

Finance Committee
Monday, April 14, 2025
6:00 p.m. Medina City Hall – Council Rotunda

In attendance: John Coyne – Chairman, J. Shields, P. Rose, Chet Simmons, D. Simpson and N. DiSalvo. R. Haire was absent.

Also present: Greg Huber, Keith Dirham, Patrick Patton, Kathy Patton, Dan Gladish, Kimberly Marshall, Sarah Crawford, Chief Walters, Nino Piccoli, Jansen Wehrley, Laureen Wilson, Cindy Lastuka and Andrew Dutton.

1. Assignment of Requests for Council Action

2. 24-202-10/15 – Elected Official Salaries for 2026-2029

Mr. Rose stated Ad Hoc Committee met back in March mentioned the state pension system with bottom limits and his recommendation was to make enough to pay into in order to receive a pension at the end of your service.

It was agreed to pay Mayor a higher salary than the Finance Director.

Chet Simmons felt the Committee's increases were too steep although he agrees with the 2.5% increase but not supportive of the leap between 2025 and 2026.

John Coyne stated other cities that we are comparable to, we have always trailed them in pay and never been ahead of the curve. John realizes there is always a hesitancy to raise pay and feels nobody does this for the money.

Natalie stated the \$1,000 a month for council was so that they would be eligible for medical benefits after "X" amount of years.

Dennie mentioned it is important to note that to increase these salaries for council the current council unless they are going to run again for a council position at the end of their term they, will not see that increase.

Jim sees a value in the \$1,000 increase for OPERS and medical benefits.

Paul stated there is a really good chance that you will have at least your supplemental for Medicare taken care of through your employer if you have another job, and feels everyone should look at it that way and not make this a job that somebody is relying on their livelihood for. He is for staying at whatever the state put out for minimums for pension.

John feels they should put this up on the city website for input from the public.

*** on hold for public input.

3. 25-069-3/24 – Interurban Building Relocation and Use

John Coyne stated this building is currently on a flatbed trailer parked in the parking lot in one piece but now we have to decide where will the final resting place be for the Interurban Building be.

Andrew Dutton stated there are two proposals on location. Jason Stevenson is the developer of the Legacy Hotel, and he is suggesting to return it to its latest position in the northeast corner of the Feckley Lot. They would assume repairs and maintenance responsibilities, as well as

security responsibilities. They would have information regarding the station in the hotel. They do not anticipate utilizing the station/building for valet services or any other primary operations. The second proposal is by the Medina Co. Historical Society and that is to move the Interurban building to their McDowell-Phillips House Museum temporarily in the rear parking lot and then a final location to be determined, either on that site, or in the area of Prospect and Medina Street. The Community Design Committee supports this.

Dennie – both options have merit. Does not want it to be used for a valet station. He is in favor of it being moved to Historical Society property.

Chet Simmons feels it would be squeezed in by the hotel and would like to see it go in at 205 S. Prospect St.

Natalie likes the fact that it is visible from the square but agrees that the Historical Society is probably the best place for it.

Paul would like to hear a little more about the bump out property.

Jim feels people could learn more about the Interurban Bldg. if it were located at the Historical Society, he would also like to hear more about the 3rd option as well.

John feels the Historical Society provides an opportunity for people who visit the Historical Society to see all three buildings together, but you have to visit the Historical Society as if it were in the other location, maybe it would entice people to also visit the Historical Society. Mr. Huber feels if it were at the McDowell-Phillips House Museum it would come with a more thorough explanation as to what the history is.

Michelle Nickles – current Chairperson of the Medina Community Design Committee, has original letter from the Jameson family to the CDC that is dated July 1988 when they were offering the Interurban to them so that it would be preserved and protected. They are willing to pay for the move over to the Historical Society which represents our County not just the City.

Brian Feron represents Medina Co. Historical Society and the property at 205 S. Prospect St. Brian stated they have committed a great deal of time and resources to keep all the historical structures in tact and restored so the community can enjoy them and would like to do the same for the Interurban bldg. There is 24/7 camera surveillance.

Mr. Chet Simmons moved that the Interurban bldg. be moved to 205 S. Prospect St. under the care of CDC and the Medina Co. Historical Society, seconded by Mr. Simpson.

Mr. Coyne wants to table this to get all the agreements and vote all at once. Work with Historical Society to figure out the agreement.

Skip Baran – why can't we have a vote today to move it?

Mr. Huber will work with Brian to get all the details worked out.

4. 25-076-4/14 – Budget Amendments

a. 2025-015 - Wellness Funds

Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 6-0.

b. 2025-013 – Keith stated these are adjustments for getting the courthouse project also for the 250th celebration.

Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 6-0.

5. 25-077-4/14 – Increase Exp. Rocco Masonry – Service Dept.

Nino stated he needs to increase the original P.O. as there are some storm sewer repairs needed. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 6-0.

