



MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2018, 4:30 PM
CITY HALL, ROOM 207
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PERSONNEL
AMENDED**

A. ROLL CALL.

Present: Barbara Dorff, Kathy Lefebvre, Veronica Corpus-Dax, Bill Galvin

Also Present: Ald. Mark Steuer, Ald. Brian Johnson, Purchasing Manager Rick Jensen and City Attorney Vanessa Chavez

B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

Moved by Ald. Bill Galvin, seconded by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre to approve. Motion carried.
Yes- None, No- None, Abstain- None

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

1. Approval of the minutes from the September 11, 2018 meeting.

Moved by Ald. Bill Galvin, seconded by Ald. Veronica Corpus-Dax to approve. Motion carried.
Yes- None, No- None, Abstain- None

D. REGULAR BUSINESS.

1. Discussion with possible action on the purchase of Fire Fighting Equipment for new Engine #451.

Moved by Ald. Bill Galvin, seconded by Ald. Veronica Corpus-Dax to withdraw Item #1 as the bids came in under \$25,000.00 per City policy. Motion carried.

Yes- Barbara Dorff, Bill Galvin, Kathy Lefebvre, Veronica Corpus-Dax, No- None, Abstain- None

2. Per request by Ald. Steuer to discuss funding a share of the County Garden Coordinator position currently being funded by CDBG funds and the Brown County. If CDBG funding expires, then be it

resolved that the City of Green Bay will include 40% of this permanent position, up to \$20,000.00 annually.

Moved by Ald. Bill Galvin, seconded by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre to open the floor for discussion. Motion carried.

Yes- Barbara Dorff, Bill Galvin, Kathy Lefebvre, Veronica Corpus-Dax, No- None, Abstain- None

Moved by Ald. Bill Galvin, seconded by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre to close the floor for discussion. Motion carried.

Yes- Barbara Dorff, Bill Galvin, Kathy Lefebvre, Veronica Corpus-Dax, No- None, Abstain- None

Moved by Ald. Bill Galvin, seconded by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre to approve the set up of a three year agreement with Brown County to supply 22% of salaries and benefits for the County Garden Coordinator position for 2019 - 2021 currently being funded by CDBG funds and the Brown County. Contingent if CDBG funding expires, up to \$20,000.00 annually. Motion carried.

Yes- Barbara Dorff, Bill Galvin, Kathy Lefebvre, Veronica Corpus-Dax, No- None, Abstain- None

3. Update with possible action on status of litigation in the COGB v. CVMIC arbitration.

The Council may convene in closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1) (g), Wis. Stats., for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. The Council may thereafter reconvene in open session pursuant to Section 19.85(2), Wis. Stats., to report the results of the closed session and consider the balance of the agenda.

Moved by Ald. Bill Galvin, seconded by Ald. Veronica Corpus-Dax to go into closed session. Motion carried.

Closed session language read by Ald. Bill Galvin.

Yes- Barbara Dorff, Bill Galvin, Kathy Lefebvre, Veronica Corpus-Dax, No- None, Abstain- None

Moved by Ald. Bill Galvin, seconded by Ald. Veronica Corpus-Dax for staff to follow through with the Committee's direction as discussed in closed session. Motion carried.

Yes- Barbara Dorff, Bill Galvin, Kathy Lefebvre, Veronica Corpus-Dax, No- None, Abstain- None

4. Report of the Claims Committee.

The Council may convene in closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1) (g), Wis. Stats., for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. The Council may thereafter reconvene in open session pursuant to Section 19.85(2), Wis. Stats., to report the results of the closed session and consider the balance of the agenda.

Moved by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre, seconded by Ald. Veronica Corpus-Dax to go into closed session. Motion carried.

Closed session language read by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre.

Yes- Barbara Dorff, Bill Galvin, Kathy Lefebvre, Veronica Corpus-Dax, No- None, Abstain- None

Moved by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre, seconded by Ald. Veronica Corpus-Dax to receive and place on file. Motion carried.

Yes- Barbara Dorff, Bill Galvin, Kathy Lefebvre, Veronica Corpus-Dax, No- None, Abstain- None

5. Request by Ald. Nicholson for the records on finances charged by Mr. Kalny for the years of 2016 through 2018 with specifics and explanations for each charge to the City of Green Bay.

Moved by Ald. Bill Galvin, seconded by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre to receive and place on file. Motion carried.

Yes- Barbara Dorff, Bill Galvin, Kathy Lefebvre, Veronica Corpus-Dax, No- None, Abstain- None

E. INFORMATIONAL.

1. 2018 Contingency Fund:
\$87,822.39

2. The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday October 9, 2018 at 4:30 PM.

F. ADJOURNMENT.

Moved by Ald. Bill Galvin, seconded by Ald. Veronica Corpus-Dax to adjourn. Motion carried.

