

Finance Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
October 21, 2024
5:45pm

The Finance Committee met in Council Chambers October 21, 2024 with these members in attendance:

Doug Marmie – Chair
Spencer Barker – Vice Chair
Michael Houser
Bill Cost Jr.
Mark Labutis sitting in for Bradley Chute

1. Resolution No. 24-91 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 \$426,980.00 (Anticipated overcollection of EMS dollars)

100.111.5901912	OPT – EMS Property and Fire Stations	213,490.00
100.111.5901913	OPT – EMS Cap Imp Assoc w/ Transports	51,930.00
100.111.5901915	OPT – EMS Capital Improvements	115,400.00
100.111.5901911	OPT – EMS Budget Stabilization	46,160.00

Tim Hickman, Safety Director – Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is submitted at the request of the auditor’s office. We’re going to over collect on our EMS billing this year, so they need this appropriation so that they can put those funds in the proper accounts.

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 \$38,601.00 (To cover fund expenses until grant reimburses the City for expenditures)

100.111.5992230	Advance	38,601.00
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Barbara Gilkes – This is too an auditor’s request for expenses that will be incurred in 2024, but won’t be reimbursed until 2025.

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

Mr. Barker – So, we’re covering a future expense?

Ms. Gilkes – No, we’re covering current expenses. For example, this grant is the body worn camera grant. We get reimbursed by the state.

Mr. Barker – Ok. Thank you.

Motion passed 5-0

Section 3. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 297 Fire EMS Grant Fund in the amount of \$3,126.45 (To return advance for EMS Grant)

297.296.5992100	Return Advance EMS Grant	3,126.45
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Ms. Gilkes – Section three is the same reasoning as that of section two. We’ll be submitting our invoice for EMS supplies in 2024. We will not get the money until 2025.

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 621 Water Fund in the amount of \$245,000.00 (Electricity fees for remainder of 2024, Lime sludge hauling fees for remainder of 2024)

621.709.5201	Electric	45,000.00
621.709.5241	Sludge Program	200,000.00

Brandon Fox, Water Administrator – Good evening. So, as we talked at 4:30, prices have gone up, right? So, both of these are for water treatment plant expenses. The first one is just for electric to just get us through the end of the year, just increased expenses. The second one is for our lime sludge hauling. We had \$200,000 budgeted and our contractor has been doing a great job since it's been dry this fall. So, we're just asking for a few more funds to keep them moving while the weather's still fit and they can haul it this fall.

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

- 2. Resolution No. 24-93** A resolution repealing Resolution 20-55 and consenting to an enterprise zone abatement agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of Licking County, Ohio and Packaging Corporation of America and authorizing the director of public service to execute such agreement on behalf of the city of Newark

Mark Mauter, Director of Development - Yes, thank you, Mr. Chair. Good evening, committee members. I hope you had a chance to look at my email that I sent out last Thursday, kind of prepping you for this a little bit. Again, we're repealing the existing resolution that established the Enterprise Zone Tax Abatement Agreement that was in place, ready to go, and then COVID

hit and a lot of things changed in our world, one of them being PCA put the project on hold. And now they are prepared to move forward with this again. However, some of the conditions as far as payroll have changed and updated, the total investment in the project has changed, and those numbers need to be reflected in an updated resolution. So that is what you have here before you. I put in boldface print those changes that are primarily affected in the repeal in this new resolution, and it's pretty much that simple. We need this to move forward because the City of Newark's resolution then gets forwarded on to the Licking County Commissioners, and they then have to do the same thing pretty much over there. They'll update their resolution, and then we'll come and have an updated Enterprise Zone Tax Abatement Agreement once they perform all their legislation. So, if there are any questions, I'd be glad to help answer them for you.

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

Director Mauter - Thank you all very much. We're excited about this.

Mr. Marmie - Thank you. All right, I have a couple of other things. First thing, I failed to report that the unappropriated balance is at \$733,786.00 and the balance of the Budget Stabilization Fund is at \$599,344.00. Next, I would like, I wish that one of the committee members would make a motion to go into executive session to discuss negotiations.

Motion to go into executive session by Mr. Barker, Second by Mr. Houser

Mr. Marmie - Nothing will be decided upon during executive session. It'll just be a discussion. The members present during our executive session will be the administration, the law director's office, all council members, and the auditor's office also.

Motion passed 5-0

Director Hickman – We have the Chief of Police also sitting in.

Mr. Marmie – Oh, yes, the Chief of Police also.

Bill Spurgeon, HR Director – Mr. Chair, if I may, can I have my colleague, Assistant Director of Human Resources?

Mr. Marmie – Sure, sir.

Director Spurgeon – Thank you, sir.

(Executive Session)

Mr. Marmie – The executive session has stopped. I'll entertain a motion to come out of executive session.

Motion to come out of executive session by Mr. Barker, Second by Mr. Houser

Mr. Marmie – Again, I'll reinforce no decisions were made. All it was was an information sharing session dealing with personnel issues.

Motion passed 5-0

Meeting stands adjourned.

Doug Marmie, Chair