

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**October 5, 2020**  
**Meeting held virtually**

**Present:** Councilmembers Bullock, Litten, Neff

**Also Present:** Councilmember Kepple, members of the public, Deputy Clerk Lascu, Clerk Bach, Mayor George, Public Works Director Ducu, Finance Director Rancatore, Planning Director Leininger, Fire Chief Dunphy

**Call to Order:** 6:00 p.m.

**RESOLUTION 2020-54** - A Resolution to formally identify agreed-upon priorities that Council authorizes and directs be incorporated into the 2021 budget

Chairman Bullock accepted public comment. The attached public comments were read into the record. The following speakers were present at the virtual meeting to make the following remarks:

Keith Walker, 1511 Lincoln Ave. – Mr. Walker introduced himself as a sustainability advocate and expressed support for the Zero-Emissions Lakewood proposal put forward by Councilmembers Rader and Bullock. He stated that cities and organizations must have sustainability at the forefront. He spoke of the many benefits of clean energy.

Michael Fodor, 1439 Riverside Dr. – Mr. Fodor expressed support for the Zero-Emissions Lakewood and Expansion of Clean Power Use proposals. He thanked Council for committing to 100% clean energy in 2019 and remarked that these budget proposals were a natural next step. He expressed enthusiasm for the City’s progress toward 100% renewable energy.

Director Rancatore noted that the proposal requests \$10,000 and that the total budget is \$60,000. He asked what the plan is for filling the gap.

Councilmember Rader replied that the plan calls for an initial investment of \$10,000 to hire a consultant in the first year. \$50,000 is requested for a professional assessment in future years but the plan is built to incorporate potential grants.

Councilmember Bullock explained that the first step was to amend Resolution 2020-54 to incorporate the Council budget priorities as an attachment, which he so moved. Motion was seconded and a roll call vote was conducted as follows:

Yeas: Bullock, Litten, Neff

Nays: none

Motion adopted. Resolution 2020-54 amended to incorporate all council budget priorities.

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Motion by Chairman Bullock regarding budget proposal #7 – Bicycle Master Plan to insert the words “up to” before the \$100,000 figure.

Motion seconded.

Chairman Bullock explained that he would like to express a priority but not to mandate a specific dollar amount. He added the specific dollar amount can be determined in partnership with the administration. A roll call vote was conducted on the motion as follows:

Yeas: Bullock, Litten, Neff

Nays: none

Motion adopted. Council Budget Priority #7 amended.

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Motion by Chairman Bullock regarding budget proposal #8 - Public Art as follows:

~~Budget~~ Allocate \$100,000: \$75,000 for one or more large installations and \$25,000 for three to five smaller works.

Chairman Bullock remarked on the success of the public art program and that to continue to build on the success that the size and scale of projects should be increased. He identified the Sloane/Detroit intersection and Fire Station #2 as potential larger scale projects.

Motion was seconded. A roll call vote was conducted on the motion as follows:

Yeas: Bullock, Litten, Neff

Nays: none

Motion adopted. Council Budget Priority #8 amended.

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Trudy Hutchinson, 2091 Lincoln – Ms. Hutchinson expressed full support for the climate action plan budget proposal and thanked Council for bringing attention to climate issues.

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Motion by Chairman Bullock regarding budget proposal #5 – Tree Canopy as follows:

~~\$150,000 (County grant funding may be available to back fill)~~ Maintain urban forestry funding for maintenance, training, and education at at least FY 2020 levels

Mayor George expressed support for the goal of growing the tree canopy. She expressed concern that the City may not be able to maintain the growing number of trees planted.

Director Ducu echoed the concerns of Mayor George. He stated that the City has only a staff of 5 in charge of pruning, hazardous tree removal, etc. and that more trees are not necessarily better if they can't be maintained.

In response to that input, Chairman Bullock amended the motion as follows:

~~\$150,000 (County grant funding may be available to back fill)~~ Maintain urban forestry funding for planting, maintenance, training, and education at at least FY 2020 levels

Motion was seconded.

A roll call vote was conducted on the motion as follows:

Yeas: Bullock, Litten, Neff

Nays: none

Motion adopted. Council Budget Priority #5 amended.

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Councilmember Litten clarified that the correct version of his proposal - #2 speed tables includes a budget of \$46,000 and made a motion to swap this out with the version currently on the agenda.

Motion was seconded.

A roll call vote was conducted on the motion as follows:

Yeas: Bullock, Litten, Neff

Nays: none

Motion adopted. Council Budget Priority #2 amended.

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Motion by Chairman Bullock, and seconded to recommend adoption of the substituted version of Reso. 2020-54

A roll call vote was conducted on the motion as follows:

Yeas: Bullock, Litten, Neff

Nays: none

Motion adopted. Substitute Reso. 2020-54 recommended for adoption.

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Motion by Chairman Bullock, and seconded to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2020 meeting of the Finance Committee.

A roll call vote was conducted on the motion as follows:

Yeas: Bullock, Litten, Neff

Nays: none

Motion adopted. Minutes approved.

Without objection the Finance Committee adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

# Finance Committee

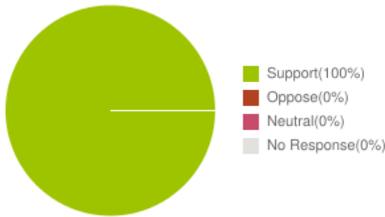
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Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
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## Sentiments for All Agenda Items

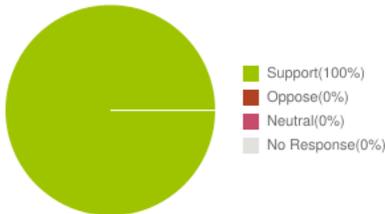
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### Overall Sentiment



Agenda Item: eComments for 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)

### Overall Sentiment



## Augustus Johnson

Location:

Submitted At: 1:43pm 10-05-20

I would like to purchase an electric vehicle, but because I am renting a house and I'm not a homeowner, I am unable to install a charging station and therefore, can't feasibly own an electric vehicle. I don't have a driveway and am forced to park on the street or in a public parking lot near my house. The public parking lot would be perfect to install charging stations and there is a case to be made that charging stations should be more prevalent in Lakewood. I am prepared to make that case.

## Glenn Campbell

Location:

Submitted At: 7:06am 10-05-20

I urge the Finance Committee and Council as a whole to fund development of a Climate Action Plan for the city. Funding such a plan is a natural next step following the city's commitment to 100% renewable energy. A plan will

demonstrate that the city is serious about its renewable energy pledge, help attract grant funding, and ensure that the city acts to meet its pledge in a judicious, thoughtful, and cost-effective way.