Yes- Barbara Dorff, Bill Galvin, Kathy Lefebvre, Veronica Corpus-Dax, No- None, Abstain- None

VERBATIM MINUTES

- Okay.
- Okay, we're good.
- Alright, I'd like to call the Tuesday, September 25th meeting of the Finance Committee to order, roll call.
- Alder Galvin, present.
- Alder Dorff, present.
- Alder Corpus-Dax, present.
- Alder Lefebvre, present.
- Motion to approve the agenda?
- Motion to approve the agenda, do I hear a second?
- Second.

- Second by Alder Lefebvre. All of those in favor, aye.
- [All] Aye.
- Opposed? Motion carries. Motion for the approval of the minutes.
- Motion to approve.
- Second.
- Motion to approve by Alder Galvin, second by Alder Corpus-Dax, all those in favor?
- [All] Aye.
- Opposed? Motion carries, approval of the minutes. Okay, regular business. Item one, discussion with possible action on the purchase of firefighting equipment for new engine 451, staff?
- I didn't see you and you popped up.
- Officially, I am asking to withdraw this item from the agenda. When we put it on the agenda, it was a placeholder because the bids hadn't been calculated. The awards are under 25 thousand dollars, so I wanna withdraw it so that we don't have to wait to go through city council approval and we can start issuing purchase orders this week so that we can get that equipment on order 'cause the engine's arriving fairly soon?
- [Chief Litton] Next two weeks.
- Yeah.
- Alright, so I'll entertain a motion to withdraw item one?
- Motion to withdraw item one.
- Second.
- Second by Alder Corpus-Dax, all those in favor?
- [All] Aye.
- Opposed? Motion carries.
- Thank you.
- It's withdrawn. Alright, item two.
- That was easy.

- Per request by Alder Steuer to discuss funding a share of the county garden coordinator position currently being funded by CDBG Funds and Brown County if CDBG funding expires, then be it resolved that the city of Green Bay will include 40% of this permanent position, up to 20 thousand dollars annually. Alder Steuer, do you want to talk to that?

- [Alder Steuer] Sure, we have some folks here to speak to this as well. I talked to Cheryl Renier-Wigg about this and she mentioned that there's a number of CDBG positions that the city has right now and she has spoken of the fact that she thinks it's gonna be difficult to do this. I'd like these citizens to talk about why they think that it could work. There is a position available, it's a country position right now but it's only funded through the county and it's a coordinator position over at the Brown County Extension Office and I think that the thought here is that 70% of all users of these community gardens live in the city of Green Bay. It's a benefit to the neighborhoods, to society or whatever you want to say. There's a lot of positive elements with gardens, so I took it upon myself to at least get the communication in to allow the citizens to speak on this and I know with tight budgets and all, we have to look at this very carefully. This is 40% of a position but with that being said, I would entertain for you to open the floor to let the citizens speak.

- Okay.

- [Alder Steuer] That's all I have right at this moment.

- Motion to open the floor.

- Second.

- Okay, motion by Alder Galvin, second by Alder Lefebvre to open the floor, discussion, all those in favor?

- [All] Aye.

- I have four slips in front of me. I have a Tricia Murphy on the list?

- [Tricia] Yeah, that's me. Thank you. I work at Green Bay Community Church and we have a garden there, I think it's one of the largest gardens--

- I'm sorry, I should have probably asked you for your, we do have your name and address, also, we wanted that for the record.

- Oh, just say it out loud.

- Just state it?

- Yeah, thank you.

- [Tricia] Sorry, never been here. I'm Tricia Murphy, my address is 1683 Forest Glen Drive in Green Bay and as I said, I work at Green Bay Community Church. We started our garden about six years ago and I was actually the one that had to take in and manage this garden and I know the job it was to do that, so when the position came up with UW Extension and they offered to manage it, I was more

than eager to have them do that. I know what they do. I know they promote the intake of gardeners. They manage the gardeners. She takes care of the funds, the training, the prep of the garden, the plotting of the garden, there's 60 plots. She does all the communications, managing the upkeep. They wrap up with the gardeners. They pile the garden. That garden is one of the most beautiful things on our property. On top of that, I know that, the families, we see them, in and out, come and go in this garden and it's become such a place of community where they talk, they get to know each other and they share secrets in gardening. We've had folks that have come out and learned from people that are veteran gardeners, so that's one of the reasons why but I think secondly, I know what she's asking for and I know how difficult it is working on a staff there, to hire for folks that don't get benefits and I know how much that would increase probably the attraction of the position would be to have those benefits and as we know or do not know that--

- No, benefits? What was that? No one had just mentioned it.

- [Cheryl] No, no, we'll cover it.

