



MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023, 4:30 PM

In person at City Hall, Room 207.

Virtual attendance also available via Zoom.

Immediately following Personnel.

A. ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION.

- I. This item contains Zoom information, instructions, and a link to the Virtual Comment Form.

B. ROLL CALL.

- I. Members: Ald. Brian Johnson, Ald. Jesse Brunette, Ald. Bill Galvin & Ald. Jim Hutchison.

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

- I. Approval of the Finance Committee agenda for the April 11, 2023, meeting.

Moved by Ald. Bill Galvin, seconded by Ald. Jim Hutchison to approve the agenda. Motion Passed.
Yes- Bill Galvin, Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Jim Hutchison, No- None, Abstain- None.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

- I. Approval of the Finance Committee minutes from the March 14, 2023, meeting.

Moved by Ald. Bill Galvin, seconded by Ald. Jim Hutchison to approve the minutes. Motion Passed.
Yes- Bill Galvin, Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Jim Hutchison, No- None, Abstain- None.

E. REGULAR BUSINESS.

- I. Consideration and possible action to accept a \$1,000,000 grant from the Medical College of Wisconsin to establish and operate an Office of Violence Prevention.

Moved by Ald. Bill Galvin, seconded by Ald. Jesse Brunette to accept a \$1,000,000 grant from the Medical College of Wisconsin to establish and operate an Office of Violence Prevention. Motion Passed.

Yes- Bill Galvin, Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Jim Hutchison, No- None, Abstain- None.

2. For consideration and possible action on accepting the 2022 BJA FY22 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance grant program for \$56,093.

Moved by Ald. Bill Galvin, seconded by Ald. Jim Hutchison to accept the 2022 BJA FY22 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance grant program for \$56,093. Motion Passed.

Yes- Bill Galvin, Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Jim Hutchison, No- None, Abstain- None.

3. For consideration and possible action on accepting the 2022 FY22 Microgrants-Community Policing Development Solicitation for \$40,331.24.

Moved by Ald. Bill Galvin, seconded by Ald. Jesse Brunette to accept the 2022 FY22 Microgrants-Community Policing Development Solicitation for \$40,331.24. Motion Passed.

Yes- Bill Galvin, Bill Galvin, Brian Johnson, Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Jesse Brunette, Jim Hutchison, Jim Hutchison, No- None, Abstain- None.

4. For Consideration and possible action to approve a Lease by the Wisconsin Department of Administration for office space at 315 South Baird Street, beginning June 1, 2023. Annual rent will be \$13,684.32 (Year 1), \$13,923.80 (year 2), and \$14,167.46 (Year 3), for the initial 3-year term. The Lease may be renewed for two successive 3-year periods with an annual increase of 1.75 percent.

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Yes- Bill Galvin, Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Jim Hutchison, No- None, Abstain- None.

5. For consideration and possible action adopt a resolution urging local government funding reform including but not limited to shared revenue; and requesting the state consider surplus distributions to local municipalities for investments in public safety and infrastructure needs.

Moved by Ald. Jim Hutchison, seconded by Ald. Bill Galvin to adopt a resolution urging local government funding reform, including but not limited to shared revenue; and requesting the state consider surplus distributions to local municipalities for investments in public safety and infrastructure needs. Motion Passed.

Yes- Bill Galvin, Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Jim Hutchison, No- None, Abstain- None.

6. Report of the Claims Committee.

The Committee 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 Committee will thereafter reconvene in open session pursuant to Section 19.85(2), Wis. Stats., to take action on items discussed in closed session, if appropriate, and to consider the remainder of the agenda.

Moved by Ald. Jesse Brunette, seconded by Ald. Jim Hutchison to approve the report of the Claims Committee. Motion Passed.

Yes- Bill Galvin, Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Jim Hutchison, No- None, Abstain- None.

F. INFORMATIONAL.

1. 2023 Contingency Account: \$244,643.36.
2. The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday April 25, 2023 at 4:30 PM.

G. ADJOURNMENT.

Moved by Ald. Bill Galvin, seconded by Ald. Jesse Brunette to adjourn. Motion Passed.
Yes- Bill Galvin, Brian Johnson, Jesse Brunette, Jim Hutchison, No- None, Abstain- None.

