelter was closed, the shelter will close November 1<sup>st</sup> and there was a private donor for that.

**Mr. Fraizer-** on the low baring shelter the building closes and this is an operational plan as how to run it?

**Director Rhodes-** you have to take a lot of things into consideration you have single men, single women, you have married couples, married couples with animals so it would look at all those components and it would also give some thoughts on how to design it, what the operating costs of it would be, how you reach to fund those operating costs, staffing of it. The city isn't going to operate it and the city isn't going to stay if but we are working with other entities to decide who will do that.

**Mr. Marmie-** just to share what information I have gathered; part of this just like David just said is to give guidance to whoever is going to run this that hasn't been determined but it supposed to be a game plan on how you should run this shelter. The other is for the actual homelessness issue and it is not just going to be dedicated to Newark Ohio. It is going to be all of Licking County. There are other entities that should be involved, we are hoping that they are involved and if they're not we're not going to spend the money because we are not putting down all of the money for this. They do have a clear guideline on the proposals that they are wanting as far as a game plan. These two groups will be gathering

data in order to determine and having everybody together and on the same page will also help them.

**Mr. Blake-** I just hope that before Council for a final vote we have a copy of the request of the proposal so we know exactly a third will be for.

**Director Rhodes-** what I have are just bullet point notes, I don't have the full proposal here tonight.

**Mr. Blake-** I'm just saying before Council makes its' final vote if we can have that information. If we are paying a third I think that it is reasonable to know exactly what that it.

**Director Rhodes-** I will ask to get that on an email and get it out.

**Mr. Rath-** is the city going to own the homeless housing facility?

**Director Rhodes-** no

**Mr. Rath-** then who does?

**Director Rhodes-** the Evans Foundation will currently own it, they are the buyers of the building.

**Mr. Labutis-** those gathering data will that include some of the grass roots groups we have heard from?

**Director Rhodes-** yes

**Mr. Marmie-** it will include everybody and here is the difficult thing we are trying to be somewhat of a leader in this and I have been on of the strongest voices saying until I know more specifics I can't support this yet we have to start somewhere and somebody has to go out there. We can't ask for a request for proposal in a formalized fashion until everybody commits. We are committing to what we want to see which Jeremy I think that you are going to see. I haven't seen anything so don't think that I have seen anything yet. It won't be a formal request until they get the money together basically.

**Director Rhodes-** yes, we have some estimates and some proposals and the final contract will have to be line itemed and the objectives of what we want to see and what we will receive.

**Mr. Blake-** so proposals have been submitted?

**Director Rhodes-** yes but is it the final product, no.

**Mr. Blake-** but it is something we could judge on if we're going to spend \$30,000.00.

**Director Rhodes-** the things that were asked of me were the costs and a percentage and that is what I have brought forward tonight. I have brought you the cost and what the city's percentage will be. Let me be real clear if the other dollars are not raised the city is not going to spend the money. Anybody else that wants to get involved to raise money or donate is more than welcome.

**Motion by Mr. Fraizer to send to full Council on June 3, 2019, second by Mr. Cost**

**Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.**

Doug Marmie, Chair