- Okay, sorry about that, I apologize. But second, lastly, I'll just say this. We're gonna expand our gardens, double it, where we're at and we're excited about it, the gardeners are asking for it and I know if that had to fall onto my plate to manage, it would be very difficult and so I'd hate to see it go. I know it would be difficult for us to maintain it, I just, for what I'm saying, I would love to see it, thank you.

- [Alder Steuer] I have a question.

- Yes?

- [Alder Steuer] With all the food that you raise, where does it all go?

- Oh yeah, thank you, I'm so glad you asked that. So, the families, for the most part, they garden on their own and then they take the produce but we do have a program within our church called Circles and those are families that are working to get out of poverty. We have currently about 18 families and they garden to plot this year. They taught the kids how to garden and what they get from it and the benefits from it, that's one of them. We also have a pantry that the gardeners actually bring in produce, their excess, and it goes toward this pantry and so families, about 150 families in the area benefit from them bringing in things and so, not only does it serve them but then the families that are in the gardens that I know of, are for the most part, people that struggle to find places where they can garden. This isn't just a hobby, this is livelihood for them, so this isn't, I think I'll just plant some flowers. So, I thank you for asking and I know that they have a way of calculating how much our garden brings out and I think in the years past, they've averaged about 60 thousand dollars' worth of produce comes out of just our garden alone and so Any other questions?

- Oh, the next item on here is a Laurel Last, state your name and your address, please.

- [Laurel] My name is Laurel Last and my address is 954 Rockwell Road, so I actually live in but I've been with the garden program for about five years and two years on the board as a volunteer, coordinating actually the same garden, the one at Community Church and just from my experience, I just think it's an awesome program. It helps people that don't have a place to garden on their own, primarily people with lower income, renters, there are a lot of minorities that are gardeners at these

places and personally, I just think it's been such a great advantage to us to have a place where we have our own soil and can grow our own healthy, local produce. It's educational, as far as kids, definitely my son, a lot of times because they don't necessarily know where their food is coming from and they can help in the garden and see how to grow things and sometimes they're more likely to eat them if they helped to grow them and there's the social aspect of people getting together and sharing gardening tips or that sort of thing and also, as far as the program itself, since I've been involved in the program, especially being on the board, of course, so I've got to know Margaret and know all the work that she does with this, to keep this thing going. She's the glue that holds the carafe together and I think it would be awesome to do whatever we can to make sure that the program is sustainable and to help her be able to remain in the job and to get the benefits that she deserves from all the work that she's been doing, thank you.

- Any questions? No, okay.

- Next person that we have on the list is Ethan, state your name and address, please.

- [Ethan] My name's Ethan Noordy, I reside at 3221 Nicolet Drive. I am also on the UW Community Gardens Board, this is my first year on the board. I've been gardening at Church Road, which is just north of the university, just off Nicolet Drive and they're big plots, they're 50 by 50 plots, so it's a lot of work and the gardeners up there put in a lot of time, some of them, four hours, six hours a day, in the mornings and the evenings. It's a very, very diverse group of people that are gardening up there, so, being raised in the Midwest, I see all these vegetables that I've never seen grown before, I get to learn different ways and techniques of being able to garden. Just today I was up there in my garden and we got a lot of rain recently, right, the gardens are flooded out, so anything in the ground is rotting, so I'm just trying to pick all the tomatoes that are left and some of the peppers and I got some pumpkins left and I go to wash off my tools by the hose that's there and there's an older couple and I said, "What are you guys growing?" They're washing off these, they kind of look like a big turnip and I was like, oh, okay, he had a whole bucket full of them, it was really neat and I said, "What are they?" He's like, "Yep," and I was like, "Do you cook 'em?" He's like, "Yep," and I was like, "Do you eat 'em raw?" "Yep," and he didn't really know what I was saying but we kinda talked, I just kind of, do you broil, cook 'em, how do you do them and I started washing my tools off and he grabbed three of them and gave them to me.

- Aw.

- [Ethan] I was like, it was really, really neat. We didn't speak the same language, but we're still understanding each other and so and that's happened before, we give out these Green Thumb awards to the gardeners if they do a good job and everybody in Church Road got one this year but I was handing them out and a gardener came up to me and gave me a whole bag of cucumbers. I was like, oh my gosh, I don't need more cucumbers but then that's the kind of relationships that this program fosters and Margaret is really behind all of that. She spends time and time again organizing groups from the University, different church groups to come and help clean up the gardens, put them back together. Let's see, we have a program, Planting For A Purpose, where we've been growing food for different food pantries and that's thousands of pounds of food we've raised and donated, so those are just some of the programs but so, just in support of it, helping Margaret, better quality of life for her, so, thank you.

- Any questions? No, okay, thank you.

- We have one more item, one more person, Cheryl Williams. Name and address please?

