

## SPECIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 25, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Ald. Sertich at 6:10 p.m. with the following Roll Call:

Members Present: Ald. Sertich, Ald. Mastalish, Ald. Gering

Members Absent:

Others Present: Mayor Moede, Deanna Boldrey, Kathie Wild, Ald. Voss, Ald. Pasbrig, Ald. Redeker, Mike Kurutz, Dave Pieper, Lisa Schmidt, Karen Moyle, Carla Hagen, Gregory Justman, Sally Kahlhamer

### Item #2 – Convene into Committee of the Whole to Discuss Items on the Finance Agenda.

Motion by Ald. Gering, second by Ald. Mastalish to Convene into Committee of the Whole. Motion carried unanimously.

### Item #3 – Budget Remarks by the Mayor.

Mayor Moede reported that the budget has been worked on very hard to get to the level that it is. He thanked the Department Heads and Council for their hard work. The Mayor passed the gavel back to Ald. Sertich with no objections from the Council.

### Item #4 – Discuss/Recommend the 2011 City Budget.

Discussion ensued to the items of the 2011 City Budget that were questioned from the previous meeting. Discussion in regards to the operating costs of the outdoor pool ensued. Options for the area were discussed. Mike Kurutz discussed the possible alternatives. Ald. Voss questioned if the demo of the pool area could be demoed ourselves. Mike noted that the DPW could do the demo work. Discussion of removing the tennis courts ensued. Ald. Mastalish questioned if there were any studies done on making the area a green space. Ald. Voss questioned if there was a business that would like to take the area over. Mike Kurutz noted that they cannot go another summer leaving as is. He did noted that the Legion was approached. The electrical costs were discussed. Relocating the fence was also discussed. Motion by Ald. Redeker, second by Ald. Voss to Put \$5,800 in the 2011 Budget for the Outdoor Pool Swim Area. Motion carried 6-0.

The transfer of Parks monies to the TAG Center was discussed. This is for the work that the staff do to schedule the park pavilion. The TAG Center subsidy was discussed. It was reduced to \$120,000. Kathie Wild noted that she had talked to Dave Pieper and Lisa Schmitt about the change. The changes were made to the operating budget to electric and gas. Ald. Mastalish noted that the did receive \$5,000 from the endowment fund but that cannot be used for operating expenses. Dave Pieper noted that they have cut the TAG Center budget as much as they can. Cannot cut anymore. Ald. Sertich noted that the subsidy was not previously budgeted until last year and the TAG Center is unfairly targeted.

Motion by Ald. Gering, Second by Ald. Redeker to Pull out \$10,000 from the contingency fund Put in for non-union employees compensation. Ald. Pasbrig noted that this is for performance above and beyond others and for those that face job changes. He noted that this could short change some people. Ald. Pasbrig continued that this does not have to be spent and to make a change there must be a budget amendment. Ald. Pasbrig noted that this would be a one time payout. Motion tied 3-3 Ald. Gering, Ald. Redeker, and Ald. Voss voted yes; Ald. Pasbrig, Ald. Sertich, and Ald. Mastalish voted no. The Mayor broke the tie and voted no. Motion then failed 4-3.

The landfill fund was discussed. The attorney fees was noted and questioned.

Motion by Ald. Redeker, second by Ald. Gering to recess at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Ald. Voss, second by Ald. Redeker to reconvene at 7:26 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

The Mayor noted that he had talked to Bob Smith during the recess and he advised to leave the attorney fees at \$25,000 in the 2011 Budget.

It was noted that the public hearing would be November 16, 2010, at 6 p.m. Motion by Ald. Mastalish, second by Ald. Redeker to Recommend the 2011 Budget as Proposed. Motion carried 6-0.

Ald. Voss noted that he was not happy with raising taxes and keeping longevity and then shutting down the pool. Ald. Voss continued that social security did not get a raise.

Ald. Redeker noted that he is not happy with the wheel tax. He noted that Ald. Sertich and Comptroller Wild worked very hard on the budget. Good start and moving in the right direction.

Ald. Mastalish noted that the budget is in good shape. He commented that Ald. Sertich and Comptroller Wild worked very hard on the budget. He does not agree with the wheel tax and raising taxes to get to the \$365,000.

Ald. Gering noted that for now we need to keep the wheel tax. Maybe it can be pulled out next year. He noted that the roads need to be taken care of. Hats off to Ald. Sertich and Kathie Wild and he applauds the Council for a nice job.

The Mayor noted that everyone put in lots of hours. There are raises in the budget contingency fund but that does not mean that it is going to happen. The taxes are going up but it less than last year. He noted that the wheel tax needed to stay in. He would like to see it taken out in the future. Mayor Moede congratulated the Council on their hard work.

Ald. Sertich thanked all for nice discussions. And that sometimes you have to agree to disagree. She noted it was an interesting process and team effort.

Item #5 – Reconvene into Finance Committee.

Motion by Ald. Gering, second by Ald. Mastalish to reconvene into the Finance Committee. Motion carried 6-0.

Item #6 – Receive, Consider, and Approve Committee of the Whole Report.

The City Clerk read the Committee of the Whole Report of motions from the Committee of the Whole.

Motion by Ald. Gering, second by Ald. Mastalish to approve the Committee of the Whole Report as noted below. Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion by Ald. Gering, Second by Ald. Redeker to Pull out \$10,000 from the contingency fund Put in for non-union employees compensation. Motion tied 3-3 Ald. Gering, Ald. Redeker, and Ald. Voss voted yes; Ald. Pasbrig, Ald. Sertich, and Ald. Mastalish voted no. The Mayor broke the tie and voted no. Motion then failed 4-3.

Motion by Ald. Mastalish, second by Ald. Redeker to Recommend the 2011 Budget as Proposed. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Ald. Redeker, second by Ald. Gering to recess at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Ald. Voss, second by Ald. Redeker to reconvene at 7:26 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Item #7 – Adjournment

Motion by Ald. Gering, second by Ald. Mastalish to adjourn at 7:44 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Deanna Boldrey, City Clerk