

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MAY 10, 2022

Call to Order

Tom Counts called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Attendees

Chairman Counts of the Finance Committee began the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Finance Committee Members present were: Tom Counts, Frank Bertone, Heather Karr, and Brad Coomes. Staff in attendance were: Andrew White, City Manager; Jeffrey Tyler, Assistant City Manager; and Rosa Ocheltree, Finance Director.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the March 8, 2022 Finance Committee Meeting were approved by consensus.

Director of Finance Ocheltree advised the committee of a new section in the report, "Notable Expenses", and plans to expand that for next month.

Director of Finance Ocheltree discussed the appropriations. She began with stating the receipt of LDOD grant for \$200,000, for demolition of the carryout on the northwest corner behind the jewelry store. She advised this was a cost reimbursement plan, and to do this, funds must be appropriated.

Further, she spoke about the appropriation for the Communications/Marketing Manager position and advised there was some budget left over, and would have to appropriate \$34,700 to cover wages, medical, etc. to finish out the year of 2022, at a full-time rate, which will come from the General Fund.

Another item she wanted to discuss, she was looking into the Development Budget, in the General Fund, where there was an intern. The funds to pay for the wages were not originally budgeted, so she is looking into transferring from an operational line item, but has not identified the line item yet. Should she not be able to find anything in the department that would cover the deficit, she may have to ask for additional funds.

City Manager White spoke of one item relating to the business flow of activities on the Council Agenda, Redwood, and Final Phase Development Plan. He advised there have been some assumptions that the TIF agreement has been completed and will cause financial harm to the schools. He has pulled up several TIF agreements, and all of them always exempts the schools.

All legislation reads that the County Treasurer is directed by Council Ordinance to collect and disburse the receipt of funds created through this development as though there were no TIF District. Further, additional legislative steps would have to be taken by Council to make the assertions whole. Also, this is an example of where not having someone dedicated for this type of response, really shows itself, and the value added to that. He added Staff would put together some sort of response.

Committee Member Bertone stated whoever is asking these questions, certainly is welcome to reach out to Council or Staff and ask the questions, and we will be happy to respond. It is clearly not right in any way, shape, or form, and if the Gazette article is incorrect, we will need to correct that as well as correcting the individual who is making the assertions. At the end of the day, we can speak of what is going on and let folks make their own determination from that.

Committee Member Coomes said it may be helpful when putting out a statement, explaining what at TIF is and why the City is going to do a TIF on this property. He feels this may answer some questions.

XIII) ADJOURNMENT

Tom Counts

Chair

MOTION: Frank Bertone moved to adjourn. Heather Karr seconded the motion.		
VOTE: Y <u>7</u>	N _0 (None)	AB <u>0</u> (None)
Motion passed 4-0-0.		
<u>Adjournment</u>		
Adjourned at 8:44 p.m.	9/6/22	An Deur clarks

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