6. 25-078-4/14 – Cooperative Purchase – Ford Cab & Chassis Truck / Dump Body
Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 6-0.
7. 25-079-4/14 – Professional Services Agreement w/ T&M Associates – Econ. Dev.
Brownfield Remediation Program Assessment Grant for the former Yost Sunoco site located at 426 W. Liberty St. Requesting emergency clause as there is a grant deadline. Mr. Shields moved to approve with the emergency clause, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 6-0.
8. 25-080-4/14 – 2nd Amendment to Management Agreement – Medina Municipal Airport
Mr. Huber stated UH has entered into a more formal agreement with respect to their lease. Need to amend this compensation section of our agreement with Cold Stream. Mr. Shields moved to approve this agreement subject to final changes by the Law Director, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 6-0.
9. 25-081-4/14 – Grant Application – USA Water Polo Grant – MCRC
Jansen stated they are applying for over \$4,000 to fund the purchase of water polo goals to use in the competition pool. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 6-0.
10. 25-082-4/14 – Grant Application – T-Mobile Hometown Grant – Parks
Jansen stated this is for \$20,000 to install 15 park benches in 6 different parks. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 6-0.
11. 25-083-4/14 – Increase Exp. Holtz Industries, Inc. – Service
Nino Piccoli stated this comes from the Sanitation Dept. to increase the P.O. from \$20,000 to \$35,000 to keep trucks operational. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 6-0.
12. 25-084-4/14 – Increase Exp. Environmental Equipment Sales – Service
Nino stated this is also from the Sanitation Dept. and is for an increase of \$30,000 as that will allow for purchase of a replacement tailgate frame and tailgate related parts. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 6-0.
13. 25-085-4/14 – Bids, 2025 Equipment and General Pavement Services
Nino explained this is the annual asphalt general paving and asphalt services for the 2025 year. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 6-0.
14. 25-086-4/14 – Bids, Job #1151 US 42 Resurfacing & Pedestrian Safety Improvements
Patrick Patton stated this project is in conjunction with two different grants and will resurface US 42 from just north of Homestead to Lafayette including all four sides of the square. This project is where we install the pedestrian safety improvements throughout the square. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 6-0.
15. 25-087-4/14 – Preliminary Legislation – ODOT Urban Paving SR 3 & SR 57
Mr. Patton stated this is through ODOT Urban Paving Program. ODOT is providing over \$850,000 and the City share is \$1.4 million and won't happen for a couple summers yet. Mr. Shields moved to approve with final approval by the Law Director, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 6-0.

16. 25-088-4/14 – GMP No. 3 – Municipal Court Renovation – Ruhlin

Mr. Coyne stated they held a meeting and discussed the numbers. Cindy Lastuka stated her and Judge Werner are happy to get GMP# 3 passed and keep the project moving. Requesting 169 have balance of \$750,000.00 to keep in there for rent, security and insurance cost and anything that may come up after occupying the building. John Coyne stated this increased their share of the 169 another \$250,000 that would have to be paid back to the City. The total amount that is coming from the city's contribution of the project is a little over \$3.4 million dollars from the 301 account and the total contribution through Judge Werner's 169 Special Project Fund is a little over \$8 million dollars. John stated \$4.6 million would have to be paid back to the city over time. Cindy stated, right now the court has already contributed about \$2.1 million, and right now they have a little over \$3 million in the account after the \$750,000 the courts contribution would be \$4.3.

Keith stated we are taking the balance of the 169 down to $\frac{3}{4}$ of a million.

Coyne stated the city share of the entire project is \$3,419,093.50 and everything else comes from the 169 account. City already paid \$1.3 million.

Mr. Shields moved to approve with the emergency clause, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 6-0.

17. 25-089-4/14 – Amend Code, Stormwater Ordinances

Patrick Patton stated they are required by the EPA to get a storm water permit through them and it's a 5-year permit. Our program was audited and some things came back deficient. Ordinances were not up to date. A consultant was hired to help put these ordinances together. Patrick put in some suggestive values, lump sum fees. These fees would cover/ offset us having to hire a consultant to regularly with some inspections for erosion and settlement control.

Mr. Rose asked if the ordinances were based on Ohio Revised Code or some unelected bureaucrat? Patrick replied they were based on template ordinances put together by a group called Chagrin River Watershed and most communities in Northeast Ohio have followed that template and modified as necessary. Mr. Coyne stated we want to make sure we get the grants. Mr. Shields moved to approve subject to final review of the Law Director, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 5-1(PR)

18. 25-090-4/14 – Grant Application – FY26 State Rd. Phase 2 Reconstruction

Kimberly stated this and the next are for community projects. Total project estimation is a little over 2.6 million of local match of \$772,400.00. State Rd is a NOACA functional classification maps and is eligible funds. Mr. Shields moved to approve with the emergency clause, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion Passes 6-0.

19. 25-091-4/14 – Grant Application – FY26 Access Rd. / Curb Cut – Medina Muni. Airport

Kimberly stated this is for entrance access road and apron. Grant would be to include plans, specs and construction. The project is listed on the master airport layout plan, filed with the FAA making the project eligible for grant funding. The cost for project is \$2,680,000.00 and local match is \$134,000.00. This is funding that has already been authorized but not yet appropriated. We can submit these projects and have to pick priority 1 and priority 2.

Their office will review and submit. Asking for emergency clause due to turn around time.

Mr. Shields moved to approve with the emergency clause, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 6-0.

20. 25-092-4/14 – Amend S&B 31.04(B) – Extend 4-week training period – Civil Service

Laureen stated the Civil Service Commission is requesting council to consider extending the 4-

week training period allowed under section 31.04 of the salaries and benefits code to allow additional training for the incoming Civil Service Secretary Kimberly Lightner to increase to 7 weeks. Mr. Huber suggested to Laureen to make it more generalized in the pay code to give the Mayor the authority to extend training periods for new hires up to 12 weeks. John stated they shouldn't keep the 13A step in there and it's been modified. Mr. Shields moved to approve with the emergency clause, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 6-0.

To be added:

21. 25-093 – 4/14 – Co-op purchase – Rock Salt

Nino stated he received the annual ODOT bid for salt a few days ago and it is due May 2nd and the emergency clause is needed due to time restraints. Looking at 1,900 tons just to have a safe number. Mr. Shields moved to approve with the emergency clause, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 6-0.

There being no further business the Finance Committee adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

John Coyne III, Chairman