

## Finance Committee Minutes

Honorable Council  
City of Newark, Ohio  
November 4, 2024  
5:45pm

The Finance Committee met in Council Chambers November 4, 2024 with these members in attendance:

Doug Marmie – Chair  
Spencer Barker – Vice Chair  
Michael Houser  
Bill Cost Jr.  
Bradley Chute

### We wish to report:

**Mr. Marmie** - The unappropriated balance of the General Fund is \$947,276.00 and the balance of the Budget Stabilization Fund is \$620,176.00.

1. **Resolution No. 24-95** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 BODY WORN CAMERA GRANT FUNDING.

**Barbara Gilkes** - This grant does not require a match. At the present time, the Law Director's office is putting together a proposal to help that office with their body-worn camera responsibilities.

**Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Barker, Second by Mr. Houser, Motion passed 5-0**

2. **Resolution No. 24-96** APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Section 1. There is hereby a **disappropriation** of the appropriated balance of the 100 General Fund, in the amount of \$68,906.25 (911 waiving 4<sup>th</sup> qtr. invoice for donation towards Horns Hill Tower)

100.115.5289	Inter/Intra Governmental	68,906.25
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**David Rhodes, Service Director** - Thank you, Mr. Chair. First we have a disappropriation, then the appropriation. What it is, we're putting together our funding model to build a new tower on Horns Hill, so there's several items tonight that I'll be asking to move some money around, and then later we're moving all the money into the Capital Improvements Fund, which we'll do one appropriation for. This is just a portion of the funds. This first disappropriation comes from a meeting that we had with Sean Grady and Licking County Commissioners. They're going to

waive two of our quarterly payments, totaling approximately \$136,000 as their share towards contribution to the tower, because they will hang antenna on the tower. They currently have one there. So, this is the fourth quarter payment, and then we're going to waive the first quarter payment, too. So, we're looking for a disappropriation, that's in this year's budget, and then an appropriation of the same amount.

**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 \$68,906.25

100.111.5901335	OPT CI	68,906.25
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**Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Barker, Second by Mr. Houser, Motion passed 5-0**

Section 3. There is hereby a **disappropriation** of the appropriated balance of the 100 General Fund, in the amount of \$75,000.00

100.121.5289300	Other/Intra-Inter Governmental	75,000.00
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**Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Barker, Second by Mr. Houser, Motion passed 5-0**

Section 4. There is hereby an **appropriation** of the unappropriated balance of the 100 General Fund, in the amount of \$75,000.00 (Horns Hill Tower)

100.111.5901335	OPT	75,000.00
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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 100 General Fund, in the amount of \$200,000.00 (Horns Hill Tower)

100.111.5901335	OPT CI	200,000.00
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**Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Barker, Second by Mr. Houser**

**Mr. Marmie** - Now this is the last one. It's taking all those other three that we just did and moving this over into Capital Improvements.

**Motion passed 5-0**

Section 6. There is hereby an **appropriation** of the unappropriated balance of the 152 Budget Stabilization Fund, in the amount of \$46,160.00 (Horns Hill Tower)

152.111.5901335	OPT CI	46,160.00
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**Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Barker, Second by Mr. Houser**

**Mr. Houser** – Service Director, do we have an idea of what the total cost of the tower project is going to be?

**Director Rhodes** - We're pointing at about \$1.2 million, but just for a little further information, like the county government, we've met with the Newark school group. We're looking for a similar commitment from them and we're meeting with MARCS Radio for some type of contractual agreement with them also. So, we're putting the stack together and we're being received very well from all entities.

**Motion passed 5-0**

Section 7. There is hereby an **appropriation** of the unappropriated balance of the 258 One Ohio Fund, in the amount of \$120,332.23 (3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr. 2024 Opioid Collections)

258.100.5268	One Ohio Disbursements	120,332.23
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**Mayor Hall** - This is the recent settlement money for the OneOhio Fund for opioid remediation or health assistance in the community and we'd like to get this money appropriated so we can pass it on to LMH for the Shepherd Hill program.

**Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Barker, Second by Mr. Houser**

**Mr. Marmie** - I'll make a comment. I think this is great that we're able to pass this through over to Licking Memorial Hospital to benefit the opioid crisis in addition to what has happened in the past. We are making corrections towards that. I think Licking Memorial has been good stewards of this money when we do pass it along, and I appreciate what they do and what this administration has done.

**Mayor Hall** - Yeah, just a couple of quick comments. Yeah, I absolutely I'll ditto that. They're very appreciative of this. So, you kind of understand there's multiple settlements going on here and they're staggered a little bit so that the number is in flux a little bit. I mean it tends to go up a little bit because there's a new settlement but once they have that settlement then there's kind of a history moving forward whether it's 15 years or 20 years or so it's gonna be different numbers you'll see as we go, but I think what we determined probably a quarterly distribution might be appropriate right now. So that could work good. They'll be pleasantly surprised I think because it's good money doing good things.