VERBATIM MINUTES

- All right, we'll call this meeting to order at 4:37 p.m. Alder Galvin, Alder Brunette, Alder Hutchinson, Alder Johnson are all present. Entertain a motion to approve the agenda.
- So moved.
- Second.
- Motion by Galvin, a second by Hutchinson, any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor, say aye.
- [All] Aye.
- Proposed motion carries. Item D, approval of minutes. Number one, approval of the Finance Committee minutes on the March 14th, 2023 meeting.
- So moved.
- Second.
- Motion by Galvin, a second by Hutchinson. Any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say aye.
- [All] Aye.
- Proposed motion carries, Item E, regular business number one, consideration and possible action to accept the \$1 million grant from the Medical College of Wisconsin to establish an operate an Office of Violence Prevention, staff.
- Chief, is this gonna get turned over to you or Cheryl?
- [Chief] I can certainly start.
- Thank you.

- Sorry about this. Yeah, so this is a grant that we applied for a while back from the Medical College of Wisconsin. It was a, and it was an opportunity that kind of landed in our lap to apply for this grant originally as you, at least those of you who were on council in the Fall and Winter of 2021 might recall. Part of our comprehensive gun violence strategy that we developed at that time was to establish this Office of Violence Prevention. This is a best practice around the country especially in larger cities for dealing with gun violence and other group related violent crime in the community. Originally, we had planned to fund this program for three years using ARPA funds, or at least request ARPA funds to fund this project. And then we found this other opportunity that could free up the ARPA money for something else and we were fortunate enough to be awarded this grant. So we're pretty excited about the possibilities here. This program eventually, once it's set up, will not live in the Police Department. It'll live in the Development Department which is also a pretty standard practice for violence prevention offices like this in other jurisdictions that they aren't in the Police Department. Usually, there are somewhere else in city government.

- So I had two questions when I looked at this and that was one of them. I thought the Police Department was conspicuously absent in the org chart. So can you, well that might be the case elsewhere. Can you help us understand why?

- Yeah, that's by design. And the reason why you normally want that is what an office, what an OVP model usually looks like is you'll have a program manager and then either contract or employed resources to go out into the community and do violence interruption. And it can really be an impediment to that work if those people are seen as employees of the Police Department. And they might be seen as, you know, intelligence sources basically for the police. And it's a lot harder for them to develop those relationships with the players in the community that we're trying to reach. So that's why normally, entities like the one we intend to work with to do the technical assistance to set this up will tell you that that's, it can be lethal to a program like this actually to put it in the Police Department. And that doesn't mean that we don't interact with it and that we're not involved with it. But that's like an important element of one of these programs.

- No, it makes sense and it just needed someone to connect the dots for us in there.

- Sure.

- And then the second question I had is regarding budget. So is this a fully funded program for the grant, for the first three years? Are you expecting any levy spending on this? And then what is the plan once the grant is done?

- So, it is intended to be fully funded for three years and we will have a decision to make at some point in year three as a city whether we want to continue this program and it's hard to forecast into the future. Some of that I would anticipate would depend on what gun violence is like in our community. But yes, that would be one of the things that would come down the road is, you know, we would be asking council to make a decision about whether to fund this. You know, you're talking about a third of a million dollars a year and probably less than that because this, the a million dollars spread over three years includes about 150,000 or so for that technical assistance to set up the program. So it would be, you know, \$50,000 less. 'Cause we wouldn't need that, presumably once we're up and running.

- Okay, that's two positions, is that right?

