

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date and Time: Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 5:15 p.m., Council Chambers

Members Present: Michael Martens (C), Gary Gisselman (VC), Becky McElhaney, Terry Kilian, Vicki Tierney

Others Present: Mayor Diny, MaryAnne Groat, Tammy Stratz, Matt Barnes, Jeremy Kopp, Alder Henke

Noting the presence of a quorum Chairperson Martens called the meeting to order at 5:17 p.m.

Minutes of the previous meeting (08/27/2024).

Motion by Kilian, seconded by Tierney, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action on the extension of the ARPA Subrecipient Agreement with Catholic Charities.

McElhaney questioned a contract of expected services outlined from Catholic Charities. McElhaney questioned benchmarks that the city requires the charity to meet to provide oversight for bills that come in. It was stated the agreement in place stipulated that a 365-day shelter and day shelter remain available to individuals.

Kilian questioned the guidelines for individuals allowed to enter the shelter. It was stated the Police Department had a conversation with the charity on that matter and that it was being addressed.

McElhaney questioned if the amendment of a contract needs to be brought to the Public Health & Safety Committee. It was stated that while the Finance Committee handles the finance part of this agreement, the Public Health & Safety Committee should be looped in on a possible contract amendment.

Motion by Tierney, seconded by Gisselman, to approve the carryover of the ARPA allocation contingent on the contract extension through Public Health & Safety Committee. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action on the reprogramming of the 2020 Community Development Block Grant CARES III and the 2022 Community Development Block Grant Homme Homes Elevator Project into the Acquisition/Housing Development Activity.

Motion by Gisselman, seconded by Kilian, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action on a sole source purchase request for contract with All City Management Service crossing guards for the Wausau Police Department.

Motion by Tierney, seconded by Kilian, to approve the sole source request to continue to use All City Management Service. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action on the sole source purchase and budget modification for new mechanical CPR devices for the Wausau Fire Department.

Motion by Gisselman, seconded by Tierney, to approve the sole source request. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action on ARPA funding update.

Kilian questioned what would happen if the city held a failed referendum to raise the levy limit to fund firefighter positions that are currently funded through ARPA. It was stated a referendum could be held again or other fees could be levied to generate the revenue needed to fund the positions. Kilian stated a referendum was a good idea to give citizens a chance to make the decision on investing in public safety.

Tierney questioned if the firefighters allocated for by ARPA have been filled. It was stated that while positions have been filled, retirement and people leaving the program have kept the overall staffing level the same.

Martens requested an agenda item at the next committee meeting for a budget modification to continue allocating for firefighter positions.

Adjourn

Motion by Tierney, seconded by Kilian, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

For full meeting video on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SKOTOf-gcPI>