

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Meeting
Monday – June 5, 2023

1. Chairman LaCava called the meeting to order at 10:27pm 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 LaFauci moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 1, 2023. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes of the meeting on May 1, 2023 were approved.
4. Councillor LaFauci moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 15, 2023. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes of the meeting on May 15, 2023 were approved.
5. A request was received from the Mayor to approve the transfer of \$15,000 from Treasurer-General Expenses (#001-145-5200-5000) to Treasurer-Software (#001-145-5800-6571) for the purpose and implementation cost of a new software module. A motion to hear from City Treasurer Tom Magno was adopted on a voice vote. Mr. Magno explained the software will enhance the ability of City employees to receive payroll and benefit information electronically, with the added capability to store and retrieve documents. Councillor Vidal moved to approve the transfer of \$15,000. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
6. A request was received from the Mayor to approve the appropriation in the amount of \$480,000 to pay overtime expenses and general expenses for the Fire Department for the remainder of the fiscal year. The additional need of \$400,000 in overtime expenses is to maintain staffing at appropriate levels, due to firefighters who are out with long term sick and/or injured leave. The additional need of \$80,000 is for the medical bills for injured firefighters, training expenses, repairs to fire trucks and turn-out gear cleaning/repairs.

FROM

Unreserved Fund balance	#001-000-3590-3590	\$480,000
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TO:

Fire-Overtime	#001-220-5100-5131	\$400,000
Fire-General Expenses	#001-220-5200-5000	\$ 80,000

A motion to hear from Fire Chief Andrew Mullin was adopted on a voice vote. Chief Mullin explained the need for the additional funds citing overtime for staffing requirements and increased expenses for firefighter medical and apparatus repairs.

Councillor LaFauci moved to approve the appropriation of \$480,000. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

7. A request was received from the Mayor to approve the acceptance of various memorabilia from William Durkee for display in the City Hall Museum Room. Councillor Durkee stated the various items being donated. Councillor Durkee moved to approve the donation and a note of thanks is sent from the City Council to the donor. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
8. A request was received from the Mayor to approve an appropriation in the amount of \$115,770 to fund interior repairs at the 92 Felton Street property.

FROM:

Unreserved Fund Balance	#001-000-3590-3590	\$115,770
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TO:

Building Maint-92 Felton Repairs	#001-192-5800-6252	\$115,770
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A motion to hear from Building Maintenance Director Jon Millian was adopted on a voice vote. In response to questions from Councillors Vidal and LaFauci, Mr. Millian gave a detailed explanation of the scope of work. Councillor LaFauci asked several follow up questions about the insulation method for the floor and ceiling. Councillor Vidal moved to approve the appropriation of \$115,770. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

9. A motion by Councillor Lafauci to adjourn was adopted on a voice vote and Chairman LaCava declared the meeting adjourned at 10:35pm.

Paul G. Centofanti – Clerk to the Finance Committee