

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date and Time: Tuesday, October 11, 2016 @ 5:00 pm., Council Chambers

Members Present: Rasmussen (C), Smith, Kellbach

Members Excused: Gehin, and Nutting- *entered at 5:15 pm.*

Others Present: Groat, Lindman, Alfonso, Jacobson, Mielke, Stratz, Giese, Duncanson, Chmiel, Neal, Rayala.

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 there was a quorum present and the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Rasmussen.

Public Comment

None

Minutes of previous meeting(s). (9/27/16)

Motion by Kellbach, second by Smith to approve the minutes of the previous meetings on 9/27/16. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion and Possible Action on Authorizing acceptance of A7 Corsair Fighter Jet for placement at Alexander Park, execution of Loan Agreement with the National Museum of the United States Air Force, and payment for periodic maintenance of aircraft display.

Rasmussen explained the A7 Corsair Fighter Jet was previously on display at the VFW and due to the closure of the VFW, is available. Alexander Park, which is next to the downtown airport, would like to secure it to give the park an aviation theme.

Tara Alfonso stated the city would be doing the periodic maintenance for the aircraft and there will be a carryover every year of approximately \$1,500 to provide that maintenance. She indicated the neighborhood group wants to help with some of the cost, however, that is not a certain. John Chmiel stated the neighborhood group feels very strongly that they do not want it to be a financial burden on the city, not only for the initial modifications to the park, but also for the upkeep of the airplane. He noted there may also be grants available as well.

Motion by Smith, second by Kellbach to approve the placement of the A7 Corsair Fighter Jet at Alexander Park. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion and Possible Action on Authorization of Reprogramming CDBG Homeowner Rehabilitation program income funds into Neighborhood Revitalization Program.

Tammy Stratz stated they are seeking approval to reprogram \$30,000 from the Homeowner Rehab Program Income Account into the Neighborhood Revitalization Account. She explained they have been working with the Longfellow District for their tot lot for almost 10 years and now have a plan. She stated they anticipate to be approximately \$25,000 under budget from what is in that Neighborhood Revitalization Account. She indicated there is excess program income in the Homeowner Rehab account and would like to transfer the funds over for this purpose. She stated they held a public hearing September 29, 2016 and the Citizens Advisory Committee recommended the reprogramming of funds. There originally was a caveat that if the entire \$30,000 is not used it would go back to the Rehab Program, however, the Citizens Advisory Committee asked that it stay in the Neighborhood Revitalization Account for other things.

Motion by Smith, second by Kellbach to approve the reprogramming of the CDBG funds as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion and Possible Authorizing of Sole Source Contract with Schuette Movers, LLC

Stratz explained we have an opportunity to move a couple of properties along Thomas Street to city lots we have for redevelopment. She indicated there were two parcels: 1118 W. Thomas Street to be moved to 906 S. 7th Avenue; and 1101 S. 12th Avenue to be moved to 1212 S. 9th Avenue. This would be done with Community Development Program Income funds and would like to use Schuette Movers, who has walked through the properties.

Smith questioned if these houses had to be moved because of the Thomas Street reconstruction. Stratz explained that was correct; the city has already purchased the properties and the owners have already relocated, so they have been vacant. We have some city lots and program income funds to move them and then offer them for sale to income qualifying homeowners.

Motion by Kellbach, second by Smith to approve the sole source contract with Schuette Movers, LLC. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion and possible action regarding the 2017 Budget

Rasmussen stated at the last budget session we reviewed the supplemental requests of the departments and this item is for updates. She commented many of the supplemental requests have very small mill rate impact, but there are a couple that have very large impacts. She indicated the Mayor is meeting with department heads to have them recommend some cuts that could be used as tradeoffs for these requests within the budget. She stated there would be a final budget session at the end of October.

Groat reviewed the 2017 supplemental budget requests (*in packet*). She stated the Board of Review has concluded and the updating of the assessed valuation numbers changed the tax rate, increasing it \$0.04. The costs associated with the supplemental requests is \$0.25. She stated if we were to fund all of these supplemental requests we would be looking at a \$0.43 increase. She proposed a couple of ways she found in which to reduce the increase and felt in reaching out to the departments and scrutinizing the cost to continue budgets again, we may be able to continue to whittle this down.

Adjournment

Motion by Smith, second by Nutting to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.