

## Finance Committee Minutes

Honorable Council  
City of Newark, Ohio  
November 7, 2023  
5:45pm

The Finance Committee met in Council Chambers November 6, 2023 with these members in attendance:

Doug Marmie – Chair  
Spencer Barker  
Bradley Chute  
Jonathan Lang  
Michael Houser

### We wish to report :

**Mr. Marmie** - The unappropriated balance of the General Fund is \$141,139.00 and the balance of the Budget Stabilization Fund is \$1,676,530.00

1. **Resolution No. 23-92** 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 \$400.00 (Request funds be appropriated into the equipment supply account from sale of a snow blower thru City auction)

100.204.5331	Equipment Supplies	400.00
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**Tim Hickman , Safety Director** - The Fire Department recently sold some things at the auction, \$400 and they would like to recoup that money into their supplies account.

**Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Lang, second by Mr. Barker, Motion passed 5-0**

Section 2. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 152 Budget Stabilization Fund, in the amount of \$260,000.00 (transfer to GF for purchase of land))

152.100.5901100	OPT	260,000.00
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**David Rhodes, Service Director** - Down on the corner of SR 16 and Dayton Road, there is a corner piece of property there right across from Matesich Distributing, there's been a lot of activity on that property. We restricted curb cuts off the Dayton Road side. I've met with the Engineer and the Mayor and we've determined it would a good piece of property for the City to own, it's available now, there's nothing on it. At some point in

the future, it could be up to 20 years, we might want to do something with that, widening or something, so just keeping with what we've been trying to do, buying strategic corners.

**Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Lang, second by Mr. Barker, Motion passed 5-0**

Section 3. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 100 General Fund, in the amount of \$260,000.00 (purchase of land State Route 16 and Dayton Road)

100.121.5501	Land Purchase	260,000.00
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**Mr. Marmie** - This one is for the appropriation, the other was just for the OPT Fund, so I would entertain a motion for that.

**Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Lang, second by Mr. Barker, Motion passed 5-0**

Section 4. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 621 Water Fund, in the amount of \$16,625.00 (Raise curb boxes for Kokosing paving project)

621.706.5276	Maintenance of Streets	16,625.00
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**Brandon Fox, Water Administrator** - This is from our unappropriated balance of our Water Fund, Kokosing is currently doing some paving around the City and this is for additional water curb boxes that they find are damaged or need replaced.

**Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Houser, second by Mr. Lang, Motion passed 5-0**

2. **Resolution No. 23-93 Exp** APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Section 1. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 333 Infrastructure Fund, in the amount of \$550,365.64 (Utility Burial, Horns Hill Roundabout, Church St Between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>)

333.122.5539	Utility Burial	405,000.00
333.122.5502111	Hornhill Roundabout	34,391.38
333.706.5276100	Church St. Between 3rd & 4th	110,974.26

**Brian Morehead, City Engineer** - The three items that make up this \$550k are proceeds from the most recent sale, the sale has been done and we just need to appropriate these funds.

**Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Lang, second by Mr. Barker, Motion passed 5-0**

Section 2. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 621 Water Fund, in the amount of \$18,512.09 (repairs to 2023 Chevy 4500, funds received from Dairyland Insurance)

621.708.5274	Maintenance of Vehicles	18,512.09
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**Brandon Fox, Water Administrator** - We had a vehicle that was involved in an accident and the other driver was at fault, so we got an insurance claim paid to the City for damages, so I need to appropriate these funds to pay Coughlin Automotive for repairs.  
**Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Lang, second by Mr. Barker, Motion passed 5-0**

3. **Resolution No. 23-94** A Non-Binding Resolution of Acceptance of the FRAMEWORK Final Report

**Mayor Jeff Hall** - This is a non-binding resolution from the study of the FRAMEWORK consulting collaboration that went on about two years ago, I think a few of you attended some of the meetings. It's a non-binding resolution that was asked of the 15 member communities that was asked to agree to its premise I guess in this foundation and as we move forward we are going to collab throughout the county, they adjusted a little bit to make it agreeable to everyone, as you read through it there aren't any financial commitments or anything like that, it's just kind of work together as we grow and keep our conversations going.

**Mr. Marmie** - Just asking, this is kind of going to open up a can of worms, we stopped doing non-binding resolutions about 15 years ago, so once we open this back up, any resolution costs the City money, so it's non-binding, is there anything else we can do to show support to this without making a resolution because we made a commitment about 15 years ago to no longer do any non-binding resolutions or resolutions of support or anything along those lines.

