

Finance Committee
Tuesday, October 13, 2020
6:00 p.m., Rotunda

In attendance: J. Coyne - Chairman, E. Heffinger, P. Rose, and J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Hazeltine and Bill.

Also present: Mayor Hanwell, Patrick Patton, Keith Dirham, Nino Piccoli, Chief Kinney, Kathy Patton, Jansen Wehrley, Mike Wright, Kimberly Marshall, Dan Gladish, Megan Philbin, Jarrod Fry, Cindy Lastuka, and Matt Tomek.

1. Assignment of Requests for Council Action

2. 20-182-9/28 – Discuss Uses of COVID-19/CARES Funds

Mr. Coyne stated there has been a submission by each of the department heads of items they would like but that has changed a little bit because of the amount of money.

Mr. Dirham stated the city got \$935,000 last week with a little over a million, additionally we may have to allocate some interest to it which won't be a whole lot of money. In theory, if anyone in the county returns money we may get more but he doesn't know what those chances are. If that does happen, we will probably end up needing a council meeting late in December if there is a redistribution and it has to be spent by December 28th. The rules from the Feds are we have to have it spent or encumbered by November 20th, 2020. We want to use that as the cutoff date for payroll and incumbencies. Things are changing fast. With the Law Director's approval, we are having Todd Hunt from Walter Haverfield look over these requests to make sure that they are acceptable uses of the money with their fee being chargeable to the Cares Funds. Keith feels we should put the rest towards Police Payroll which Mr. Hunt mentioned we can pay a percentage of public health and public safety employees from April through November 20th. Once council passes these as we go through this, we are going to move fast on getting incumbencies out, some of these are small enough that the Board of Control can do it or the department head can.

Mr. Coyne mentioned Kimberly's idea of grants for local businesses and his personal thought is at least \$50,000 in grants. These would be for just City of Medina Businesses.

Mr. Lamb feels the list received from the administration seems like a really smart way to use this money. A lot of it will be helpful for us in a lot of different ways and a lot of it we probably wouldn't have had the money to do otherwise. Bill feels the money invested in small business grants is important, if we can get money into businesses then that will improve our economy and he proposes \$200,000 towards grants for small businesses in the city.

Mrs. Hazeltine asked if the qualification process on the businesses are already over and done.

Mrs. Marshall stated they worked very closely with the county to create a program and criteria and have completed two rounds of funding so far and of the two rounds of funding we have benefitted 92 businesses in the City of Medina for a total of \$523,098.00. A third round of funding was released and 259 applications have been received with 42 being Medina City businesses.

Mr. Rose suggested starting with \$100,000 and see how that works first.

Mr. Heffinger mentioned as this pandemic continues and Covid-19 numbers appear to be rising, we could be in for a rough winter and some of these businesses are already hurting, already have spent their savings, this might be the lifeline that keeps them going.

Nino spoke of the Rotunda project and what all that involves and the HVAC unit and what that includes.

Chief Kinney has some additional projects he would like considered.

Mr. Coyne stated they will pass this list, plus with the additions that Chief Kinney put on and Mr. Piccoli put on. Whatever is not used we will re-appropriate for payroll once we figure out what the final number is. Mr. Shields moved to approve with subject to the law director including the emergency clause, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion Passes 7-0.

3. 20-192-10/13 – Budget Amendments

#20-037 – 9/16/20 Budget Hearing Reductions

Mr. Dirham stated these are reductions from the Budget hearings. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion Passes 7-0.

#20-045 – 9/9/20 Budget Hearing Reductions

Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion Passes 7-0.

#20-038 – 7/8/20, 6/17/20 & 7/15/20 Budget Hearing Reductions

Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion Passes 7-0.

#20-046 – 7/15/20 Budget Hearing Reductions

Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion Passes 7-0.

#20-047 – Accept check – Mountain Biking Assoc.

Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion Passes 7-0.

#20-042 – JRIG/Probation Grant Appropriations

Cindy stated this is for the grant for their two probation officers. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion Passes 7-0.

#20-041 – Intensive Supervision Probation Grant

Cindy stated this is to accept the grant money. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion Passes 7-0.

#20-048 – Repay Advances

Mr. Dirham stated these are appropriations to repay these advances they are rolling over. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion Passes 7-0.

4. 20-193-10/13 – Justice Reinvestment Incentive Grant – Muni Court

Cindy stated the money will be coming in November for \$48,000. Keith stated this is to approve

the grant. Mr. Shields moved to approve with the emergency clause, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0.

5. 20-194-10/13 – Expenditure Over \$15,000 – Chippewa Roofing - Service

Mr. Piccoli stated this was for city garage third section roof replacement to be split evenly between the two referenced accounts. In the amount of \$24,000. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion Passes 7-0.

6. 20-195-10/13 – Accept Amounts & Rates from Budget Commission

Mr. Dirham stated this is part of the budget process we have to do every year and have to have back to the county within a few weeks. Mr. Shields moved to approve with the emergency, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion Passes 7-0.

7. 20-196-10/13 – Repay Advances

Mr. Dirham stated these are advances that we're rolling. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion Passes 7-0.

8. 20-197-10/13 – Discuss & Update on Capital Bill Request FY 2021/2022

Kimberly Marshall stated due to Covid-19 the Capital Bill Request was tabled at the State of Ohio. Just recently received call from Senator Obhof's office asking if we were still interested in moving forward with these. Kimberly felt necessary to bring back to council in light of 10% budget cuts because obviously there is a 50% match. Still need funding for lighting portion of project #1 and look at Project #2- Historic District Replacement Lighting, #3- New Dog Park at Ray Mellert Park, & #4- Expansion of the Parking Lot at Ray Mellert Park. This is a two year cycle for PY2021/2022. Kimberly feels they should still consider moving forward on these and see what happens with income tax receipts and carryforward money and budget cuts in the event that things do pick up, we will still have the two year cycle to work on those grant applications for those projects.

Mr. Coyne agreed with the moving forward, especially on the lighting project. Mr. Shields stated he would like to also keep moving forward on these.

Mayor Hanwell expressed that Jansen had some concerns with Projects #3 & #4 because with some of the funding cuts we've done through the parks he is not sure that he would have the match required that he had when this was submitted.

Jansen stated the two current grant projects they are working on currently, the East Reagan Parkway Multi-use Path Connector has about a \$70,000 grant match that he is funding out of carryforward funds and in addition to that we have a CDBG grant for the completion of the quarter mile fitness loop at Ray Mellert and part of that project is to install three fitness stations that are ADA accessible and that has a \$15,000 grant match. Jansen feels that is a substantial amount of money coming out of his carryforward including the 10% cuts and doesn't feel both these projects are feasible.

Mr. Simpson would like to move forward in thinking that hopefully within the two years our funding will be in better shape. The worst case scenario, we would have to back out.

Mr. Shields also stated that if we get to the point of where we get awarded and we don't have the money to match there are a couple local foundations we could approach too because some of

these might have an interest. Mr. Coyne stated it sounds like we are going to move forward with those and submit the grant requests.

9. 20-198-10/13 – Authorize Lease of Flex Portable Building – Municipal Court

Cindy Lastuka stated this is for an outdoor office space 8x20 in size. This will be used a security area where check-in will be performed, ask health assessment questions, be able to help slow the traffic in the court and be able to do social distancing between the two courts. Total cost will be \$5,381.90 with lease expiring June 1, 2021. Mr. Shields moved to approve, subject to the Law Directors approval and with the emergency clause, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion Passes 7-0.

There being no further business before the Finance Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

John M. Coyne, Chairman