**Motion passed 5-0**

Section 8. There is hereby an **appropriation** of the unappropriated balance of the 100 General Fund, in the amount of \$11,000.00 (Legal Fees)

100.103.5238	Services General	11,000.00
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**Tim Hickman, Safety Director** - Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is to pay for legal fees for personnel matters.

**Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Barker, Second by Mr. Houser, Motion passed 5-0**

- 3. Resolution No. 24-98 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 \$50,000.00 (Request appropriation to put funds into vehicle maintenance to cover expenses through the remainder of 2024)

100.204.5274	Vehicle maintenance	50,000.00
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**Director Hickman** - Thank you. This is to supplement the Fire Department's Vehicle Maintenance Fund. The fund has been exhausted and it is extremely expensive to keep a fleet of fire engines in service.

**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 \$6,000.00 (New Lead Hazard Control Grant bailout – funds will be reimbursed in 2025)

100.111.5992264	OPT Advance	6,000.00
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**Mark Mauter, Director of Development** - Good evening, Mr. Chair, members of the committee. Community Development was fortunate enough to apply for a lead grant through HUD. We were successful. Things were happening quickly. We are required to send a team down to Washington, D.C., for training, mandatory training. We need some funds to do that. So, we haven't received our funds from HUD yet, so we need to come before this committee and make an appropriation for \$6,000 from the unappropriated balance of the general fund in order for us to be compliant with this lead grant

**Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Houser, Second by Mr. Barker**

**Mr. Marmie** - I did talk to the director. This is just an advancement. Once we get the money, it does come back to our General Fund, so we're just paying for it up front.

**Motion passed 5-0**

Section 3. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 264 Lead Hazard Control Fund, in the amount of \$6,000.00 (To cover expenses for New Grantee Orientation Training with HUD for new Lead Hazard Control Grant)

264.162.5220000	Travel and Training	6,000.00
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**Mr. Marmie** - This is to put it into travel and training from that OPT transfer.

**Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Barker, Second by Mr. Houser**

**Mr. Marmie** - This is not an additional \$6,000. It's just a \$6,000 move to one account, and now we're moving it to a second account.

**Motion passed 5-0**

Section 4. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 264 Lead Revolving Loan Fund, in the amount of \$5,000.00 (To cover the costs of lead hazard control projects for homeowners in the city of Newark)

264.164.5238000	General Services	5,000.00
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**Director Mauter** - This is another lead project that we currently have under construction. This is aside from the new lead grant. We're using our Lead Revolving Loan Funds. We never know how much we're going to use in a given year when we do our budget appropriation, so we just need another \$5,000 from change orders that have come about from the project, and that's what we're asking to do here is just move those from our RLF fund so we can get our bills paid.

**Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Barker, Second by Mr. Houser**

**Mr. Barker** - Is this one project or is this multiple projects?

**Director Mauter** - Just one. Yeah, one single family residence.

**Rochelle Volen-Smith, 237 Violet Ct.** - I wanted to know the terms of the loan program for helping citizens in our community. Thank you.

**Director Mauter** - Well, in this particular case to use the lead funds, there has to be a medically documented case of an elevated blood level that exceeds the HUD level for them to get involved in our program. So, we're very happy to be able to help them out.

**Ms. Volen-Smith** - And what is the charge to those persons?

**Director Mauter** - There's a mortgage done, and it's forgivable in three years. Those are terms from HUD.

**Ms. Volen-Smith** - Thank you.

**Director Mauter** - You're welcome.

**Motion passed 5-0**

Section 5. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 260 CD Revolving Loan Fund, in the amount of \$25,000.00 (To cover the costs of minor home repair work for low-moderate income homeowners in the city of Newark)

260.601.5238000	General Services	25,000.00
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**Director Mauter** - This request is to put money from our Community Development Revolving Loan Fund. We have need to finish out projects for the end of the year and we think this will get us through December 31st.

**Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Barker, Second by Mr. Houser, Motion passed 5-0**

**Mr. Marmie** - Next item on the agenda, I need a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues dealing with negotiations with one of our unions.

**Motion to go into Executive Session by Mr. Barker, Second by Mr. Houser, passed 5-0**

*(Executive Session)*

**Mr. Marmie** - All right, I'd entertain a motion to come out of Executive Session.

**Motion to come out of Executive Session by Mr. Barker, Second by Mr. Houser, passed 5-0**

**Mr. Marmie** - We are out of Executive Session. Just to let everyone know that no decisions are made during Executive Session. It is just a discussion and a passing of information. This particular one was dealing with personnel issues with negotiations.

Meeting stands adjourned.

Doug Marmie, Chair