

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
September 14, 2020
Online Broadcast Meeting

Present: Councilmembers Bullock, Litten, & Neff

Also Present: Councilmembers Shachner, Rader, & Kepple, Director Leininger, Director Rancatore, Director Gelsomino, IT Manager Coletta, Director Corrigan, Director Dillinger, members of the public, & Clerk Bach taking minutes

Start time: 7:19 p.m.

AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the June 15, 2020 meeting of the Finance Committee.

Chairman Bullock made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Litten to approve the minutes of the June 15th Finance Committee meeting.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Yeas – Bullock, Litten, Neff

Nays – None

Motion passed. The minutes were approved.

Approval of the minutes of the September 8, 2020 meeting of the Finance Committee.

Chairman Bullock made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Litten to approve the minutes of the September 8th Finance Committee meeting.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Yeas – Bullock, Litten, Neff

Nays – None

Motion passed. The minutes were approved.

ORDINANCE 33-19C – AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force at the earliest period allowed by law, amending Ordinance 33-19B adopted June 15, 2020, authorizing the Mayor (Director of Public Safety), the Director of Public Works, the Director of Law, the Director of Finance, and/or the Purchasing Manager to enter into contracts for professional services, and to advertise for bids and enter into contracts for the purchase of repair maintenance and operating supplies, services and equipment as authorized by the 2020 Appropriation Ordinance and the Administrative Code of the City of Lakewood with

the lowest and best bidder or bidders or as otherwise provided by law. (Placed on 1st reading & referred to Finance 09-08-20)

Director Rancatore stated that the administration sought to switch around some line items to increase purchasing and contracting authority, totaling \$230,000. There is no increase in appropriations, just contracting authority.

The increase in contracting authority is needed for various reasons. There have been a large increase in ePayments to the city due to COVID. More people are paying with credit cards and the city incurs fees from those credit card companies. Separately, more computer hardware needs to be purchased by the city as it converts to a cloud based water system. More contracting authority is also needed for asphalt supplies and janitorial items due to COVID. There is ample money available for janitorial supplies, just a need to move around contracting authority.

Director Rancatore indicated that many of these expenses can be classified as COVID-related, however the money has to be spent first. The administration noted its efforts to move expenses from the general fund to the COVID-related fund. It was noted that the city stands to receive \$1.16 million in COVID-related funds and is devising a strategy to use it. The money is likely largely to be used for police and fire expenditures.

Chairman Bullock requested additional explanation on the changes, clarifying appropriate use of funds and legitimate needs.

Chairman Bullock made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Litten to recommend adoption of 33-19C.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Yeas – Bullock, Litten, Neff

Nays – None

Motion passed. Ordinance 33-19C was adopted.

RESOLUTION 2020-54 – A Resolution to formally identify agreed-upon priorities that Council authorizes and directs be incorporated into the 2021 budget (referred to Finance 09-08-20)

Consideration of budget priorities submitted by council members. (to be provided)

Chairman Bullock noted that the proposed legislation will be amended to accept whatever priorities that Council develops consensus around and that the committee will make that amendment and recommend it to full Council in time for October 5th.

Chairman Bullock spoke about his Bike Master Plan budget priority. He noted that it dates back 10 years and has been implemented each year with further signage, parking, and

planning. He stated a desire to get a more specific idea of what funding figure would be achievable in 2021.

Chairman Bullock spoke about his public art budget priority. He suggested continuation of good work and noted that the Planning Department would likely do so without Council's stated support. It was noted that Wagar Park's renovation would incorporate public art.

Chairman Bullock and Councilmember Rader reviewed their budget priority regarding the expansion of clean power use. They discussed that the city's contract for electricity should be up next year after a 5-year contract and expressed a desire to achieve 100% clean power to supply the city with clean energy, with no cost increase. This effort is focused on electricity in buildings owned by the city.

Councilmembers Kepple and Shachner spoke about their online marketplace budget priority, which seeks to give local small businesses more online capacity and presence. This priority looks to hire a consultant to have discussion with businesses and what a marketplace might look like. They do not envision the city running this venture.

Councilmembers Litten and Neff stated how impressed they were with all the budget proposals.

Chairman Bullock suggested each author refine any priorities if need be.

Chairman Bullock adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:00 p.m.