## FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting November 1, 2021

- 1. Chairman LaCava called the meeting to order at 8:50pm in the City Council Chamber.
- 2. Chairman LaCava requested that a roll call be taken to record the attendance for the meeting. The Clerk called the roll Committee members Durkee, McMenimen, Vidal and LaCava were all present in-person. Councillor LaFauci was absent.
- 3. Councillor Vidal moved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on October 18, 2021. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes of the meeting on October 18, 2021 were accepted.
- 4. A request was received from the Mayor to approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$54,000 for environmental services at the UMass Field Station located at 240 Beaver Street.

FROM:

Law-Claims/Settlements #001-151-5400-5760 \$54,000

TO:

Law-Environmental Services #001-151-5400-5310 \$54,000

A motion to hear from the Mayor and Assistant City Solicitor Luke Stanton was adopted on a voice vote. Attorney Stanton explained the purpose and the need of the environmental services. Vice-President McMenimen asked several follow up questions, specifically about the testing and the purchase price. The Mayor responded that the purchase price would be offset for the environmental conditions and the City's clean up responsibility. Councillor Durkee moved to approve the \$54,000 transfer. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

- 5. A request was received from the Mayor to use American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in the amount of \$1,650,000 to fund the sewer and drain infrastructure improvements on Jennings Road. A motion to hear from the City Engineer, Robert Winn was adopted on a voice vote. Upon questions from Vice-President McMenimen, Mr. Winn explained the purpose and scope of the project. Upon questions from Vice-President McMenimen, City Auditor Paul Centofanti gave a brief explanation of the ARPA funds and the four purposes for which it could be utilized. Vice-President McMenimen moved to approve the use of the \$1,650,000 of ARPA funds. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
- 6. A motion by Councillor Vidal to adjourn was adopted on a voice vote and the Chairman LaCava declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00PM.