

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date and Time: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 @ 5:15 p.m., Council Chambers

Members Present: Lisa Rasmussen, Michael Martens, Carol Lukens, Sarah Watson (5:17 p.m.), and Doug Diny

Others Present: Mayor Rosenberg, MaryAnne Groat, Matt Barnes, Anne Jacobson, Jeremy Kopp, James Henderson, Rick Rubow, Dustin Kraege, Solomon King, Eric Lindman, Ben Graham, Randy Fifrick, 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 Chairperson Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Minutes of the previous meeting(s): (8/22/2023)

Motion by Martens, seconded by Diny, to approve the minutes. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion and possible action regarding Police compression adjustment and permanent correction

Rasmussen invited Matt Barnes, Police Chief, and James Henderson, Human Resources Director, to answer any questions.

Martens commented on the discussion from the Human Resources Committee in reference to a wage study conducted and that the recommendation from that committee was to move forward with a review of compression annually.

Diny questioned if a person aggressively pursues overtime would that be used to drive the bottom number of any of these pay scales. It was stated that not all employees of the Police Department are eligible for overtime and those that are eligible have little control over the ability to work additional hours.

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

Discussion and possible action regarding sole source request for purchase/lease of 20 automated license plate reading cameras (Flock Safety)

Rasmussen referenced the successful test of these systems. Ben Graham, Police Captain, was invited to answer questions and share the details of the successful test. Graham shared several instances in which the system successfully aided in solving crimes throughout the city.

Diny stated concerns about the threshold for which these systems will be used. It was stated that the camera systems would be used to enforce ordinance violations to misdemeanor or felony offences. There is a policy for proper use.

Watson questioned if this funding would be a cost to continue added to the Police Department budget. It was stated that it would be added to the budget without being added as a budget request.

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

Discussion and possible action approving budget modification for the Riverside Park Soil Remediation Project

Rasmussen invited Eric Lindman, Public Works Director, to speak on the item. Lindman shared that much of the remediation project is complete and additional funds would be needed for the cost of removing additional soils to comply with the stated goal of the remediation to remove contamination.

Watson questioned if this would come out of the environmental fund. It was stated this was being drawn from those funds and that there is currently no annual replenishment of the fund, however the Common Council could allocate funds if needed in the annual budget.

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

Discussion and possible action approving accepted offers for the following parcels in the Stewart Avenue, South 72nd Avenue to South 48th Avenue street project:

- Parcel 6 (7100 Stewart Avenue) – New Highway Right of Way Fee/Permanent Limited Easement/Temporary Limited Easement
- Parcel 8 (6701 Stewart Avenue) – New Highway Right of Way Fee/Temporary Limited Easement
- Parcel 9 (6815 Stewart Avenue) – Temporary Limited Easement
- Parcel 14 (505 South 68th Avenue) – New Highway Right of Way Fee/Temporary Limited Easement
- Parcel 18 (5601 Stewart Avenue) – Temporary Limited Easement/Landscaping
- Parcel 19 (5801 Stewart Avenue) – Temporary Limited Easement
- Parcel 28 (5211 Stewart Avenue) – New Highway Right of Way Fee/Temporary Limited Easement/Landscaping
- Parcel 29 (5213 Stewart Avenue) – Temporary Limited Easement
- Parcel 32 (5307 Stewart Avenue) – Temporary Limited Easement
- Parcel 33 (5401 Stewart Avenue) – Landscaping
- Parcel 34 (5407 Stewart Avenue) – Temporary Limited Easement
- Parcel 37 (5503, 5509, 5511 Stewart Avenue) – Temporary Limited Easement Commercial/Temporary Limited Easement Residential/Landscaping
- Parcel 38 (5512 Stewart Avenue) – Temporary Limited Easement
- Parcel 39 (5504 Stewart Avenue) – Temporary Limited Easement
- Parcel 51 (4901 Stewart Avenue) – Temporary Limited Easement

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

Discussion and possible action regarding grant application for COP House Grant

Without objection, this agenda item was moved up in the agenda because action was necessary and closed session items could impact the committee's ability to take up items if the committee reconvenes into open session.

Rasmussen invited Barnes to speak on the item. This would approve a grant to renovate, purchase, or build a house that would be utilized by police officers, and the community. The cost of building a house is too cost prohibitive to move forward. The grant was discussed previously in the Finance Committee making it appropriate to share with the committee the decision by the department not to apply for the grant. Rasmussen questioned if other options to create housing would be applicable. It was stated the possibility exists but not at this time.

No action was taken.

Discussion and possible action approving counter offers for the following parcels in the Stewart Avenue, South 72nd Avenue to South 48th Avenue street project: Parcel 31 (5301 Stewart Avenue) – Temporary Limited Easement; and Parcel 49 (4905 Stewart Avenue) – New Highway Right of Way Fee/Temporary Limited Easement

Discussion held in Closed Session.

Discussion and possible action approving and offer to purchase the property at 1100 West Street for the purpose of construction a Fleet Maintenance Facility

Discussion held in Closed Session.

Discussion and possible action to authorize an Offer to Purchase 811 and 815 Grand Avenue (and related budget modification)

Discussion held in Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes for deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session regarding approving counter offers for the following parcels in the Stewart Avenue, South 72nd Avenue to South 48th Avenue street project: Parcel 31 (5301 Stewart Avenue) – Temporary Limited Easement; and Parcel 49 (4905 Stewart Avenue) – New Highway Right of Way Fee/Temporary Limited Easement

Motion by Martens, second by Watson to convene in Closed Session.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Watson, Diny, Martens, Lukens, and Rasmussen. Motion carried 5-0.

CLOSED SESSION pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes for deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session regarding approving an offer for purchasing 1100 West Street

Motion by Watson, second by Martens to convene in Closed Session.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Diny, Martens, Lukens, Watson, and Rasmussen. Motion carried 5-0.

CLOSED SESSION pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes for deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session: relating to authorization of staff to negotiate an Offer to Purchase of 811 and 815 Grand Avenue (and related budget modification)

Motion by Lukens, second by Watson to convene in Closed Session. Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Lukens, Martens, Diny, Watson, and Rasmussen. Motion carried 5-0.

RECONVENED into Open Session

Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion by Watson, seconded by Diny, to accept the counteroffer for the temporary limited easement at 5301 Stewart Ave. in the amount of \$500. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action regarding parking citation fine structure and parking financials.

Without objection, this item will be deferred to the next Finance Committee meeting.

Adjourn

Motion by Watson, second by Lukens to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.