

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Meeting
June 6, 2022

1. Since Chairman LaCava was absent, the Clerk of the Committee called the meeting to order at 9:05pm in the City Council Chamber.
2. The Clerk called the roll to record the attendance for the meeting - Committee members McMenimen, LaFauci and Vidal were all present in-person. Councillor Durkee and Chairman LaCava were absent.
3. A motion to nominate and elect Councillor Vidal as Chairman pro-tem was adopted on a voice vote.
4. Since the minutes of the meeting on May16, 2022 were not available, President McMenimen moved to table the minutes. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes of the meeting on May 16, 2022 were tabled.
5. President McMenimen moved to hear from all individuals with an item on the agenda - Deputy Fire Chief Roger Hebert, CPW Business Manager Julie Martinos and Police Chief Kevin O'Connell. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
6. A request was received from the Mayor to approve the appropriation of \$500,000 for the Fire Department overtime for the remainder of FY2022.

FROM:

Unreserved Fund Balance	#001-000-3590-3590	\$500,000
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TO:

Fire - Overtime	#001-220-5100-5131	\$500,000
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Upon questions from President McMenimen, Deputy Chief Hebert explained the reasons for the overtime need and was optimistic the requested amount would be sufficient to get through to fiscal year end. President McMenimen moved to approve the appropriation of \$500,000. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

7. A request was received from the Mayor to accept the Student Awareness Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) grant in the amount of \$7,502. Deputy Fire Chief Hebert gave a brief description of the intended use of the funds and it has been a recurring grant the City has received. Councillor LaFauci moved to accept the grant. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the grant of \$7,502 was accepted.
8. A request was received from the Mayor to accept the Student Awareness Fire Education Senior (S.A.F.E.) grant in the amount of \$3,381. Deputy Fire Chief Hebert gave a brief description of the intended use of the funds and it has been a recurring grant the City has

received. Councillor LaFauci moved to accept the grant. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the grant of \$3,381 was accepted.

9. A request was received from the Mayor to approve the use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in the amount of \$1,500,000 for the rehabilitation of the two water tanks at Prospect Hill. Upon questions from Councillor LaFauci and President McMenimen, Ms. Martinos explained in detail the scope of work, the longevity of the upgrade to the tanks, effect on water service during the project, time to complete the project and any needed collaboration with the MWRA. Councillor LaFauci moved to approve the use of \$1,500,000 ARPA funds for the water tank rehabilitation. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
10. A request was received from the Mayor to amend the FY2022 Police Department salary budget to convert two (2) part time cadet positions into one (1) full time cadet position. Upon questions from Councillor LaFauci, Chief O'Connell explained the reasons for the conversion from PT to FT. It was also explained the Recommended FY2023 Budget would need to be updated as it does not reflect this request of the Police Chief. President McMenimen moved to approve the staffing conversion request. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
11. A motion by President McMenimen to adjourn was adopted on a voice vote and Chairman pro-tem Vidal declared the meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Paul G. Centofanti – Clerk to the Finance Committee