

Finance Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
November 7, 2022
5:45pm

The Finance Committee met in Council Chambers November 7, 2022 with these members in attendance:

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

We wish to report :

Mr. Marmie - First just to keep everybody up to date, the General Fund unappropriated balance is at \$124,264.00 and the Budget Stabilization Fund stands at \$1,057,736.00.

- 1. Ordinance No. 22-45** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE NEWARK CITY SAFETY DIRECTOR TO CERTIFY TO THE LICKING COUNTY AUDITOR, THE SUM OF \$440,515.00 INCURRED BY THE NEWARK CITY PROPERTY MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT WITH RESPECT TO PROPERTY MAINTAINENCE VIOLATIONS TO BE PLACED AS A LIEN UPON CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY SITUATED IN THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO.

Tim Hickman, Safety Director - This is the annual lien document for unpaid Property Maintenance fines.

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

Mr. Lang - Can you just talk to the process from here.

Director Hickman - It goes to the County Auditor and they place the lien on their tax record.

Mr. Lang - How long does that usually take?

Director Hickman - For it to show up on their tax document it takes about a year because it will get sent over at end of this month and by the time they process it though it lags pretty much a year behind.

Motion passed 5-0

- 2. Resolution No. 22-101** APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE 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 \$442.45 (Appropriate Funds back into Overtime from Special Duty Coverage of Hockey Game)

100.205.5118	Overtime, Fire, Uniformed	442.45
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Tim Hickman, Safety Director - This is reimbursement for the Fire Department for overtime for the hockey games they would like to put that back into their overtime funds.

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

- 3. Resolution No. 22-104 Exp** APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE 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 \$40,000.00 (Increased demand for Legal Services)

100.114.5238	Services General	40,000.00
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Bill Spurgeon, HR Director - We've had some increased bandwidth in the legal department for legal services, we'll need your support through the end of the year. We don't believe we'll need additional monies, but what I did was error on the side of a conservative ask that if we do need additional monies you'll have some opportunity to ask some questions.

Mr. Lang - If you could just speak to where some of the additional legal services are from.

Director Spurgeon - Every three years we have contract negotiations and we're in that cycle now. We've got a couple of disparate actions in arbitration, we have an EEO challenge so we'll have to defend that we also have some turnover in departments which requires some servicing as well.

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

Section 2. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 100 General Fund, in the amount of \$2012.37 (Appropriate funds back into OT from Special Duty coverage of Newark High School football season 2022)

100.205.5118	Overtime Uniformed	Fire	2012.37
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Tim Hickman, Safety Director - This is also Fire Department reimbursement for overtime from working Newark High School football games.

Motion to send to full council by Mr. Lang, second by Mr. barker, motion passed 5-0

Mr. Marmie - The next thing on the agenda is just a discussion on 22-105. We've been asked to invoke Rule 11, but we are opening it up to discussion during our committee meeting.

- 4 Consider **Resolution No. 22-105** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO MAKE APPLICATION TO AND ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK FOR A LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000,000.00 FOR THE LIC-THORNWOOD CROSSING BRIDGE AND ROADWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT, PID 87642, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE SAME AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Rule 11 to be used for this piece of legislation

Brian Morehead, City Engineer - This is an application to ODOT to their State Infrastructure Bank for a loan in the amount of \$5 million for the Thornwood Crossing Bridge Project. We have applied to the ODOT transportation review committee and this is sort of a preemptive loan if we are not approved by TRAC we would rely on this loan, if we are approved by TRAC we may not need any of this loan or we may need a portion of it. ODOT has asked us to try to move this along as quickly as possible and they are asking for approval as quickly as possible, so that's why we asked to use Rule 11 for this.

Mr. Barker - I just want to clarify, so this loan would be capped at \$5 million, if we need it.

Mr. Morehead - What we don't know is if TRAC will act and approve their list of projects in December. ODOT is filing the project and getting ready to go for March bidding right now, so they need to know about the financing before that, so we're about a month and a half to two months off.

Mr. Marmie - We will be hearing this Resolution this evening at our full council

Meeting stands adjourned

Doug Marmie, Chair