

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date and Time: Tuesday, July 11, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m., Council Chambers

Members Present: Lisa Rasmussen, Michael Martens, Carol Lukens, Sarah Watson, and Doug Diny

Others Present: Maryanne Groat, Katie Rosenberg, Ben Bliven, Anne Jacobson, Eric Lindman, Tammy Stratz, Randy Fifrick, Matthew Rosenbloom-Jones, Gary Gisselman, Tom Kilian, Mary Goede, Kody Hart

In compliance with Wis. Stat. § 19.84, notice of this meeting was duly posted and sent to the *Wausau Daily Herald* in the proper manner.

Noting the presence of a quorum, at approximately 5:30 p.m., Chairperson Rasmussen called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the previous meeting(s): (6/27/23)

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

Discussion and possible action regarding acceptance of Public Health Vending Machine Program (PHVM) \$80,000

Rasmussen explained that the Police Department has been awarded a grant from the Opioid Settlement Fund for the purchase of these machines to mitigate overdoses. This would authorize the Department to accept the grant.

Motion by Diny, second by Lukens to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action regarding ARPA funding requests and related budget modification

Randy Fifrick, Economic Development Manager, explained that as part of the development of an affordable housing project on the 700 Grand Ave. property, storm sewer and a water main must be rerouted prior to the start of construction which is slated for 2024. Two options of the infrastructure project were presented.

Martens asked if one of the infrastructure project options would resolve the sinking of the road adjacent to the site. Fifrick explained that the proposed project would relocate the sewer line that ran under that particular location. Subsequent discussion followed for clarification on the impact of the surrounding infrastructure. It was noted that the project would need to be undertaken regardless of which developer received the RFP for the affordable housing development because a water main should not be located under any building.

Discussion was had about the differences between the two proposed infrastructure projects and the funding via the city's APRA allocation versus other funding sources.

No formal action was taken. The project will be ranked and scored by the committee members for APRA allocation via an electronic score sheet which will be sent out for consideration at the next Finance Committee.

Discussion and possible action regarding budget modification for the purchase of a Transit snow plow and minivan

Matthew Rosenbloom-Jones, Transit Director, explained that this is the second bid solicitation for both vehicles. Metro Ride received two bids for the snow plow and no bids for the minivan. Rosenbloom-Jones explain that the budget modification is being requested because of a discrepancy between the original allocation in 2020 and the current cost for a vehicle purchase. The current utility vehicle is completely deteriorated and the need for a replacement vehicle was outlined. The budget modification would include the purchase of the vehicle and ancillary equipment needed.

Diny asked if the budget modification for the minivan would be considered at this time since there was no bid. Rosenbloom-Jones explained that the minivan would not be considered until bids come back at which time an additional budget modification would be brought for consideration.

Motion by Diny, seconded by Martens to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action regarding transit facility study local funding commitment

Rosenbloom-Jones explained that this is for the local share of a 5304 Statewide Transportation Planning Grant to study the suitability of the current transit facility to remain eligible for federal funding for bus replacements. The local share of the grant would be \$ 20,000. The timeline for grant application, consultant selection and work could

be reasonably completed within a year. Metro Ride is working toward contingencies on extending the life of the current vehicles and replacing vehicles through other sources.

Motion by Lukens, second by Diny to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action on application to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (“DNR”) Wisconsin Assessment Monies (WAM) program for the property at 110-118-120-126-130-134-138-140-146-206-212-226-230-237-241-249 E Thomas St (“Property”) by the City of Wausau.

Rasmussen explained that this is approving a grant application for funding that would expand soil, groundwater or other material testing capabilities at the outlined sites before redevelopment takes place on them.

Diny expressed a direction to continue to engage with citizens in this particular area as the testing moves forward.

Motion by Watson, second by Lukens. Motion carried 5-0.

Adjourn

Motion by Watson, second by Diny to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

For full meeting video on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vjm8HA3ZHEI>