

Expenditure Committee Meeting
February 12, 2018
7:00 pm

Mike Barker (chair), Lisa Gruebel, Tom Ewers, Vicki Vendramin, John Cruise, Ross Gillespie, and Debra Miller

- Went over what the subcommittee's goal and/or scope was. (Tom) How do we take care of current issues and how do we need to plan for the future?
- Upper Arlington did an extensive review of expenditures including what they've cut in the past, what salaries are in comparison with other areas.
- Look at what our police officers are paid, both in terms of base salaries and overtime; and how that compares to police officers in other areas.
- Discussion on recurring and non-recurring expenses. The City doesn't track expenses in that format.
- \$3mm to run the police department. Approximately 45% of the total budget – 22 people in the police department, 2 clerical. 20 officers – 2 of which are chief & deputy chief.
- Look at budgets of cities of similar size?? Sometimes it is difficult to find similar communities because the City doesn't have fire.
- Review the January 2018 expense report – General Fund. 4 of the police department are non-union. Budget reflects additional officers added over time.
- (Mike) What is the most scrutinized item in the budget? Personal service/labor. 2nd most... depends on situation and what is going on in the world.
- Can we get police statistics? And similar items for Parks and Rec and Engineering. Staff will try but comparable data/metrics may be difficult to get.
- Review Upper Arlington's task force report. Their situation was they were hard hit when the state took the estate tax away in 2012.
- Background information on local government fund including how started and now at 50% of past level.
- Used Finance Department budget to assist with planning on how to review city.
- Discuss RITA \$200k per year includes banking audits, subpoena program which collects \$30k. Estimate have to hire 2-3 people plus adding various services to replace.
- State audit services, required by state of Ohio. City doesn't choose auditor and charged by state.
- PERS – no choice. 19.5% of salary. State statute but no social security matching.
- Only one secretary in City.
- Homework. Everyone needs to review UA report.
- What will be our output? Report. Say what we looked at, which expenses are justified. Provide options or recommendations for cuts, what would the impact be.
- Next meeting, March 14th.