

Finance Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
July 1, 2024
5:45pm

The Finance Committee met in Council Chambers July 1, 2024 with these members in attendance:

- Doug Marmie – Chair
- Jonathan Lang - Vice Chair
- Bradley Chute
- Michael Houser
- Bill Cost Jr. – arrived after first vote

We wish to report:

Mr. Marmie - The unappropriated balance of the General Fund is \$712,880.00 and the balance of the Budget Stabilization Fund is \$736,850.00.

1. **Resolution No. 24-63** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 EDWARD BYRNE JUSTICE ASSITANCE GRANT (JAG) FUNDING.

Barbara Gilkes – The city has the opportunity to apply for funds to help the police department, and right now they examining their options for this grant. The grant requires a 25% match.

Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Lang, Second by Mr. Houser, Motion passed 4-0

Mr. Marmie – I want to note for the record that Council Member Cost is now present.

2. **Resolution No. 24-64** APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Section 1. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 661 Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$350,000.00 (Wastewater Master Plan)

661.7152.5231	Professional Services	350,000.00
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Brandon Fox, Water Administrator – Good evening. This is for a wastewater plant and collection system master plan. You’ll see it on the Service Committee as well. We have not had a master plan effort completed in over 20 years, and we’re looking to encumber some funds so that we can complete that. Basically, it’s going to be a complete 6-9 month effort to evaluate the current wastewater plant collection system and make

recommendations on capital improvements, and look at a 5-20 year plan.

Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Lang, 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 \$50,000.00 (To replenish some of what was transferred to the health insurance fund.)

100.111.5901152	OPT Stabilization	Budget	50,000.00
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Bill Spurgeon, HR Director – Good evening. This is a result of our action or request 2 weeks ago. We'd like to move \$50,000 in the general fund back into the Budget Stabilization Fund. I chatted with the Mayor. He believes, and I agree, it's a thing to do. I certainly appreciate your support if you would.

Mr. Marmie – I'm going to comment on a couple things and make sure that everybody's aware of what's going to happen this evening. It came through our committee last week for a 7.4% increase. The Mayor, because we didn't have sufficient funds to pay the medical bills that came in and we have to move this from the Budget Stabilization, plus we also had to move another \$75,000 the last time, we're going to propose an amendment for that. Instead of the 7.4%, it's going to be at 8%. The full amount that is allowable. So, that will be amended this evening on the floor, and I will do that when it comes through. This may not be the end. We're being conservative and trying not to pull a bunch of money over, but if it ends up where our bills continue to be where they were, we may have to come back and appropriate even more money. This is conservative. Luckily, the last one that came through was lower than what it had been. So, that benefited us.

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

Meeting stands adjourned.

Doug Marmie, Chair