

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Meeting
December 6, 2021

1. Chairman LaCava called the meeting to order at 8:25pm 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, LaFauci, McMenimen, Vidal and LaCava were all present in-person.
3. Councillor Vidal moved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on November 15, 2021. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes of the meeting on November 15, 2021 were accepted.
4. A request was received from the Mayor to approve the appropriation of \$19,500 for the Disability Services Commission (DSC) to fund several handicap projects.

From:

#237-560-2300-3591	F/B Reserved for Handicap Projects	\$19,500
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To:

#237-560-2315-5205	HP – Police Detail	\$10,000
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#237-560-2333-5205	HP – Safety Swings	\$ 4,500
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#237-560-2350-5205	HP – Other Handicap	\$ 5,000
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Since the DSC Chair was not available the City Auditor gave a brief explanation of the funding request. Vice-President McMenimen moved to approve the appropriation request of \$19,500. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

5. A request was received from the Mayor to approve the acceptance of the FFY2021 EMPC Grant in the amount of \$25,600 for the Emergency Management Services (EMS) Department. Vice-President McMenimen moved to hear from the EMS Director Bernie Mullin. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Upon questions from Councillor LaFauci, Mr. Mullin gave a brief explanation of the intended use of the grant funds. Councillor LaFauci moved to approve the acceptance of the grant of \$25,600. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
6. A request was received from the Mayor to approve the acceptance of the gift of a sculpture that was displayed at Grover Cronin's from Bob and Cheryl Marcou for display in the City Hall Museum Room. Councillor LaFauci moved to approve the acceptance of the gift and that the City Council send a thank you note to the donor. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
7. A request was received from the Mayor to approve the acceptance of the gift of \$200 from Connors & Connors LLC for the maintenance of the holiday lights on the Common.

Councillor LaFauci moved to approve the acceptance of the gift and that the City Council send a thank you note to the donor. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

8. A request was received from the Mayor to approve the acceptance of the MASSDEP Sustainable Materials Recovery Program Grant in the amount of \$2,000 for a small-scale recycling initiative for the CPW Department. Chairman LaCava stated CPW Director Michael Chiasson was not available but provided him with an explanation of the intended use of the grant funds – recycling drop-off and recycling bins. Councillor LaFauci moved to approve the acceptance of the grant of \$2,000. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
9. A motion by Vice-President McMenimen to adjourn was adopted on a voice vote and Chairman LaCava declared the meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Paul G. Centofanti – Clerk to the Finance Committee