

Finance Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
November 20, 2024
5:45pm

The Finance Committee met in Council Chambers November 18, 2024 with these members in attendance:

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

1. Resolution No. 24-99 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 \$2,500.00 (Remainder of the year advertisement)

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| 100.102.5294 | Advertisement | 2,500.00 |
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Jeff Harris, Council President – Mr. Chairman, we need the 2,500 for more advertisement for the public hearings that Amy sends out for advertisement. We got a couple more public hearings for the rest of the year. So, we need a little extra money there.

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 756 Health Insurance Fund, in the amount of \$825,000.00 (Appropriate previously added funds to line item account for potential expenditure(s))

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| 756.110.5124210 | Health insurance | 825,000.00 |
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Bill Spurgeon, HR Director - Good evening, Mr. Chair. This piece before you seeks to transfer previously allotted funds. What it is not is an ask for additional funds. Those monies currently reside in fund 756 department 100, and we'd like to move them over into department 110 to help us pay the bills for the rest of the year if you please.

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

Mr. Marmie - One other item at the discretion of the Chair, those of you on Council have in front of you Resolution 24-107. This did not meet the deadline for this committee to vote upon at this meeting this evening, but I am going to have Brandon discuss this. What will happen is this has to be voted on by our next meeting on the 2nd of December, and so therefore with Mr. Cost's approval, we will invoke Rule 11, but I wanted to go ahead and get it out here and still discuss it. We just can't vote on it this evening.

Brandon Fox, Water Administrator - Thank you. I will not be here at the next Finance Committee meeting, so I appreciate your willingness to take this on. So, this is the remainder of some ARP funds that were in our water account that we were using for lead service line work and for our east side transmission line. If you remember about a month ago we bid a project for the River Road sewer and so that's a different account. Now we're trying to unencumber these funds, this 1.083 million, we're unencumbering those funds and then I'm going to reappropriate them into the sewer account. So, these are just a portion of the original ARP funds that we're going to be using to pay for the River Road sewer project that just got awarded. So, I can answer any questions you have but that's basically what it is. It was already encumbered funds that were on purchase orders. We're basically unencumbering them because we don't need them for the east side transmission line and for the lead service line projects and I'm putting it on to a fund to pay for the River Road sewer.

Mr. Houser – What is the reason those funds aren't needed on those projects anymore? On the east side.

Mr. Fox - So, we basically had extra funds that were originally budgeted. I think Mr. Loomis... it was here previously. You had 4.5 million dollars, and as you're aware, we've been getting loans to pay for those lead service line projects now at that 53% principal forgiveness. Additionally, we had three million dollars that was originally budgeted for the River Road project. Unfortunately, that project came in at about 4.1 million and so we needed to find additional money. We were kind of holding this lead service line money until the River Road sewer project fund bid because we thought it might have increased in cost since three years ago which it did. So that's basically the gist of it.

Mr. Marmie - Any additional questions? Again, we will not be voting on this issue this evening, however we will be bringing this up on Rule 11 just straight to Council at our next meeting in December.

Mr. Fox - If I may, the other reason for that is all of these ARP funds have to be on contract by December 31st of this year, so that's the other reason I'm trying to get this under contract. You know December 13th or 16th that would be.

Mr. Marmie – Actually, it will be the December 2nd meeting.

Mr. Fox - Okay so we'll just get it then. That'd be even better. We do have a bid that that Board of Control approved. We're ready to award this contract as soon as the funds are appropriated.

Meeting stands adjourned.

Doug Marmie, Chair