

FINANCE COMMITTEE – BUDGET SESSION #2
EXPENSES

Date and Time: Thursday, September 24, 2015 @ 5:00 pm., Board Room

Members Present: Oberbeck (C), Kellbach, Mielke, Nutting

Members Excused: Nagle

Others Present: Groat, Duncanson, Giese, Kujawa, Lindman, Wagner, Goede

In accordance with Chapter 19, Wisc. Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted and sent to the Daily Herald in the proper manner. It was noted that there was a quorum present and the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Oberbeck.

Executive Budget is presented to Finance Committee by Mayor

Maryanne Groat presented a PowerPoint of the 2016 Cost to Continue Budget. She noted she is still waiting for the health insurance numbers. She stated we implemented a new process this year with a form called a Supplemental Budget Request for departments that wanted to increase their budget for a specific purpose over and above what was funded for 2015. Oberbeck felt the departments should also show how they would achieve keeping their budgets the same; what they would have to cut to do that or what impact it would have.

Executive Ranking of the decision items by the Mayor

2016 Supplemental Budget Requests were reviewed:

Fire

- Kujawa explained the two year accreditation process and requested moving forward for \$6,000.

Parks

- Duncanson stated over the last year they have been going through the process of putting together a conceptual plan to create a mountain bike park facility at Sylvan Hill as a summer activity. He noted it is a great draw for sports tourism. He requested \$20,000 to contract for final design. Groat recommended funding out of room tax.
- Duncanson explained the Athletic Park Facility requires ongoing maintenance, an elevator and skilled manpower to do it. Oberbeck considered this a cost to continue because it must be done and should be put in the overall budget. Nutting agreed it was not an option. *Motion by Mielke, second Kellbach to put the Athletic Park Facility Maintenance back into the budget. Motion carried 4-0.*
- Duncanson reviewed the list of deferred maintenance projects that need to be addressed. He indicated they needed more manpower to accomplish them as well as additional funding.
- Duncanson discussed maintenance expenses for the East Riverfront Development. Groat indicated she spoke to the financial advisors who stated the expenses for the vacant property could be charged to the TID because it is property that is up for sale and needs to be maintained for development.
- Oberbeck stated the request for swimming pool maintenance may also be a cost-to-continue item. Duncanson noted this reflects the difference from operating the old pools to fully operating the improvements. *Motion by Mielke, second by Nutting to put the costs of swimming pool maintenance back into the budget as a cost-to-continue. Motion carried 4-0.*

Public Works

- Lindman indicated there has been a lot of turnover of employees and \$5,200 would help to cross train new employees and fund continuing education for the inspectors.
- Lindman stated he was looking to increase the budget \$210,000 for street seal coating and asphalt filling to help maintain our streets to get their expected design life. He also included a request for funding for asphalt filler at \$25,000. Oberbeck questioned if any of the costs were TIF eligible. Groat felt it was too much maintenance related. She suggested taking money out of the public works budget and create a reserve for the fourth quarter winter event. Whatever differences, depending on the type of winter we have, we could reallocate for streets.

- Lindman requested a \$3,500 increase for ready mix for curb and gutter repairs. Oberbeck felt this could be a TIF infrastructure expense for areas within TIDS.
- Lindman stated there were some overhead doors at public works in critical condition due to the age of the building that need to be replaced for \$15,000. Groat suggested a transfer of funds this year since the past winter was mild. It is a safety issue that should be addressed.
- Lindman discussed contractual services of \$40,000 for epoxy painting for streets with high traffic. Epoxy lasts much longer than the water based paints.
- Lindman requested creating a budget line in Bridges & Culverts for \$80,000 for epoxy chip seal on bridge decks. He noted the county does bridge inspections every two years and there will be one in 2016.
- Lindman stated a \$350 lumber purchase for abatements and fire is something requested by streets and maintenance. He felt his overall budget could absorb this cost.
- Lindman stated the large item spring pickup is an additional \$40,000. Discussion took place regarding spring pick up, central collection sites, and various ways of charging a fee.

Oberbeck commented they would like the departments input on options they would recommend. After the Finance Committee makes it recommendation for the budget it will go to a Committee of the Whole.

2016 Funding Level Discussion

Groat stated we do not know how the elimination of the prevailing wage law will affect our contract costs and stormwater requirements compliance is another issue. Oberbeck added another factor was the Emerald Ash Borer expenses. Duncanson pointed out the Americans with Disabilities Act is being addressed with playground efforts, but it will be showing up in all the facilities.

Adjourn

Motion by Nutting, second by Mielke to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.