

**Finance Committee**  
**Monday, September 27, 2021**  
**5:30 p.m. Medina City Hall – Rotunda**

**In attendance:** J. Coyne – Chairman, P. Rose, J. Shields, B. Lamb, J. Hazeltine, Dennie Simpson and E. Heffinger.

**Also present:** Mayor Hanwell, Greg Huber, Patrick Patton, Keith Dirham, Kimberly Marshall, Jansen Wehrley, Chief Walters, Dan Gladish, Barb Dzur, Laureen Wilson and Kathy Patton

1. Assignment of Requests for Council Action

2. 21-180-9/12 - American Rescue Plan Act Grant – Potential Projects

Mr. Coyne stated at the last meeting he requested everyone to look over the project list and to rate the projects. John feels for the engineering and water improvement projects they have the 108 account and generally that would cover those. We have an income tax set aside to cover those projects and therefore funding is available to do those. Mr. Coyne would rather look into projects that don't have funding available and the biggest one he sees is to of course complete the City Hall Ventilation project, the second one would be the projects for the Medina Community Recreation Center, the third would be some of the funding to the Pickleball courts at Ray Mellert Park and then the stormwater projects.

Mr. Lamb agrees with using the 108 account for the ones that have funding. He also agrees with funding for the MCRC feeling those improvements are necessary as well as the ventilation project at city hall. Bill is more in favor of the Hoffman Cunningham/West Branch of Rocky River Restoration project the erosion is so bad that the road gets closed off.

Mr. Simpson feels that the engineering project for the East Washington Street/Longview Dr. and the historical problematic waterlines has been an ongoing issue for too long. Dennie is also in favor of the Pickleball Courts at Ray Mellert Park. At Fire Station #1 the parking lot has been deplorable for several years now.

Mr. Heffinger agrees with what has been said before him and feels it is important to help spread the wealth because these projects will obviously benefit the whole city but different people will notice them more than others. Over the next two years we are estimated to receive \$2,700,000.00. If you do the math on these and combine all them together, minus the million-dollar projects for water improvement, it comes out to \$2,403,940.00, we could potentially do almost all these projects and still have some money left over and then use some of the 108 fund for some of the water projects.

Mr. Dirham wanted to clarify that last time with the Cares Act we were on a super short timeline. There is a lot longer horizon here to spend this money. So, for example the Pickleball Court is estimated at \$150,000.00 and if that comes in at \$145,000 we will have \$5,000 left over we can put towards something else. With the Cares Act we couldn't do that.

Mrs. Hazeltine brought to everyone's attention that most of the water improvement projects are in Ward 1 and all of them are issues that she hears about when there is a heavy rain. If there is money in the 108 Fund to take care of these issues then that is her priority.

Jessica does not feel that the last item on the agenda is getting the attention that it deserves. Businesses that are in Ward 1 and throughout the city have so many barriers just to get people employed, the public is always asking: there are so many jobs everywhere why is it so hard to get people working? Two of the very reason are Child care and Transportation. So even \$10,000.00 spread over 20 companies would be a big help.

Mr. Coyne asked with income tax if we are at about 3.2 million goes to the 108 account. So, we will have about 2 million clear a year and stated to Patrick we should be able to accomplish some of this stuff at the top of your list.

Mr. Coyne stated it seems like from everyone that shared their opinions that we want to move forward and do everything on the list except for the Engineering and Water Improvement Projects that will be paid from the Cares Act now and maybe get some more efficiency of the project and the timing of the project and then Patrick use the money that we just borrowed at 2.5 million dollars plus the 2 million a year we get from income taxes which is 4.5 million right away and money from the 108 account, there is plenty of money to at least start some of these projects.

Mr. Shields agrees with the East Washington St. Project because that's the number one place he always sees the city water crews working at. The second project is the Lafayette Rd. project. The pickleball Courts, the Fire station parking lot and the economic Development.

Mr. Rose asked Patrick Patton about North Elmwood and if it is on the list due to residents getting brownish colored water at times. Paul agrees with the storm sewer projects and also the Economic Development because like Jessica said without people working we don't get our income tax.

Mr. Coyne stated whoever submitted the items from the Rec center, Parks, Service and storm water projects and economic development define your project a little more. Use the extra monies that we may save for the storm water projects.

3. 21-181-9/27 – Budget Amendments

#2021-030 – Grant Projects

Mr. Dirham stated this are appropriations for the grants.

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

#2021-029 – Court Probation Case Management Support

Mr. Dirham stated it is to increase the appropriation for the court.

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

4. 21-182-9/27 – Fund Advance Request – Grant Projects

Mr. Dirham stated these are the advances to cover the grant projects.

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

5. 21-183-9/27 – Decorative Railing, N. Broadway & Spring Grove Culvert Replacement

Mr. Patton stated they got the numbers for standard railing and decorative railing. They did receive the bids and awarded the project. The cost for standard railing is \$20,777.00 at each location. The cost to upgrade to decorative railing is \$14,929.00 at each location. To sum it up,

the upgrade would be almost an additional \$30,000.00 change order. Patrick stated their estimate for the bid was \$946,000.00 the bid that was awarded was \$835,421.00 and that is \$100,000.00 below our estimate. If we did increase the change order for the decorative railing the awarded bid would be a little over \$865,000.00 and would be still be below original estimate of \$946,000.00. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0.

6. 21-184-9/27 – Discussion - City Hall Parking Deck Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Mr. Patton stated they have been awarded two separate grants, first one is through the Ohio EPA, the second one is through NOACA. Each grant will pay for 4 charging stations, the EPS one will be a level 2, the NOAA ones will be fast charging. The hurdle is that they are completely separate grants and the timeline of each is very different The EPA one we could start tomorrow and have charging stations up and working before end of year. When the stations are turned over to us we have to do annual reporting, maintenance, data collection that kind of stuff and feel it would be a whole lot easier to use the same vendor. We are not going to know which vendor NOACA chooses until next spring so we approached the EPA about delaying ours until then so that we have the opportunity if we like to choose the same vendor and they are fine with that.

Mr. Coyne stated we want to stay ahead of the curve so to speak because we already have it wired for charging stations.

\* Wait for Patrick to get more information this week.

7. 21-185-9/27 – Amend Ord. 104-21 – Account corrections

Mr. Dirham stated they are changing the account number for the different years grant. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0.

8. 21-186-9/27 – Amend Ord. 85-21 – Account corrections

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

9. 21-187-9/27 – Res. Accepting Amounts & Rates – Budget Commission

Mr. Dirham stated the emergency clause is requested due to timelines. Mr. Shields moved to approve with the emergency clause, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0.

10. Executive Session: (Land Acquisition)

It was moved by Mr. Shields and seconded by Mr. Simpson to enter into Executive Session at 6:18 pm. With the Mayor and Law Director to consider the purchase of property for public purposes or the sale of property at competitive bidding because premature disclosure would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person who's personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest and for conferences with the City's Law Director concerning disputes involving the City which are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

At 6:38 p.m. the Executive session was adjourned. The Finance Committee reconvened, and there being no further business, the Finance meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

John M. Coyne, Chairman