

FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 12, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by Chairperson Mark Weber. Committee members present were Mark Weber, Deborah Born, and Tim McCarthy. Also present were Kate Sandretto, Law Director, Amber Rathburn, Finance Director, Khayla Trego, Deputy Finance Director, and Steve Bronder, Income Tax Commissioner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There being no objections, the minutes of the September 14, 2021 meeting were approved.

APPOINTMENT OF DAVID MUNGER TO THE WAY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Ms. Born stated she thinks that he will be a great asset. Mr. Weber and Mr. McCarthy had no questions for Mr. Munger. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend him to the Appointment Review Committee, and thanked him for his willingness to serve.

SALE OF SURPLUS VEHICLES – 2

Ms. Sandretto stated the one vehicle is a former ambulance and the other is a vehicle handed down through several departments. Mr. Weber asked about the car being a 2008 and not having many miles. This is due to safety features, among other reasons. Ms. Born asked why the IT Department would spend a lot of time on the road. Ms. Sandretto explained that all city owned properties are part of the IT Department's scope of work. The Committee agreed 3-0 to pass both surplus vehicles along to City Council.

DISCUSSION OF THE 2022 BUDGET

Ms. Rathburn stated that the first reading will occur at the first Council meeting in November and that the third reading will occur at the first Council meeting in December. The committee reviewed the budgets for Tax, Engineer, Information Technology, Law, Prosecutor, Administrator and Finance. Mr. Weber asked about the Engineer other expense being doubled and Ms. Rathburn stated that it was likely due to the new Engineer outfitting the office. She said she would pull the detail and submit it to him tomorrow. Ms. Born asked about the significant jump for the PIO's salary, which was explained that the position will be going from a part time one to a full time position. Ms. Born stated that she thinks the PIO position should fall under the IT department, instead of under the Mayor. It was stated that Ms. Trego would fill in for Ms. Rathburn as Clerk of Council if ever needed. Ms. Sandretto reminded the Committee members to please email them with questions anytime throughout the budget process.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Ms. Born brought up the three positive additions at Levis Commons: Lush, The Mindful Table, and Social Rind Co.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Rathburn asked if there were any questions on the September expenses over \$5,000. Mr. Weber asked about the charge for supplies through Polydine, which Ms. Rathburn explained was for the wastewater treatment plant to purchase chemicals for their processes. Mr. Weber also asked about the Brondes Ford vehicle repair. It was for one vehicle and Ms. Rathburn will send him more details on what exactly that was for. Ms. Born asked about Perrysburg Auto Mall and the three separate charges. Ms. Rathburn explained that these are all 2021 GMC Sierras and that it did go to Council and was voted on. Ms. Born also asked about United Healthcare, which is the current healthcare provider and these payments come out once a week, which are insurance claims. Ms. Rathburn stated renewal for health insurance for 2022 will be in a week or two, and since our claims are looking so good, she is hopeful for a good renewal for next year.

TAX COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Mr. Bronder stated that \$1.9 million was collection for September Income Tax, which is consistent with this time last year. Going into the fourth quarter, we are at \$17.4 million. Ms. Born stated that she is pleased to see we are up four percent for individual, which is in thanks to the economy rebounding.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. McCarthy asked if they will see a full budget, as well as a major ticket list. Those items are enclosed in the packet of information that Ms. Rathburn provided. Mr. McCarthy also asked about the ARPA funds. Ms. Sandretto stated we are close, but still waiting on guidelines, so that we can best follow them.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Weber, Chairperson

Finance & Economic Development Committee

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.