

Finance Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
September 16, 2024
5:45pm

The Finance Committee met in Council Chambers September 16, 2024 with these members in attendance:

- Doug Marmie – Chair
- Bradley Chute
- Michael Houser
- Bill Cost Jr.

We wish to report:

Mr. Marmie - The unappropriated balance of the General Fund is \$575,970.00 and the balance of the Budget Stabilization Fund is \$578,513.00.

- 1. Resolution No. 24-81** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 EDWARD BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDING.

Barbara Gilkes – This grant we share with the Licking County Sheriff’s Office. Newark police will be putting their share of the funding towards a cab monitor. The Sheriff’s Office will put their share towards the purchase of AEVs.

Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Houser, Second by Mr. Chute, Motion passed 4-0

- 2. Resolution No. 24-82** APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Section 1. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 621 Water Fund, in the amount of \$30,000.00 (Merchant fees for online water payments)

621.706.5238	Services General	30,000.00
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Brandon Fox, Water Administrator – Good evening. So, this is money that we need to carry out for the rest of the year for our credit card and debit card fees that we pay our merchants for when folks are paying water bills and sewer bills online.

Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Houser, Second by Mr. Cost, Motion passed 4-0

- 3. Consider Resolution No. 24-83 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 \$27,648.15 (Playground structure and installation, donations from Park National Foundation, Cecil Mauger Charitable Trust)

100.601.5314500	Parks Supplies Coble Park	27,648.15
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Ms. Gilkes - This request pertains to a playground upgrade for Coble Park in south Newark. Park National Foundation and Cecil Mauger Charitable Trust have each provided the City with \$10,000 apiece. We're waiting to hear from another donor in the community and David Rhodes, Service Director, has indicated that he will make up the balance so that we can order this piece of equipment this year and have it installed for springtime use by the kids in the south end.

Mr. Houser - I'll just make a quick comment if you don't mind. I just want to thank you for all your effort in getting that done. That equipment definitely needed to be replaced. I certainly appreciate your effort.

Ms. Gilkes - Well, thank you.

Mr. Chute – Is this the total amount of appropriation that will be needed for the equipment?

Ms. Gilkes – Yes.

Mr. Chute – Including the private donation?

Ms. Gilkes – Yes.

Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Houser, Second by Mr. Cost, Motion passed 4-0

Section 2. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 297 Fire Safety Grants Fund, in the amount of \$266.36 (Additional grant money approved for 2024-2025 grant year)

297.296.5303100	EMS Medical Supplies	266.36
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Ms. Gilkes – This is a supplement to our EMS grant from the state of Ohio. When we put in the 2024 budget, we used the 2023 figure and it came in a little bit higher, so that's what this request is.

Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Houser, Second by Mr. Chute, Motion passed 4-0

Mr. Marmie - Next item on the agenda is, I am going to make a motion to go into executive session for a discussion on some personnel costs and issues. Those that will be present in the Chamber will be all of Council, the Mayor and his directors, the Law Director, and that should be it. So, we're going to have to ask everybody to clear the room. We're going into executive session.

Motion to enter Executive Session by Mr. Marmie, Second by Mr. Houser, Motion passed 4-0

Motion to come out of Executive Session by Mr. Houser, Second by Mr. Chute, Motion passed 4-0

Mr. Marmie - No decisions were made or debate occurred during Executive Session. Just discussed personnel and finance facts.

Meeting stands adjourned.

Doug Marmie, Chair