

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
October 19, 2010  
City Hall - First Floor Council Chambers

Chairperson Scott McMeans called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Present: Alderpersons, Scott McMeans, Christopher T. Able, Matt Kadow, Alex Olson and Collin Braunel.

Absent: None

Also Present: Mayor Justin Nickels (tele-conference), Acting Finance Director/Treasurer Tony Scherer, Alderpersons Jill Hennessey, Allan Schema, Dave Soeldner and James Brey, Fire Chief Bill Manis, City Planner David Less, Director of Building Inspection/Facilities Manager Jim Muenzenmeyer, Director of Public Works, Parks & Recreation and City Engineer Valerie Mellon, Deputy DPW Business Manager Mike Huck, Recreation and Zoo Supervisor Jeremy Crees, Recreation and Senior Center Manager Denise Larson, city employees and members of the public.

**2012 City Budget**

Chairperson Scott McMeans opened the meeting and invited alderpersons in the audience to join the Committee members at the front table. Mr. McMeans then listed the items in the Mayor's budget letter that would require committee approval and asked that the appropriate committees take up these issues in a timely manner. He continued by stating that he would be sending an email to department heads inviting them to prepare and present to the Committee alternative solutions to budget cuts within their areas of the organization. The one stipulation was that any alternative solution should not add cost to the budget and should be sustainable in future years. McMeans added that all lines of reasoning should be based on department needs and not personalities.

It was questioned whether or not department heads should include what they see as the consequences or impacts within their department due to the proposed reductions. The Committee said they would welcome those comments.

Acting Finance Director/Treasurer Tony Scherer passed out a revised Capital Request Document, a Debt Service Schedule, a Mayor Recommended Budget Summary by expenditure type, and a handout from the Human Resources Department regarding Health Insurance issues.

The Committee went on to discuss a number of 2012 Budget issues including: the property sales, fund balance, fund balance policy, capital projects, bonding, Moody's bond rating, annual sick leave credit payouts, personnel hours/hour reductions, employee sick leave and vacation payouts, exempt and non-exempt employee status, overtime, health insurance and deductibles, Mayor's membership dues, copier leases and supplies, 2012 elections, state aids and impacts of reduced or increased borrowing, Red Arrow

Park improvements, City/Business partnerships, other park improvements and stormwater ponds and grant applications for those projects.

The Mayor and Acting Finance Director/Treasurer will invite the City's Representatives from Schenck Solutions and Robert W. Baird (the City's Audit and Bond Council Firms) to attend an upcoming Finance Committee meeting to explain the City's current financial position and answer any questions the Committee may have.

Motion by Alderperson Olson and second by Alderperson Braunel to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson McMeans declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Alderperson Scott McMeans  
Chairperson  
Finance Committee

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By: Anthony J. Scherer  
Interim Finance Director

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