- [Cheryl] I'm Cheryl Williams and I'm at 1924 Evans Court in Green Bay, Wisconsin and I have let me tell you, I've been volunteering with the program since 2013. I sent all of you, some way, either physically or as a link, a huge document, which was a white paper written specifically for political decision making by non-position taking but just information about the program and its funding and it's use for whoever else is, just to remind you. It was federally funded and those funds have dried up. Funding a position is very difficult in grant money. They always want to see what you're doing this year, which isn't conducive to a sustainable program. So, some of the things that the gardens do besides the main gardens is they park education. We had a teen farmer's market, both last year at the Boys and Girls Club and this year through a foster care group and we're talking about expanding that next year, we, meaning, I'm a volunteer with the garden, one year I ran it and then I got a vista, so the funding totally fell and so I was the one who presented it to the county. I got the 60% funding that we have, so this program, we've tried multiple boards, we've tried multiple fundraising, we started a Friends of the Community Garden gala, got everything we could do. We have like seven thousand down on that, so we're not really good at that but we focus, we don't focus up at the fancy fundraising part and galas, we are always doing canvassing in low-income neighborhoods to make sure participation in gardens is diverse and we work with recently, The Center for Economic Development, to talk about where's the right place to place gardens. Where do we have high density housing? Where do we have high migrant population? Where do we have low income? So, we really, really focus and then the nutrition education program, started this program 22 years ago but has become unsustainable. Now I wanna say, the city of Green Bay has been a phenomenal partner, so the question with benefits comes up. So Margaret is, designated this year, as an LTE, they have put and I'll share this number, these numbers, I just got these fresh numbers from Judy Knudsen from the Extension. She's the director and I can, I think it pretty much state her position. Her position, I said, "Judy, could you support "what we're doing?" And she said, "We are very satisfied with the CDBG funds "at 12 thousand dollars," so I asked her to break that down and that's the spreadsheet you have, the position with fringe, which includes things like vacation or PTO, which Margaret does not fully have right now, is 55 thousand dollars. The annual county funding that we got in 2013 was 35. This year, in budget, not approved, the country has found another eight thousand dollars, so that's why they only needed 12 thousand dollars from CDBG funds this year, historically, Green Bay has been giving, has given up to, I think one year it was \$24 thousand dollars, when we did not yet have county funding, so the city of Green Bay was the first to step up and say, yes, we want these gardens in our low income neighborhoods, they beautify, they support our population, so we are very thankful. So why am I here asking for resolution? The standing offer, outside of budget, from the county is that if we can get a commitment to funding and I'm not asking for any of your 2019 budget dollars and I know that may seem like a technicality to you but I don't think it's a technicality. We are asking for resolution that should CDGB funds fail, that the city will be our partner and bring up to 20 thousand dollars, which was the resolution but they now only need 22% not 40% of the funding because they have permanent county funding and tax levy, county tax levy, for 43, so now they need 12 thousand, so, the resolution would be that the city of Green Bay, should CDBG funds fail, would be the partner for the other 12 thousand dollars or 22%, however you would choose to write it, obviously I would prefer it be 22% because things can change but I don't see them changing a great deal. So, the official county position is, we're so thankful that the city of Green Bay has been our partner and that's my position as well. As a citizen, and as somebody who's worked really hard trying every way to figure out and make this program sustainable, then that we can keep our community garden coordinator, who's bilingual, she's culturally sensitive, she's lived abroad, and it's not just an

individual, right, but it is an individual too. She was, as a teenager, on Madison Community Garden Board as the secretary, so she has deep, long, lifelong experience in community gardens. There's a web of relationships the county has created to sustain our immigrant populations. They have trust built up and those are, that's very, I don't know, fundable, what's the right word, it's tangible and it's important to the program. So, my take is, my statement is that the budget from the county is not approved, the standing statement from the county is that a commitment from the city would guarantee that Margaret would become an FTE and that she would have a full fringe package, which I then interpret as vacation and paid time off, so that she's not having to bank, every time the Extension's closed on Christmas or Thanksgiving or whatever day, that she's not paid, which is the current situation. So, that's where benefits come in. A commitment of 12 thousand dollars would allow the county to move her to an FTE with full fringe benefit package.

- Including health insurance and such?

- Yes.

- That you're talking about?

- And she did get health insurance because of the requirement from Obamacare, obviously and I also, with the gardens, I know I said this earlier but they have five main benefits, which are listed in the green below, it's kind of like a unit study. Gardens are everything, gardens are health, they're exercise, they're neighborhood beautification, they're everything but these gardens, I'm sorry, these gardens produce, 10 gardens, over 300 thousand dollars worth of produce annually. The majority of gardeners are low income and the majority are minority. I think in Tricia's community garden there are four, even at Howard, and even more elsewhere, so that's my request. Any questions?

- I have no questions, I just have comments. Being on the county board, I know all this and I know Margaret very well because I was involved in the community gardens with their garden play lists. I help build the boxes and--

- [Cheryl] Which is one of our programs.

