

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 24, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, Public Safety Building

Present:

Tim Swadley, Paul Lawrence, Regina Hirsch, Pat O'Connor, and Mayor Olson

Others Present:

Planning Director Scheel, Gary Becker, Linda Muller, Kay Davis, Sid Boersma, and Michael Engelberger

Absent and Excused:

None

Call to order:

Chairperson Lawrence called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Communications:

Mayor Olson explained that the City will be starting the 2017 budgeting process soon. She also encouraged the committee to find a way to meaningfully engage the community in the budgeting process.

Reports: Contingency- April Treasurer's Report

No action taken.

Finance Committee Minutes of May 10, 2016:

Motion by Swadley to approve the Finance Committee minutes of May 10, 2016, second by Hirsch. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Resolution authorizing and directing the proper City official(s) to assist local efforts to establish an emergency family housing center by contributing \$6,000 to the Housing Advocacy Team of Stoughton to purchase consulting services for the 2016 Dane County Housing Grant application, using 2016 contingency funds:

Mayor Olson explained that this resolution would allow \$6,000 of City contingency funds to be used for consulting service fees to draft a grant application for the 2016 Dane County Housing Grant. Members of the Housing Advocacy Team of Stoughton (HATS) addressed the committee and explained that, if the team were to receive this grant, they would purchase a home and use it to help those who are homeless. They further explained that it would be used as a stepping stone for these citizens and that these people would pay to be able to live there, if they were able.

The HATS group further explained that the City would not have to fund this project moving forward, as they hope to obtain more grants and make the project self-sustaining.

Motion by Lawrence, to approve the resolution authorizing and directing the proper City official(s) to assist local efforts to establish an emergency family housing center by contributing \$6,000 to the Housing Advocacy Team of Stoughton to purchase consulting services for the 2016 Dane County Housing Grant application, using 2016 contingency funds and to recommend to Council for approval, second by Olson. Motion carried 5-0.

Request for Budget amendment for 2016 City Hall tile project:

Planning Director Scheel explained that the current tile floor in City Hall is deteriorating and needs to be replaced. He noted that the current tile is approximately 100 years old and to find similar tile has been difficult. A company out of Arizona was located that would make the tile, per the specifications of the existing, to maintain the detailed and ornate design of the tile that already exists at City Hall. This would come as an added expense to the City that did not include installation and that the total amount for this project would be approximately \$18,500. He requested that the budget for the Building Maintenance fund be amended by \$9,500, to the existing money already allocated for this project. Committee discussion encompassed the need to save the existing tiles, to be sold or used in beautification project somewhere else in the City.

Motion by Hirsch, to approve the request for budget amendment for the 2016 City Hall tile project, second by O'Connor. Motion carried 5-0.

Future Agenda Items:

Discussion regarding redundant services/programs within the current City/Utility structure –Retiree Reserve Fund- 2017 Budget Preparation & Explanation- Community Involvement with Budgeting Process

Adjournment

Motion by Swadley, to adjourn the meeting of the Finance Committee, second by O'Connor. Motion carried unanimously 5-0. The Finance Committee meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.