

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date and Time: Tuesday July 12, 2022 @ 5:30 pm., Council Chambers

Members Present: Lisa Rasmussen, Sarah Watson, Michael Martens, Carol Lukens, Doug Diny

Others Present: Maryanne Groat, Bob Barteck, Ben Bliven, Eric Lindman, Katie Rosenberg, Greg Seubert, Jamie Polley, Troy Krezine

In accordance with Chapter 19, Wisc. Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted and sent to the Daily Herald in the proper manner. The Finance Committee was called to order by Chairperson Lisa Rasmussen.

Minutes of the previous meeting: (6/28/22)

Motion by Diny, second by Lukens to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action regarding ARPA funding requests

None

Discussion and possible action authorizing Neighborhood Investment Fund Grant \$1,500,000

Deferred to the next meeting.

Discussion and possible action authorizing Neighborhood Investment Fund Grant \$1,750,000

Deferred to the next meeting.

Discussion and possible action regarding subrecipient agreement

Deferred to the next meeting.

Discussion and possible action regarding ordering 2023 rolling stock early due to supply chain concerns.

Deferred to the next meeting.

Discussion and possible action regarding funding of various street and infrastructure projects with tax increment financing or other sources

Lisa Rasmussen the committee previously approved an ARPA request for 17th Avenue, but also discussed that we were interested in alternative fund sources to conserve ARPA for large public facing projects, such as the PFAS long term solution which may require substantial amount of ARPA to fill a gap. She stated Maryanne Groat has indicated the Elm Street project is eligible for funding in TID #8 and can afford to fund it instead of ARPA.

Maryanne Groat stated it would require filing a project plan amendment in which we outline the expenses that we intend to have in the district and then follow the statutes for a public facing process. She explained we would file a notice in the newspaper and meet with the Joint Review Board, hold a Plan Committee meeting for public comment, and be approved by both Joint Review Board and the Common Council. She estimated this taking 60 days at the most. She noted the project is not slated for 2022, so there is sufficient time to accomplish this.

Discussion continued.

Doug Diny clarified that they had not actually approved this ARPA request but had put it on our “wait and see” list while looking for alternate sources.

Motion by Watson, second by Martens to direct staff to pursue the process of amending the project plan for TID #8 to include the 17th Avenue Project. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action regarding budget modification Parks Department drinking fountains

Rasmussen stated an alternate fund source has been found for this project to save ARPA funds.

Motion by Lukens, second by Diny to approve the budget modification. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action authorizing execution of the DNR Principal Forgiven Financial Assistance Agreement

Groat stated this is a continuation of the Lead Abatement Program partnership with the DNR and DOA.

Eric Lindman explained this is the funding for this year it has just taken the DNR this long to send us the Financial Assistance Agreement. He anticipated the funding of \$577,000 to be spent this year and we will apply again for 2023. Once this is signed and executed, we will be reimbursed for the work that has been done. He stated the city replaces its side in the street, but not the private side.

Rasmussen questioned if the street needs to be under construction for a homeowner to apply. Lindman stated the priority goes to our street reconstruction projects first and then we go to past street projects where our side has already been replaced. The commission has also approved that if a homeowner that has a leaky service line that is lead, they would be eligible for replacement.

Sarah Watson questioned if anyone that has a lead lateral at a private house can apply even if there is no construction. Lindman explained the commission has it set up that once we get through the current construction projects, then we go to the past projects and send out notices to those residents. The residents should wait for a letter and direct any specific questions to Wausau Water Works. He noted we are going through a lead service line replacement plan which will set up the city in priorities. It will look at which residents would be most susceptible to having lead, low water use, low income areas, or where children are. He anticipated the plan being completed in late summer or early fall.

Motion by Watson, second by Lukens to approve the execution of the DNR Principal FAA. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action regarding 2022 State Operating Assistance Agreement – Metro Ride

No discussion.

Motion by Martens, second by Lukens to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action regarding 2022 State Paratransit Supplemental Aid Agreement – Metro Ride

No discussion.

Motion by Watson, second by Martens to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action on Master Subscription Agreement between the City of Wausau and Granicus, LLC for website design and hosting services

Rasmussen stated the city and the county are working together to find a firm to re-work both websites. Troy Krezine, CCIT, indicated the county has already approved and signed the agreement.

Motion by Diny, second by Watson to approve the agreement. Motion carried 5-0.

Adjourn

Motion by Watson, second by Lukens to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:52 pm.