

Finance Committee
Special Meeting Minutes
August 3, 2020

Chairman LaCava called the meeting to order at 12:00 a.m.

The Clerk Pro Tem Kara Wilson called the roll.

Present: Councillors LaFauci, Mackin, McMenimen, Vidal

Absent: None

Paul Centofanti, the City Auditor and Clerk of the Finance Committee called in and was available and on speaker throughout the entire meeting.

Councillor McMenimen moved to table the minutes from the June 22, 2020 Committee meeting. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was approved.

The first agenda item: Traffic Counting Devices and Software

Councillor McMenimen moved to suspend the rules to hear from an off committee member. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was approved. Michael Garvin, Traffic Engineer spoke on the matter. Councillors Mackin and LaFauci asked questions and made statements. Councillor LaFauci moved approval of the matter. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was approved.

Second agenda item: Linda Cole Petrosian Memorial Bench Donation

Councillor McMenimen moved to suspend the rules to hear from an off committee member. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was approved. James LaCrosse from the Planning Department spoke on the matter. Councillor McMenimen commented and moved approval of the matter. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was approved.

Third agenda item: CDBG Grant/CARES Act

Councillor McMenimen moved to suspend the rules to hear from an off committee member. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was approved. Bob Waters from the Housing Department spoke on the matter. Councillor McMenimen moved approval of the matter. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was approved. Councillor McMenimen congratulated and thanked Mr. Waters for securing the funds/grant.

Fourth agenda item: Managers Union Collective Bargaining Agreement

Chairman LaCava asked Mr. Centofanti to give a synopsis with the updated terms of the new contract. Councillor McMenimen moved approval of the contract. On the motion Councillor Mackin spoke on the matter and asked if there were other pages associated with the terms of the agreement. Mr. Centofanti stated that what all Councillors received was all the negotiated terms that were discussed. Councillor Mackin asked who the people were within the Union and why different departments had different amounts associated with them. Mr. Centofanti explained these are health inspectors, building inspectors, etc. None of these positions are held by department heads. On the motion Councillor McMenimen thanked Mr. Centofanti for doing a wonderful job getting these contract completed. Councillor LaCava asked how long this contract took to resolve? Eight months was the answer stated by Mr. Centofanti. Councillor Mackin made a subsidiary motion to postpone the discussion to a definite time of September 21, 2020. Roll call requested.

In favor: Mackin

Opposed: LaFauci, McMenimen, Vidal and Lacava

Motion did not carry: 1-4

The original motion for approval was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was approved.

Fifth agenda item: Mechanics Union Collective Bargaining Agreement

Mr. Centofanti gave a synopsis with the updated terms of the new contract. Councillor McMenimen moved approval of the contract. On the motion Councillor LaCava asked about a line item involving essential and non-essential workers. Mr. Centofanti explained an example of this kind of funding comes when there is a snow day and City Hall is closed but there are labor force departments that need to be called in to work; Compensatory time - snow removal. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was approved.

Sixth agenda item: Police Patrol Officers Union Collective Bargaining Agreement

Mr. Centofanti gave a synopsis with the updated terms of the new contract. Councillor LaFauci spoke on the matter and moved approval of the contract. On the motion Councillor Mackin asked about details for Officers. Councillor McMenimen moved to suspend the rules to hear from an off committee member. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was approved.

The Mayor explained that the Chief of Police assigns details based off of the general ordinances. The rate is set within the contract. Councillor Mackin also asked if the new law at the state level would affect the contract and would they still be binding. The Mayor said because there isn't a law set yet she does not know but if there was a change it would be done within the collective bargaining agreement. On the motion of approval Councillor Mackin made a subsidiary motion to postpone the discussion to a definite time of September 21, 2020. Roll call requested.

In favor: Mackin

Opposed: LaFauci, McMenimen, Vidal and Lacava

Motion did not carry: 1-4

The original motion for approval was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was approved.

Noticing the time of night Councillor LaFauci made a motion to go passed one o'clock a.m. to continue the meeting. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was approved.

Seventh agenda item: Police Superiors Union Collective Bargaining Agreement

Mr. Centofanti gave a synopsis with the updated terms of the new contract. Councillor Vidal moved approval of the contract. On the motion Councillor McMenimen stated she was happy to have our police force. Councillor McMenimen asked about the Local 161 which was the name of the Union. On the motion of approval Councillor Mackin made a subsidiary motion to postpone the discussion to a definite time of September 21, 2020. Roll call requested.

In favor: Mackin

Opposed: LaFauci, McMenimen, Vidal and Lacava

Motion did not carry: 1-4

The original motion for approval was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was approved.

With no further actions Councillor Vidal made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was approved.

Chairman Lacava declared the meeting adjourned at 12:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kara Wilson

Clerk Pro Tem, Finance Committee, August 5, 2020