**Mayor Hall** - To be honest with you it was a \$461,000 study, \$300,000 was paid by the private sector and they are asking for this from each of the member communities, they are all passing it. I can go back and ask, but I think the fact that it is non-binding, it's a unique situation, so I think they just wanted to be sure that Council was in complete agreement with the premise of the study and what came out of the study, so they are asking this and the players are important in the community.

**Mr. Marmie** - I understand that, I guess, so here's the situation, this Council of 10, who, if we did this three months ago, it would've been three different people who a binding resolution for the future and it isn't like it's law or anything along those lines, it is non-binding just by the sheer definition of it and that's the reason why we did away with them because it costs us money to file these things and if we do it for this entity how do we say no to the next one and so I'm not trying to argue for or against, I'm in support of FRAMEWORK 110%, what I don't want to do is lead our Council down a direction that

we went away from 15 years ago and intentionally went away from it because we were doing it over and over and over again and anytime we file a resolution it's going to cost money.

**Mayor Hall** - I understand, I get this will be an exception, I'm not going to sell it to you I agree with the statement that you made and you can certainly table it and I can report back, there are many ways to handle this I guess, whatever you think, you understand the study and everybody involved with it. As far as I can say all of the other communities have passed it, I know it's an exception, so it's up to you guys.

**Mr. Barker** - We fully back the FRAMEWORK, you know that and we've had conversations, the chair and I specifically about non-binding resolutions because at the last FRAMEWORK meeting he and I both attended, they announced this and we talked about it and maybe this is something where it could be a Proclamation of the City that you do as Mayor, proclaiming the acceptance of the FRAMEWORK report, I don't know if that would suffice. I know talking with Jennifer Roberts after that and letting her know we have this rule or policy, she said however you guys need to do it to fit within your rules, so I guess I would ask if it could be some kind of proclamation so we don't set that precedent.

**Mayor Hall** - Sure, I can have that discussion with them.

**Mr. Marmie** - We've even done things where individual Council members have pledged their support in writing by signing something along those lines, it's just when we do it as a resolution it's just, we were doing them at least once a month back in the day and everybody was asking for them. So, it really did become somewhat of an issue and we just don't want to go down that slippery slope. If it's something that will really really help them and we need to make an exception, we're going to have to make it clear and come up with a justification for that exception. I think we need to make it clear so we don't put ourselves in a position of doing it for one and not for somebody else.

**Mayor Hall** - Sure, I understand. Probably in this entire FRAMEWORK charge you know we are the largest community and it's probably lead by example is the role we've played in a lot of this, we have a lot of things going on anyway in growth and infrastructure improvements through the years and I don't know that Intel has championed that completely, but it's probably encouragement for those surrounding communities that we've got good relationships with, so are you suggesting that individual Council members might sign a proclamation?

**Mr. Marmie** - Sure, I'd be willing to, I 100% would. I would rather do that than set ourselves up in this Council, now I'm not speaking for anybody but myself, but I just don't want to put ourselves in a position where we go back to the way that we worked so hard to get away from.

**Mr. Lang** - Just a quick question for our Law Director, is there any reason we couldn't all sign a proclamation like that, everyone on Council?

**Law Director Moore** - No.

**Mr. Marmie** - I'm just giving a recommendation, someone would have to make a motion. I say make a motion to table this, we don't want to take it off if this is the only thing we can do, so let's not say it's a dead issue, let's say if we come up with something else then we'll do something else, but if it doesn't work, then we'll look at this.

**Mayor Hall** - I think that's fine, I'll draft something up and see if it appeases everyone.

**Mr. Marmie** - Again, I'm not trying to speak for everyone else, but I know everyone is in support of it as much as I am. The meetings were great, the whole concept is fantastic, I think just the communication aspect and bringing the communities together is just phenomenal and has already benefited those involved, just getting it out there.

**Mayor Hall** - And if you notice there are some posters outside of these doors that talk about FRAMEWORK a little bit and then if you go to [FRAMEWORKKLC.org](http://FRAMEWORKKLC.org) the whole study is there, so that'll be fine and I'll reach out and give you an update.

**Motion to Table for 30 days by Mr. Barker, second by Mr. Lang, Motion passed 5-0**

Meeting stands adjourned

Doug Marmie, Chair