

Finance Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
January 18, 2022
5:45pm

The Finance Committee met in Council Chambers January 18, 2022 with these members in attendance:

Doug Marmie – Chair
Spencer Barker
Cheri Hottinger
Mark Labutis – sitting in for Jonathan Lang
Michael Houser

We wish to report :

1. **Resolution No. 22-05 Expedite** 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 \$14,000 (Payout of Comp Time for Ivica Brnjic promoted to Deputy Chief)

153.202.5145	Termination Comp	14,000.00
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Safety Director, Tim Hickman – We had a recently promoted Sgt. to Deputy Chief in the NPD and he isn't allowed to carry any comp time with that promotion so this is a payout for his comp time.

Motion to send to full council by Mr. Barker, second by Mr. Labutis, motion passed 5-0

Section 2. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 153 Comp Abs Fund, in the amount of \$7,000.00 (Termination Payout for Roger Ferrell resigning 12.22.21 from Cemetery/Parks)

153.432.5144	Termination Vacation	1,500.00
153.432.5145	Termination Comp	5,500.00

Service Director, David Rhodes – This is a payout for Roger who left the Cemetery and Parks Department.

Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Barker, second by Mr. Labutis, motion passed 5-0

Section 3. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 100 General Fund, in the amount of \$13,500.00 (OPT)

100.111.5901221	OPT	13,500.00
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Director Rhodes – When we did the Street and Traffic budget we had originally asked for \$25k for temporary help, but I cut it back to \$15k which is what it was the previous year. When we input it we put in \$1,500 not \$15k, thus the request for the \$13,500.

Motion to send to full council by Mr. Barker, second by Ms. Hottinger, motion passed 5-0

Section 4. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 221 Street Fund, in the amount of \$13,500.00 (Temporary Services)

221.302.5230	Temporary Services	13,500.00
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Motion to send to full council by Mr. Barker, second by Mr. Houser, motion passed 5-0

Section 5. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 153 Comp Abs Fund, in the amount of \$23,000.00 (Payout for retiring Firefighter Michael McNamara)

153.205.5143	Termination Sick	17,500.00
153.205.5144	Termination Vacation	5,000.00
153.205.5145	Termination Comp	500.00

Director Hickman – We have a firefighter who is retiring so this will be his payout.

Motion to send to full council by Mr. Barker, second by Mr. Labutis, motion passed 5-0

Section 6. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 100 General Fund, in the amount of \$20,000 (Unemployment)

100.114.5125	Unemployment	20,000.00
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Auditor, Ryan Bubb – The HR Director couldn't be here this evening and this account needs to be funded.

Motion to send to full council by Mr. Labutis, second by Mr. Houser, motion passed 5-0

Section 7. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 100 General Fund, in the amount of \$103,290.00 (Humane Agent Services for 2020)

100.115.5238	Services General	103,290.00
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Director Hickman- This is a request for funds to enter into contract with the Licking County Humane Society to provide Humane Agent services to the city of Newark. I think it's a fair question to ask what does the City gain from this. First of all, we don't have an animal control officer. If we fill that position, according to the Auditor's office it's going to cost about \$79,000, so we're looking at a about a \$24k difference in hiring someone and contracting out, so what does that \$24k get us. First of all. We aren't just hiring a single person, we're bringing in an entire organization and all of their resources. We will have a trained humane agent who is assigned specifically to the City of Newark, we will have around the clock coverage 24/7, 365, we will have veterinary care and boarding provided for these animals and we will also free up police resources, we won't have an officer responding to every single animal welfare complaint. Lori Carlson from the Humane Society is here tonight and she and I are able to answer any questions that anyone may have.

Mr. Barker – I just want to clarify , this starts in 2022, correct? This says here for 2020.

Director Hickman – Yes, as soon as we get funds appropriated. I think that's a typo in the contract.

Motion to send to full council by Ms. Hottinger, second by Mr. Labutis

Mr. Marmie – I do have a comment, more than anything. I'm very happy and pleased that this is happening. Not only are we going to have someone to take care of this issue or concern in the City, but the reason why I also like that we are contracting it out is when we hire within we're only allowed one and we have to maintain that one, if that one goes down for any reason whether it be for like the current situation, promotion or whatever, we're down again and we're

missing that person again, we don't have a back-up system. This way we also have a back-up system, If one person leaves the job there's a back-up system and I like that for our citizens, because we've had a lag here for a little while, while we've been trying to figure out a direction to go, I do like this direction that we're going. If it doesn't work in the long run, maybe we'll have to make an adjustment, but for right now I think the Safety Director has definitely made a good decision and I'm supporting that decision. Thank you.

Motion passed 5-0

2. Resolution No. 22-07 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 \$4,241.00 (Monies from refund of stolen tractor)

100.432.5331	Machinery/Equip	4,241.00
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Director Rhodes – This is an insurance refund for a tractor that was stolen.

Motion to send to full council by Mr. Barker, second by Mr. Houser, motion passed 5-0

Section 2. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 100 General Fund, in the amount of \$3,000.00 (Monies from refund of City cases)

100.432.5238.4	Indigents	3000.00
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Director Rhodes – This is for indigent burials, we got this money back from the State and want to put it back into indigent burials.

Motion to send to full council buy Mr. Barker, second by Mr. Labutis, motion passed 5-0

Mr. Marmie – One final thing, the unappropriated balance stands at \$692,208.00 and the Budget Stabilization Fund stands at \$1,013,804.00

Finance Committee meeting stands adjourned

Doug Marmie, Chair