

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 @ 5:00 P.M., Council Chambers

Finance Committee Members: Lisa Rasmussen (C), Michael Martens (VC), Sarah Watson, Doug Diny, Carol Lukens

Economic Development Committee Members: Sarah Watson (C), Chad Henke (VC), Lisa Rasmussen, Tom Kilian, Carol Lukens

Others Present: Mayor Rosenberg, MaryAnne Groat, Anne Jacobson, Matthew Barnes, Benjamin Graham, Luis Lopes-Serrão, Jeremy Kopp, Eric Lindman, Dustin Kraege, Rick Rubow, James Henderson, Jamie Polley, Kody Hart, Alder Gisselman

Noting the presence of a quorum Chairperson Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

### **Minutes of the previous meeting(s) (02/27/2024).**

Motion by Watson, seconded by Lukens, to approve the minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Discussion and possible action on acceptance of Community Enhancement Grant for therapy dog.**

Watson stated support for this program to ensure mental health is prioritized in the community.

Lukens stated support for this program and attested to the work and impact of the dogs to calm a situation.

Rasmussen stated that mental health calls have decreased in recent years because of this program and stated support.

Motion by Watson, seconded by Diny, to approve the grant. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Discussion and possible action to increase the annual reimbursement for law enforcement training.**

Motion by Lukens, seconded by Martens, to approve the annual reimbursement. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Discussion and possible action regarding ARPA funding requests and related budget modification for Police Department parking lot perimeter fence.**

Rasmussen questioned the different varieties with ornamental and basic chain linked fence options with key card abilities.

Diny stated that there currently is no segregation of civilian and police parking and questioned if this would create the separation. It was stated that this would allow a different distinct location for the parking needs of the police and the public.

Martens stated concerns with the aesthetics of the fencing and sought to engage the Longfellow Neighborhood group for resident feedback.

Rasmussen requested this item to be scored for ARPA funding for consideration at the next meeting.

### **Discussion and possible action on alleged claim for recovery of unlawful tax – Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum – 601 N. 12<sup>th</sup> Street.**

Rasmussen questioned what the staff recommendation was and the recommendation is to disallow by voting against the motion to approve the claim.

Motion by Watson, seconded by Lukens, to approve the claim. Motion failed 0-5.

### **Discussion and possible action on alleged claim for recovery of unlawful tax – Vistas at Greenwood Hills Subdivision - Outlot 1 and 3115 Townline Road.**

Rasmussen questioned what the staff recommendation was and the recommendation is to disallow by voting against the motion to approve the claim.

Motion by Watson, seconded by Lukens, to approve the claim. Motion failed 0-5.

**Discussion and possible action regarding ARPA funding requests and related budget modification for Deferred Capital projects.**

Watson questioned if the parking lot improvements included in this item was the same as the item brought before for consideration of the budget modification considered earlier. It was stated that this was the same project with the various option considerations. Watson requested that excerpts explaining the funding request be included. It was also requested that all of the previously approved project spend-downs be included in one table with the information to consider this funding allocation.

Rasmussen requested that alternative funding possibilities be included with the information to consider this funding allocation.

Lukens questioned if the Riverside Park parking lot reconstruction project is impacted by environmental testing. It was stated that these are two different sections and would not be impacted.

Rasmussen requested that all of the Deferred Capital projects be scored for ARPA funding for funding consideration at the next meeting with the information requested.

**JOINT AGENDA ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION WITH THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Discussion and possible action regarding the Purchase and Development Agreement with Gorman & Company, LLC and Riverview Lofts Wausau, LLC for a 56-Unit Affordable Multi-Family Housing Project at 415 S First Avenue.**

Noting the presence of a quorum Chairperson Watson called the meeting to order at 5:33 P.M.

Motion by Martens, seconded by Watson, to approve for the Finance Committee. Motion carried 5-0.

Henke stated that there were questions at the Werle Park Neighborhood meeting on this project and that seeing this progress was promising.

Kilian questioned how the city selling the land for \$1 was helpful to move this project forward and if this developer would have been interested in the project without the selling of the land for that price. The funding mechanism to build this project required the land to be donated by the municipality and made the developer project profitable. Kilian stated support for affordable housing but opposition to the city selling land to developers for \$1.

Motion by Henke, seconded by Lukens, to approve for the Economic Development Committee. Motion carried 4-1, with Kilian opposed.

**Adjourn**

Motion by Henke, seconded by Kilian, to adjourn the meeting of the Economic Development Committee. Motion carried. Motion by Watson, seconded by Lukens, to adjourn the meeting of the Finance Committee. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:43 P.M.

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