- And deliver with the ground and the people were really excited.

- [Cheryl] Huge community effort.

- Just excited and a lot of people volunteer for that. It's a big deal and I couldn't do it this year, which, because of all the things going on but I really miss doing it 'cause I love to see the excitement of all the people.

- [Cheryl] And that's a really valuable program in areas in the city that have toxic soil, so we really try to heavily promote in areas that have lead in the soil, the blitz beds, because you bring in clean soil.

- Yes, Alder Steuer?

- Thanks, Alder, I was wondering, Cheryl, how many plots are there in the city of Green Bay right now?

- I'll look that up. There are 300 in the system and they're heavily focused in Green Bay because the ones outside, that are in the county, are an even 50 by 50, they're very large, so, you may have 16 plots in a huge garden. Those gardeners are--

- Well, it shows 10 here.

- There are 10 gardens, each garden is a site and has multiple plots, so right, so there are 300 individually rented units that we rent and we keep rent very low. They're \$25, it basically makes sure people come back and keep it weeded

- Yeah.

- Was the one, there used to be one by Chapel School. Is that still there or is that a different organization?

- [Cheryl] That one is managed by, the one and only garden that's managed by the city of Green Bay and the city of Green Bay, again, Forestry Department, they maintain that one. They have it right in their mission statement that they support community gardens, so they often, in our city ones, till the gardens for us, sometimes will spread compost. So did I answer your question?

- Yes you did.

- [Cheryl] I can find, but, there are 300--

- You had said 70%, right?

- Yeah, 70% of the individuals--

- So, you'd like 210.

- [Cheryl] Yeah.

- 210.

- [Alder Steuer] Is part of that on city property or private property?

- [Cheryl] There are, a lot of it, we take advantage of all kinds of places, one is right under the Ashland Bridge and Department of Public Works--

- DPW?

- Right, it's Ashland Bridge easement, it's a state easement that the city of Green Bay has facilitated us getting approval to use that, so we use a lot of found land. We have a very old garden in 8th street, right beside the big power plant, there at the 8th Street Park. We have a a lot of private land. The largest land donors are churches, such as the Sisters of Saint Francis and Green Bay Community Church. Green Bay Plastics, another really old one on Maple and Augusta, downtown and we soil testing. We make sure the gardens are composted. We make sure that they're clean and safe and we do a lot of education, pest control, any questions?

- [Alder Stauer] Can you do anything about the mosquitoes?

- [Cheryl] We wish

- So, you're looking, then, what you're looking for is the resolution to approve this resolution for up to 20 thousand dollars.

- And I modified that to 12 or to 22% because they--

- Oh, percent, we should do 22%, 22%, I'm not gonna make the motion but I'm just clarifying it and I talked to Director Renier.

- [Cheryl] Judy Knudsen?

- No, Cheryl-- Cheryl Renier-Wigg, yeah, she isn't here and you know, yes, and we normally get this grant money and it almost doesn't happen, I suppose if it didn't happen, we'd have to take a look at it by year but staff, do you have any recommendations first? I mean, we should close the floor.

- [Alder Johnson] Could I say something?

- Sure.

- [Alder Johnson] So when you say that you're looking for a resolution, I just wanna make sure that this isn't an issue of semantics and maybe, I don't know, or Diana, if you'd have to answer this too but is this a permanent installation that obligates the City Council indefinitely to provide this funding, is that what that means?

- I think the county expressed to me what they needed was a three year commitment, they re-amended to get a three year commitment.

- We could renew every three years.

- [Alder Johnson] I want to be clear that that's what was being asked of the committee.

- And so, if like this here, so if we did approve a three year plan and this year there were CDB funds and the next year they went away then we would on the hook to provide 22%, for two years and then revisit it again?

- [Alder Johnson] Enough conversations with Cheryl, by the way, Bill, has taught be to say Block Grant instead of all those letters.

- Too many acronyms.

- Any other questions?

- No, thank you.

