

Finance Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
October 20, 2025
5:45pm

The Finance Committee met in Council Chambers October 20, 2025 with these members in attendance:

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

We wish to report:

Mr. Marmie - The unappropriated balance of the General Fund is \$244,169.00 and the balance of the Budget Stabilization Fund is \$581,808.00.

1. **Resolution No. 25-70 Exp** A RESOLUTION 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 (Negotiations - \$20,000, Replace previous budget cut - \$30,000)

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Mike Buskirk, Director of HR - Our budget early in the year before I got here was cut \$30,000. I think we've got \$4,800 left in the account. We have at least one ongoing investigation. We have other departments who have called to use the attorneys that we use. We get the bill for that. I'm not complaining. I'm just saying we've got to have money to do that. We also have negotiations going on now with the AFSCME Union. If there's anything left at the end of the year, our intent would be, hopefully, it would go back to the unappropriated fund.

Mr. Marmie - Any questions from the committee? I have some questions that I need to ask, but it deals with things that are of sensitive nature. So, I would ask that we go into executive session in order to do that. I entertain a motion to go into executive.

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

Mr. Marmie - We want, of course, all the directors, we also want Christina, all of Council is available to stay in here, the law director, and if anybody from the auditor's office is here, but I don't think they were going to be able to make it.

Motion passed 5-0

(Executive Session)

Mr. Marmie – 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 – Just to let everyone know, nothing was decided or anything in executive session.

Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Marmie - We have a request for appropriation in the amount of \$50,000.

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

Mr. Barker - Mr. Chair, I'd like to make a motion to amend this from \$50,000 to \$20,000, the appropriation.

Motion to amend from \$50,000 to \$20,000 by Mr. Barker, Second by Mr. Houser

Mr. Marmie - Any discussion on the amendment? I'm going to just let folks know that in 2024, under the service general, which is what all these attorney fees and things are paid for, so on and so forth, the City spent \$86,075. This year, the total amended budget, which is what came forward, was \$142,095. Year to date, there's been \$106,571.25 spent. Then there's another \$35,523.75 that has been encumbered but not spent, meaning there are purchase orders and POs on all of that money, but it has not yet been spent. So, I'm going to support the amendment from \$50,000 to \$20,000 under the assumption that we need \$20,000 to get us between now and the end of the year. If additional expenses or things come up, I feel that it's more prudent to keep that in the budget and have the Human Resources Department come back and ask for additional funds. So, I will be in support of this. Any additional questions and or comments? Seeing none, all those in favor of the amendment from \$50,000 to \$20,000 signify by saying aye.

Committee – Aye.

Mr. Marmie - Those opposed, same sign.

Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Marmie - We have a motion by Barker, second by Houser, for \$20,000 due to the amendment. Any questions or discussion on the \$20,000 appropriation? Seeing none, all those in favor of sending this on to full Council signify by saying aye.

Committee – Aye.

Mr. Marmie - Those opposed, same sign.

Motion passed 5-0

Meeting stands adjourned.

Doug Marmie, Chair