

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

December 15, 2020

Meeting Began at 5:36 PM:

Attendees: Council Vice President Tency A. Eason (TE), Council Member Weldon M. Montague III (WM), Council Member Clifford R. Ross, (CR), Christopher Hartwyk (CH) Business Administrator, Adrian Mapp (AM) Finance Director; Nile Clements, (NC) Chief Finance Officer, Joyce L. Lanier, (JLL) City Clerk, Marlin Towns (MT) Legislative Research Officer, Carol Perkins (CP) Citizen Representative, Tom Boran (TB) Citizen Representative, Lydell Carter (LC), Citizen Representative, Charles Pryor II (CP II), Citizen Representative

ORDINANCES-SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

- 56-2020 **Repealing and replacing Chapter 88, “Fees” Article VIII entitled “Department of Public Works” Section 15 “Fees” in its entirety. – Move forward**
- 57-2020 **A special emergency appropriation to fund a deficit in operations and extraordinary expenses of the City directly attributable to COVID-19 – Move forward**
- 59-2020 **Providing aid to a redevelopment project located at 33-51 Lincoln Avenue and 60 Scotland Road, and providing for the issuance of \$250,000 in bonds or notes– Move forward**
- 61-2020 **A special emergency appropriation to fund an anticipated deficit in operations in the Water/Sewer Utility Fund directly attributable to COVID-19. – Move forward**

ORDINANCES-INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

- 58-2020 **Creating Chapter 153 entitled “Portable Lavatories”. – Move forward**
- 63-2020 **Amending Chapter 71-12.1 Fence Materials to further prohibit barbed wire – WM asked why the ban on barbed wiring. CH stated that it is currently a Zoning issue/violation to have barred wiring. TE stated that it doesn’t address safety issue and suggested sending to MT for verbiage review and to postpone.**
- 64-2020 **Amending Chapter 138 “Noise” – TB asked the reason for this ordinance. CH confirmed that it will give guidelines for police enforcement. TE reminded that a decimal reading device is still needed by the City. Move forward**

CONSENT AGENDA

- *467-2020 **Certifying compliance with the directive of the Division of Local Government Services, regarding the annual audit for the Calendar Year 2019. – Move forward**
- *468-2020 **Authorizing the issuance of \$5,000,000 special emergency notes to fund a deficit in operations and pay for extraordinary expenses related to COVID-19. – Move forward**

- *469-2020 **Authorizing the issuance of \$1,800,000 special emergency notes to fund an anticipated deficit in operations in the Water/Sewer Utility Fund attributable to COVID-19.** - Move forward

- *470-2020 **Appointment of Carl Fields, Jr. to the Zoning Board of Adjustment** - Move forward

- *471-2020 **Designating McGee Ryan Assets, LLC as the redeveloper for the property located at 595 Lincoln Avenue** – CH confirmed that area has been undeveloped for over 10 years. The new developer is based in Orange and is a minority owned company. CR asked if this will address the parking concerns. TE suggested the style of some newer townhomes that have garage attached to them. CH confirmed that development is one parking space per unit. CP II asked if this could be changed in the future and CH confirmed that the development is not encouraging family move-ins with plans on moving to a residential permit parking in 2021; primarily studio and one-bedroom apartments. Move forward

- *472-2020 **Ratifying the award of an emergency contract to Sysnet Solution Inc., for cloud hosting of all servers, backup maintenance, and management options in response to the COVID-19 pandemic**– CH stated that as a result of COVID-19, there is an additional need for network upgrades, security and maintenance. Not anticipating public access to City Hall until late 2021 or early 2022. TE asked if this will address issues with the robo-calling system. CH stated that it did not, but that concern will be addressed in a resolution early next year. Move forward

- *473-2020 **Bill list - Grand Total: \$4,585,097.61** – CP II pointed out the amount of overtime increases with the Police. NC stated that COVID-19 has caused an increase in sick time usage which creates more overtime. CH added that retirement of officers and a recent COVID outbreak during one tour also causes overtime. CP II asked if the public had been alerted of the recent outbreak; CH confirmed that exposure did not leave the station and was contained in-house. TE pointed out possible violation of HIPAA regarding health status of officers. TB asked if the overtime due to COVID can be reimbursed through grant and CH confirmed that it can be. Move forward

- *474-2020 **Issuance of a raffle license for Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church.** – Move forward

NEW BUSINESS AND WALK-ON ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

- 475-2020 (WO) **Transfer of appropriations** – Move forward

- 476-2020 (WO) **Approving the Suez bill list Grand Total \$7,613,102.17** – NC confirmed that this is special billing but due to large amount, Finance presented resolution to be transparent with Council but no resolution actually needed.

Meeting Adjourned at: 6:43 PM