- Alright, thank you. So I entertain a motion to close the floor.
- Motion to close the floor.
- Second.
- Alder Galvin, second by Alder Lefebvre, all those in favor?
- [All] Aye.
- Opposed, motion carries, okay, closed. Alders, discussion?
- I would ask finance how long have we been getting these Block Grant monies that have provided for these gardens?
- This is a recap from Cheryl's presentation at RDA from September 11th. It just basically says that the city is provided land at no cost in the past, the our parks given some assistance. The CDBG funding has made some bricks and mortar improvements and then that the CDBG has been offering assistance since 2013, so five, six years.
- Okay.
- And Cheryl continues to say that her other issue, at this point, they plan to continue this 12 thousand dollars to continue this program unless the CDBG money goes away and that has always been talk, there is always a chance it could go away but this is a small, small, portion of their money, if and when all CDBG money goes away, we have six other staff members that also the money would go away, so this is just a small portion of that.
- So we would lose, potentially, those six staff members, so they're fighting for six staff members?
- Correct. So that's just a recap from Cheryl, I guess from the financial perspective, every budget is unique and different. It's offered up by the mayor that's elected at the time and there's a different council. I think it'd be very tough to obligate money, future budget monies, that each year we have to decide on a budget and like you said, what we would be doing is, at this point, we would be obligating future budget money.
- If we did a three year plan, we obligated three years for it and I'll just pull a figure, I'll say it's 12 thousand and we don't use it because we have a lot of grant funding. At the end of the year, that would be a surplus that could be used to offset the next year's budget. It would just rollover, per say and technically, our only out would be having 12 thousand sitting in the bank waiting for that year we don't have the Block Grant money. At the end of that third year, if we renegotiate another three years, the money could then continue on or if the whole thing falls through, it's surplus that we have.
- I had never even considered that we would put 12 thousand dollars in a budget until you find out that the money would be going away, then that next budget you would potentially have to consider whether or not you could--

- I would say potentially the biggest cost to us in outlay, at first, would be if we did choose to put the money aside because if the Block Grant money comes, what is it allocated out? When do we find out if we're gonna have that money or not?

- In the middle of the year.

- I think it's Spring.

- Middle of the year? To apply for the next year?

- No, for your current year.

- So wouldn't we have to budget for January one to have that 12 thousand sitting there, because if it did, then we'd have to go to--

- If you were to approve this resolution, yes, I guess, when you word it that way, yes, if we don't know if CBDG money is not gonna be approved until Spring of the year in which they said they were going to use their funding, it could be gone.

- Right and who provides this money to us, state or federal or both?

- That is a federal program, federal program.

- Alright, thank you.

- Alder, to me, this is a wonderful program 'cause I've been involved in several areas of this program and I know how good it is. I garden myself, I love gardening, unfortunately, this year, my garden suffered because the weather, can't handle the heat and dew point, it's really bad but I don't think the 12 thousand is a burden on the city and the city themselves said that they liked the program. They want the program to continue. I would like to see us put something in that would be realistic and I think this sounds like a realistic request.

- Okay, Alder Corpus-Dax?

- I think it's a good program. I like it, I see the benefits of it, where I have issue is if we don't get the grant money then we're losing six positions, yet we're funding the community garden, and the council's funding at 20% and I realize that it's 12 thousand dollars and it's not about the amount but yeah, we've lost six staff positions.

- Well then, the other, wherever the staff positions are from, then those people are going to have to step up or let us know, I don't know who the other staff people are but programs, it probably doesn't even matter 'cause we have to find funding if they acquired a contract or whatever--

- Well, we lose the funding--

- Yeah we lose the funding but we'll be--

- If we lose the funding, do we need the positions for what they're doing, I mean, is there other monies we get from Block Grant money that these positions use that money to do their job?

- In some cases, some of them are fully funded and some of them are partially funded from CDBG. So, whether or not, if the program went away, I guess we would have to reevaluate if these are full time positions or--

- Can I ask what positions those are?

- This is, again, from Cheryl's note, it looks like two neighborhood specialists, a CB coordinator, a front office staff, a public arts coordinator and an accountant, thank you.

- Well, I'm supportive of this. I think, I don't feel that this funding is going to go away, especially in the next two years when we're still under the same federal president, so I don't think it's gonna go away and it's not, and our citizens are benefiting from it and people that need this food are getting this food and I think we have some obligation, mostly the county, does take care of the health services and those kinds of things but I think that the city should step up and if after three years they wanted to do it on a yearly basis, maybe that's a way of going but county's asking for three years right now in order to ensure that this position stays. I think we can risk that 12 thousand a year for three years.

- Yeah, after hearing how many people that this benefits and not just putting food in stomachs but also develops our young people, gives them the ability to technically, you give a guy a fish or teach him how to fish. We're teaching people how to garden and create their own food, can it and save it and eat it. Those are just valuable lessons that, we're going with the farmer's market thing with the children at two other foster program and also at the Boys and Girls Club, which is another organization that could really use a lot of items like this to help these children as they grow. I agree though, 12 thousand versus six staff positions but I still think that outweighs, even that 12 thousand outweighs those six positions as it pertains to what we can do, the good we can do for the community and I understand the city already puts in a lot of other brick and mortar with the land and Parks and Rec and even our own garden that we have at Chapel School but there's programs that the city has but this one really hits me as really impacting a lot of people positively, in so many different ways that I support the resolution.

