

Minutes
Finance Committee
Monday, August 23, 2010

Please note: Minutes are unofficial until approved by the Finance Committee at the next regularly scheduled meeting

Members Present: Mayor Chiovero, Aldermen Wysocki and Hopkins, Citizen Member Kapfhammer, and Ralph Chipman, Finance Director

Members Excused: Alderman Ament

Others Present: Greg Johnson, Ehlers

Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m.

New Business

08-10 Citizen Survey

General discussion, and Alderman Wysocki relates that there were several discrepancies, which Mr. Foster is correcting, and will relay the final analysis within the next day or two. It is hoped that this information can be incorporated into the Executive Budget presentation.

15-10 Impact Fees

Alderman Wysocki opens the discussion with a review of the final analysis prepared by Mr. Chipman. Review follows, based on input from the City Attorney, the Mayor and City staff.

Motion by Alderman Hopkins to recommend the Common Council end the Police Impact fees and refund, as appropriate, the excess, second by Mayor Chiovero, and passed unanimously.

Discussion continues with City Services Impact fees. Based on changes in the law itself, and the opinion of staff, the City Attorney will be asked to review, and report to committee.

Motion by Alderman Wysocki to recommend the Common Council discontinue the City Services Impact fee concurrent with the City Attorneys opinion, second by Alderman Hopkins, and approved unanimously.

Additional discussion ensues on the remaining Impact Fees, those discontinued, and changes in the law on the others. Mr. Johnson relays some of the particular law changes to the Park and Recreation fees. Mr. Chipman reminds the committee that there are time limits to be taken into consideration. With the conclusion of discussion, it is determined that this item can be closed, and removed from future agendas.

Old Business

22-10 Ehlers Update

Alderman Wysocki gives the floor to Greg Johnson who begins with the basics of those items to be looked at this year. Transportation aid amounts for the 2011 budget will be released by the DOT on October 1st and State shared revenue payments are likely to be comparable to what was received in 2010. In terms of several other issues, levy limits are still in place for the 2011 budget, with no news yet on budgets beyond that. Equalized values were released on August 15th showing a slight decline in value for the City.

Alderman Wysocki wonders whether Ehlers has given any consideration to a particular gubernatorial candidate proposal to change tax collection to a monthly payment. Mr. Johnson

does not believe this will affect the 2011 collection, but they will be watching as it goes forward and updates will be forthcoming.

23-10 2011 Budget Update

Mayor Chiovatero gives an overview of the Budgets as they have been presented by the Department Heads, relates his intention to release his Executive Budget on Friday, August 27th and notes that the Budgets will be released to the Common Council at that time.

Adjourn

Motion by Alderman Hopkins to adjourn at 6:42 p.m. Second by Citizen Member Kapfhammer, and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted
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