

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**June 11, 2018**  
**East Conference Room**

**Present:** Councilmembers O'Malley, Bullock & George

**Also Present:** Finance Director Pae, Councilmembers O'Leary, Rader & Litten, Human Resources Director Yousefi, Human Services Director Gelsomino, Planning Director Sylvester

**Call to order:** 7:20 p.m.

**ORDINANCE NO. 30-18 – AN ORDINANCE authorizing the transfer and advance of certain funds**

Director Pae explained that the Ordinance reflects the second quarter transfers as appropriated in December 2017. There was no change from the first quarter ordinance except that there were no advances. The Ordinance reflects 25% of funds appropriated. Director Pae requested passage upon second reading so that the ordinance can go into effect by end of June. An ordinance of this nature is submitted each quarter.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend adoption of Ordinance 30-18 on second reading.

All members voted in favor. Motion passed.

**Evaluation of 2018 Council Budget Priorities**

The Committee discussed the process used in prior years to include Council budget priorities into the budget. Mr. O'Malley expressed his intent to continue this practice this year. He reminded colleagues that although this is an important opportunity to assert Council priorities, that it is not the only opportunity to do so.

Mr. Bullock added that having a clear deadline and process can be helpful.

The Committee discussed several of Council 2018 Priority Items:

Project SOAR

Director Gelsomino explained the nature of Project SOAR and updated Council with data on the program. She stated that \$10,000 was requested as a Council priority because the program's projected expenses were uncertain at the time. So far, the \$10,000 has not been accessed. She remarked on some of the challenges the program has faced in its first year such as losing its dedicated staff person. She asked for Council's help to share information about the program.

The Committee discussed trends in drug overdoses and drug supply. The Committee discussed the fact that two medical marijuana dispensaries have been approved for Lakewood. Members asked if revenue from those dispensaries can be allocated toward SOAR.

Director Pae explained that auditors advise against restricting the use of funds coming into the General Fund.

Mr. Bullock suggested potential uses for the \$10,000 to support SOAR, considering that it has not yet been put to use.

Mr. Litten suggested that The Human Services meet on this topic to get a more comprehensive update.

#### Additional Shade at Pools

Per an email from Director Beno, one new shade structure has been installed at each pool.

#### Outdoor basketball in Madison Park

Construction on the court will begin next Monday. Fencing still needs to be included in the project.

#### Webb Park Improvements

Committee discussed this but will wait to hear more from Director Beno and/or Councilmember Anderson. Director Sylvester recollected that the goal is to make quick improvements first and then focus on higher level improvements.

#### Traffic Calming

Director Sylvester described two projects to be completed by the end of the year that should meet Council's goals of traffic calming 1. Sloane Ave. intersection 2. W. Clifton corridor bike lanes

#### Curb Replacement

Mr. Litten explained his rationale for prioritizing this item. He stated that it is his preference that some allocated funds go toward actual curb repair and replacement and not just evaluation of curbs.

Mr. O'Malley suggested that if Council and the administration disagree about the feasibility of a project that that should be resolved in Committee. He expressed his intent that the Finance Committee will follow up over the year on the progress of Council priorities.

#### Bicycling Education & Promotion

The City is funding safe cycling trainings in coordination with Bike Lakewood

#### Public Art Plan

Brief reference was made to recent progress on this item

#### Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Director Sylvester shared findings from his Department's research on this topic. Crucial to the success of these stations is that they are located in densely populated areas and/or near major employers. The next step will be to locate those spots.

**2019 Priorities and Timeline**

Councilmembers were encouraged to provide input on the budget priority submission form. The following timeline was discussed:

Soft Deadline to Submit Form	Wed. August 29th
Hard Deadline to Submit Form	Wed. Sept. 5 <sup>th</sup>
Finance Committee Meeting	TBD September
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Introduce Council Budget Priority Resolution on the Docket	October 1st

Director Pae stated that it is the Administration’s intent to submit a structurally balanced budget for 2019. She briefly touched upon some of the most influential factors in the budget such as personnel, health care, and property tax.

Finance Committee adjourned at 8:24 p.m.