FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MAY 8, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Chairman Jim Matuszak. Committee members present were Jim Matuszak and Becky Williams. Tim McCarthy was absent. Also present were Dave Creps, Finance Director, and Steve Bronder, Income Tax Commissioner.

TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

Glenn Grisdale was present to give a follow-up report from the Tax Incentive Review Committee (TIRC) meeting that was held on March 21. He said that there are 13 businesses with CRA's that are being monitored. They are all in compliance and are up to date on their school payments.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Committee reviewed the list of expenditures greater than $5,000 for the months of March and April. Ms. Williams asked about a payment to Zashin & Rich, the law firm that handles contract negotiations with the police and fire unions. She also asked about payments to InNow LLC for the sewer lining project, and to the Collaborative for design work on the fire station. Mr. Matuszak asked about payments to Waste Management for waste disposal. He asked if any of that is related to the site of the new fire station, and Mr. Creps said it is not, it is just tipping fees. Mr. Matuszak asked about the payment to Land Art for lawn fertilization, and to CDWG for purchase of computers. Mr. Matuszak asked about payment to Howell Rescue Systems for a spreader/cutter. Mr. Creps said that he believes that is for a tool used by the fire division that is commonly referred to as the jaws of life. The Committee asked that he verify that and let them know. Mr. Creps was asked if he could add a column to the report to show what account it was paid from. He said that he would look into it.

Mr. Creps reported that the Health Insurance Fund had a balance of $302,290.39 as of April 30, 2018. However, there was a $75,000 check run that came through after the end of the month. Mr. Creps said so far we are looking at another big claims year.

FIRE DIVISION NOTES

Mr. Creps distributed a timeline to the Committee regarding the issuance of $6,000,000 in one year notes for the new fire station. He said that he can't give the interest rate, but it will be in the neighborhood of 1½ %. Mr. Creps said that it makes sense to do notes in the year of construction because if you come in under budget then you just pay down that amount. Mr. Matuszak asked what the rate would be on bonds. Mr. Creps said that it would be 3% or 4%. The Committee agreed 2-0 to recommend approval of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of one year notes for the new fire station.

INCOME TAX COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Mr. Bronder reported that April was a strong month with income tax collections over $4 million dollars which is up 9% from April of 2017. Year to date collections are approximately $8.5 million dollars which is an increase of 3.1% over last year. There was discussion regarding Ohio Business Gateway. Mr. Bronder said that about 100 businesses have notified the City of their opt-in with Ohio Business Gateway, and the opt-in is effective beginning in 2018. Mr. Bronder assured the Committee that the Tax Division is operating under the rules of the Ohio Revised Code even though our code language has not been changed. He said that there is still a legal challenge in play, and although we lost the first round, there is an appeal in process.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Williams asked for a copy of the budget for the Convention and Visitors' Bureau, and she asked about the City's representation on the CVB Board. Mr. Matuszak said that the Mayor, President of Council, and Chairman of the Finance Committee serve on the Board. Mr. McCarthy has agreed to stay on the Board since Mr. Matuszak is both President of Council and Chair of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Matuszak reported that at the Safety Committee meeting there was discussion about setting up a separate fund for grants. Mr. Creps said that to do that City Council would have to approve legislation creating the fund and then it would be sent to the State and they would also have to approve it. No action was taken.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Matuszak, Chairman
Finance and Economic Dev. Committee

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.