

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date and Time: Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 5:15 p.m., Council Chambers

Finance Committee Members Present: Michael Martens (C), Gary Gisselman (VC), Becky McElhaney, Vicki Tierney

Finance Committee Members Excused: Chad Henke

Human Resources Committee Members Present: Becky McElhaney (C), Terry Kilian (VC), Gary Gisselman, Michael Martens, Vicki Tierney

Others Present: Maryanne Groat, Eric Lindman, Tammy Stratz, Kaite Jones, Alyssa Walters, Rick Rubow, Matthew Barnes, Mayor Diny

Noting the presence of a quorum Chairperson Martens called the meeting to order at 5:17 p.m.

Minutes of the previous meeting (03/25/2025).

Motion by Gisselman, seconded by Tierney, to approve. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion and possible action approving budget modification for 4th of July Fireworks.

Motion by Gisselman, seconded by Tierney, to approve. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion and possible action approving reallocation of 2024C to fund a portion of DOT 69999-09-72 Stewart Avenue S 72nd Avenue to S 48th Avenue.

McElhaney questioned as to why this was unfunded. It was stated this was budgeted but it was misunderstood that the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources would cover both the water and sewer portion of the project. The funding will come from other non-levy sources instead.

Motion by Gisselman, seconded by McElhaney, to approve. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion and possible approval of Reprogramming Community Development Revolving Loan Funds into the Acquisition fund to assist Adaptive Communities with the purchase of 607 Washington Street.

Martens questioned if this was a loan, not a grant. It was stated this is treated as a forgivable loan if the entity remains a non-profit after 15 years.

McElhaney questioned the cost of services and stated it was important that the services, which were being supported by public funds, are provided to everyone at an affordable cost. It was stated the entity's mission was to provide services at an affordable cost.

Motion by Gisselman, seconded by Tierney, to approve. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion and possible action on alleged claim for recovery of unlawful tax – Green Acres at Greenwood Hills, LLC – 3029 Townline Road, 3115 Townline Road and private road at Green Acres.

Motion by Tierney, seconded by McElhaney, to approve the claim. Motion failed 0-5.

Discussion and possible action approving the suspension of hourly parking fees in Ramp 3 (JC Penney's) during the Downtown Street Construction Project.

Without objection, public comment was provided.

1. Callie Wulk, Executive Director of the Wausau River District – spoke in support of the suspension of hourly parking fees in Ramp 3.

McElhaney questioned if the city was going to waive people who already had permits in this ramp in addition to permit holders in other ramps. It was stated that the city was not going to waive the fees for permit holders as this was meant to benefit shoppers downtown as was replicated with holiday parking policies. McElhaney stated this was a matter for fairness for all who park in this ramp.

Martens questioned if non-permit holders could park overnight. It was stated non-permit holders would not be able to park in the ramp overnight and that the police department could ticket those not holding permits parking overnight.

Gisselman stated the extended length of the construction season for which this was suspension of fees is meant to cover differs from the holiday parking policy and that there should be alterations to this policy for that consideration.

Tierney stated that current permit holders should be compensated while other users of the ramp will have free parking.

Martens stated there should be some sort of refund for permit holders to apply for after the construction season.

Motion by McElhaney, seconded by Tierney, to amend the resolution to include the ability for people who have parking passes at Ramp 3 to apply for a refund during the timeframe of the free parking. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by McElhaney, seconded by Tierney, to approve the resolution as amended. Motion carried 4-0.

JOINT AGENDA ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION WITH THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Noting the presence of a quorum Chairperson McElhaney called the meeting to order at 5:47 p.m.

Discussion and possible action approving the creation of a shelter lead and shelter advocate positions, along with their respective job descriptions and corresponding pay scales and related budget modification.

Kilian questioned how many employees would be needed to provide the services. It was stated for any given day in which services were provided the city would require 24 total hours per day, seven days a week, for eight months regardless of how many employees are needed.

Tierney questioned if the investments from American Rescue Plan Act funding are still viable to provide the funding. It was stated those are very secure investments.

Kilian questioned how the current Community Outreach Coordinator will be involved. It was stated the coordinator will be given a leadership position within this program. Kilian stated confidence in the coordinator.

Gisselman questioned if there would be appropriate training provided for crisis management with the current job qualifications. It was stated that the Police Department would be able to train employees in addition to the quick response of the police to the shelter.

Motion by Tierney, seconded by McElhaney, to create these job descriptions and related budget modification for the Finance Committee. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Martens, seconded by Kilian, to accept this job description approving the creation of the shelter lead, shelter advocate position and the job descriptions and pay scales for the Human Resources Committee. Motion carried 5-0.

Adjourn

Motion by Tierney, seconded by Gisselman, to adjourn the meeting of the Human Resources Committee. Motion carried. Motion by Tierney, seconded by McElhaney, to adjourn the meeting of the Finance Committee. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

For full meeting video on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cojsqZkOxeU>