- I got another one about your son, Ned, involved with, the city had their sustainable group and we were going there and it was a little bit of spinning our wheels and we're trying to get some community garden going and some of us, what we did, we went to one of the neighborhood associations, I can't think of it. Anyway, their park, what we did is we had, somebody would read a story at the park and we decided to do, to coordinate with her, she was gonna read a story about tomatoes and so what we did is we got, we went to the Farmer's Market, got fresh tomatoes, we got fresh mozzarella and fresh spinach leaves and what we did is we did a roll up with that and the children that came, they could have this and all those children, because it was an inner city park, well, a lot of those children don't get fresh fruit and vegetables and that, they couldn't believe, they scarfed everything up. I mean, there was nothing left. They just loved it and then we also planted in these buckets tomato plants and those kids were just delighted to get this, so I know the value of this park, especially the inner city because those people don't have, they don't have big yards, they can't plant, a lot of them are renting too and they come from areas where, in their areas they don't have grocery stores. All their grocery stores are on the dirt.

- So I would entertain then, a motion, we're gonna change that resolution a little bit, I think, to the the 22%, is that right?
- Yes.
- I'll make a motion that the city sets up a three year agreement with the Brown County government to supply 22% of the salary and benefits for this position.
- We'll say the county garden coordinator position.
- Starting what year, are we using not '19?
- [Cheryl] We do have funds for 2019 but those funds, when we do CDBG funds, they have not approved the last bit of the county funds, I'm sorry,
- Would that be contingent on approval of the 2019 budget?
- [Cheryl] They could do 2020 because we had CDBG funds for 2019 and the very fact you're making the resolution would show them that they can hold the county to that.
- So this would be for the 2020 budget? 2020, '21 and '22. What's that?
- I'd feel more comfortable if it was '19, '20, '21 and I understand that they do--
- [Cheryl] Well, actually the resolution is if CDBG funds fail, so, it could be '19, '20, '21.
- And then be done in '21.
- Alright, that's fine, it's easier.
- Okay, so the motion again?
- Motion is that the community garden coordinator position, that the city will provide 22% of the wages and benefits for three years starting in 2019.
- Contingent on?
- Contingent on the CDGB funds failing.
- And do you want any cap on it, otherwise it'll be difficult to budget for 22%.
- Well, I understand that but if we enter into a, say 12 thousand dollars and it goes up to 12,500.
- So, should the cap be 20 thousand because we're not gonna get anywhere near it?
- Right, I'll make a cap of 20 thousand.
- Does that sound reasonable, Diane?

- Yes.
- And I'll second that.
- Okay, motion by Alder Galvin and second by Alder Lefebvre, any more discussion?
- And again, I'm sorry for stopping you, but is that contingent on if it's approved in the 2019 budget, 'cause you're asking me now to put it in a budget that we're currently working on and making cuts from, so.
- I'm asking you to put it in the budget. I know what's gonna happen. It won't be in the budget unless we put it in there and then we'll have to readdress it at that meeting and--
- And we're counting on the grant money, really, to be there but you're saying we have to, well--
- He's asking to put the dollars in it and obligate the dollars in the 2019 budget.
- If we don't obligate the dollars and we find out in March that we're gonna have to go to the contingency fund or find the money somewhere else and I mean, if that's something that you think, as a finance director, that's easy peasy to do.
- Is the best to obligate the funds, if we had to choose between that or just believing that--
- If we were guaranteeing and obligating the money, you probably should put it in the budget.
- I think so. I think the next year, then that money rolls over and it becomes kind of a non-item.
- But not 20 thousand doesn't roll over?
- Yes.
- 'Cause if you obligate thousand--
- If you don't use it, it rolls over to the next year.
- Typically it doesn't, in a 101 fund, absolutely but if you don't, it just goes to your fund balance, you don't get to maintain at that dollars.
- If we have a resolution for three years and we have an agreement with the county that we're guaranteeing three years and we set 20 thousand aside the first year and we don't use, why wouldn't it be there the next year?
- Because anything in a general fund, if you don't use it, it gets rolled, you really lose it, if you don't spend it, you lose it, it just rolls back into fund balance. It could be, I guess, we could move it to a balance sheet account. It could be obligated and we set it up as a payable, long term payable.

- Won't that be best? I mean, it makes no sense to have to reallocate 20 thousand when we have an agreement, then we don't have to find it every year.
- Correct but typically anything that is not used than gets rolled to fund balance. You don't normally get to sound carry it, you have to carry it over, we have to bring it through Council anything that's carried over, that would be a carry over, that we set the money aside, was not spent and it would have to be carried over, so it would be a council action to carry it over into the next year.
- And what happens to the carry over money?
- If it's carried over, than it's set aside, waiting to be, if it has to be paid out.
- 'Cause we use it, we use it for budget shortfalls, right, for the--
- Well, two different things. A carry over is if the money's been obligated and now it's carried over and it's set aside in a special fund in case we need it but that only happens if we take a special action, council action, otherwise if it was not spent in 2018 or the year in which we set the money aside, it just falls to the bottom, to the fund balance.
- And so, would your office be responsible to say, okay, we didn't spend this money this year, it'll roll over to the general fund, I want to take this 20 thousand dollars for the next budget cycle of 2020?
- We would have to bring that, if that's--
- Is that something your office can do or does someone have to remember?
- Is it better to do it that way?
- We're making your life difficult here, I understand that and I want to make it as easy as possible for you, so that's why I'm leaning on you for your best suggestion how to do this.
- Yeah, we can roll it. We would bring it back to the council to have it rolled over, as a carryover and set aside.
- So then, the grant money comes in, it covers it, we don't need it, then what happens?
- It would just sit there until this three years is over and we're no longer obligated for it, then we could bring it, unroll it back into a fun balance.
- We can do it year to year then, the county's willing to do a year by year agreement.
- Yes.
- Okay, alright. All those in favor?
- [All] Aye.
- Opposed? Motion carries unanimously. Alright, item four. I think it's item four. No, three.

- [Cheryl] Thank you.
- Update with possible action of litigation in the COGB versus arbitration and would someone like to make a motion going to closed session?
- I make a motion we go into closed session.
- I second.
- You wanna read the--
- Council may convene in closed session pursuant to state statute for the purpose of conferring with legal council for the governmental body who's running oral or written advice concerning strategy being adopted by the buyer with respect to litigation, which it is or is likely to become involved. The council may then have to reconvene an open session pursuant to state statute to report the results of the closed session and consider the balance of the agenda.
- All those in favor?
- [All] Aye.
- Opposed, motion carries unanimously. We'll be going into closed session. Back in open session and please open the door.
- Alright, thank you all.
- Thank you.
- Okay, we're back in open session. We discussed what we said we were going to discuss in closed session and I'll entertain a motion.
- My motion is that staff follow through with the community's direction.
- Second.
- There's a second by Alder Corpus-Dax. All those in favor?
- [All] Aye.
- Opposed? Motion carries. Item number four, report of the Claims Committee. Would you like us to go into closed session for this?
- If you guys have questions on any of the claims, we would need to go into closed session, yes, otherwise--
- I couldn't find the claims.

- They were in there.
- They were? I honestly went and looked for the claims, I'm like oh, I guess we're gonna get them.
- No, they're in there.
- Right, where?
- I have a paper copy if you're not able to find it.
- No, I will look again. Maybe I didn't go down far enough.
- You're with the wrong one.
- I'm in the wrong one?
- There's the one, you're in right now.
- Oh, no wonder I couldn't find it. Alright, where?
- Scroll down. It's number four.
- Okay, number four, yeah.
- Claims Committee. Click on confidential, PDF.
- That's where it was. Okay, sorry.
- Yeah, anything that's confidential, we have to put it--
- You have to put it underneath there.
- We have a packet for those who can see it and those who cannot.
- Got it, thank you. I somehow did this another time but, alright, let me look at these.
- any questions?
- I don't have any questions.
- I do.
- Okay, go ahead.
- We're gonna need to go into closed session.
- Oh, then we need to go in closed session, I'm sorry. Okay, would you like to make that motion in legal language, then, Alder Lafeyvre?

- I gotta go back to the thing and I just had a statement Okay, that was number three, right?
- Uh-huh.
- Okay, the council may convene in closed session pursuant to section 19.851G Wisconsin stats for the purpose of conferring with legal council for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to the litigation in which it is likely to become involved. The council may therefore reconvene in open session pursuant to section 19.852 Wisconsin stats to report themselves of the closed session and consider the balance of the agenda.
- Who seconded the closed session?
- Second.
- Second by Alder Corpus-Dax, all those in favor?
- [All] Aye.
- Opposed, motion carries. We are in closed session. I'll entertain a motion.
- Motion to receive and place on file.
- Motion by Alder Corpus-Dax.
- Second.
- Second by Alder Galvin, any more discussion? All those in favor?
- [All] Aye.
- Opposed? Motion carries unanimously and finally, five, request by Alder Nicholson for the records on Finance's charge and Mr. Calney for the years of 2016 through 2018, with specifics and explanations for each charge to the city of Green Bay. I see that Alder Nicholson is not here and so, should we just receive and place in file or?
- Receive and place on file.
- And for the record, the documents were provided to him.
- They were provided to him, okay, good. Alright. Motion by Alder Galvin to receive and place on file.
- Second.
- Second by Alder Lefebvre. All those in favor?

- [All] Aye.
- Opposed? Motion carries. Informational 2018 contingency fund, is that 87 thousand in debt to \$22.39, we didn't spend any tonight. That's amazing.
- For once.
- And the next Finance Committee, we'll be open Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 4:30 PM. I will now entertain a motion to adjourn.
- Motion to adjourn.
- Motion to adjourn by Alder Galvin and second by?
- Second.
- By Alder Corpus-Dax, all those in favor?
- [All] Aye.
- We're adjourned. Thank you, thank you.