- It would be one position for a program manager and then probably what we would, the way we would want to do this here, is have that program manager be responsible for getting a contract with a service provider to actually employ the violence prevention people in the community instead of trying to hire those ourselves and keep those employees.
- Wasn't there like a data person though? Or are you gonna outsource that as well?
- [Cheryl] Data was gonna be provided by the Police Department, a crime analyst.
- Oh, okay. So that's using existing resources.
- [Cheryl] Using existing resources, yeah.
- Got it, okay. I think it's a great opportunity. I think this is what we were asking for, you know, and I just like anything, right? You see this happen a lot where, not just here, but any organization where grant funding comes in and supports a program and then you hit this cliff or you don't know how to fund it after that. And you know, I prefer that we don't even wait till year three, you know, and I don't think that always has to mean growing the levy. It could mean a redistribution of existing resources too, depending on the priorities that we have. And my hope is that the priority-based budgeting helps us get our arms around some of that discussion. And I know that that hopefully will be in place by then and you know, we'll be able to have meaningful dialogue around that. So, Alder Eck.
- Okay, a couple questions.
- Okay.
- So will we have some, like a better idea of a budget prior to our City Council meeting? 'Cause, I mean, I'm reading through and there's not like real numbers here or like projected numbers for the operating costs.
- [Cheryl] We can provide that budget to you if you'd like. I mean, it was kind of a, we know it's gonna change. I guess, the entire budget wasn't set out but there was one that we can send out to you.
- Okay, I was just curious.
- [Cheryl] It's gonna be, but.
- Well, 'cause under like some of the not allowable and then facility and administrative costs, it says will be limited to 10%. So when you say it's fully funded but then there's limitations, I just wondered about how that's, how that looks.
- [Cheryl] Well those admin costs cover some of my time, or the chief's time or internal staff that are putting our time towards that grant.
- Okay.

- [Chief] So that's why we added that potential for admin charge against that.
- And then it says not allowable facilities, enforcement personnel facilities or equipment, so.
- [Cheryl] Right, you can't, we can't fund the Police Department with the funding.
- Okay.
- [Cheryl] Is the point with that.
- And there's already a building.
- [Cheryl] Yes, currently, the Old North Community Policing Center is where the office will be located.
- Okay.
- But yeah, there should be, I mean we had to do a pretty comprehensive budget for the grant submission, so.
- [Cheryl] Yeah, we'll, yeah, we can send that out.
- Thank you.
- Alder Gavin.
- The crime analysis position, do we still have two crime analysis people?
- We do.
- How much time do you think they're gonna be spending per week on this?
- It's probably, most of the time they'll be spending on this is time they would be spending anyway tracking gun violence and they may get some specific data requests depending on the needs of the program as it goes on. But really, I mean we do so much work and they spend so much of their time getting into the details of gun violence. It's probably not a huge add to their work load.
- 'Cause I, and my memory was, they were always pretty darn busy.
- Yeah, they still are.
- And I just hate to see them get overwhelmed if we, there's a way of alleviating this, but, okay. And like you said, you're right, it's gonna be a lot of the same information just being put back out again. All right, thank you.
- Okay, any other questions? Now I'll entertain a motion.

- Motion to approve.

- Second.

- We have a motion by Galvin, a second by Brunette, any further discussion? So you know, all those in favor say aye.

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carries. All right. Item number two for consideration is possible action on accepting the 2022 Fiscal Year 2022 Microgrants-Community Policing Development Solicitation for \$40331.24. Oh, I'm reading number three, sorry. I've got the sun is like shining on my screen and I can't see it.

- We can pull blind--

- No, I'll just tip it back, we're good. All right, sorry guys. I'm gonna redo this number two, for consideration and possible action on accepting the 2022 BJA FY22 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance grant program for \$56,093. Any questions? It's kind of laid out what it was for. Okay, I'll entertain a motion then?

- Motion to approve.

- Motion by Hutchison, second by Galvin. Any discussions? Seeing none, all those in favor say, aye.

- [All] Aye.

- Proposed motion carries. Item three, sorry, we're gonna do this again. for consideration and possible action on accepting the 2022 Fiscal Year 2022 Microgrants-Community Policing Development Solicitation for \$40,331.24. Looks like the same pot of money, huh?

- [Chief] A little different.

- But you don't have to speak to it unless there's questions unless you wanna speak to it. You look excited.

- [Chief] I'm gonna answer any questions, yeah.

- Yeah, good job PD for getting these. All right, need a motion.

- Motion to approve.

- Second.

- We have a motion by Galvin, a second by Brunette. Any discussion? Seeing none, all of those in favor say, aye.

- [All] Aye.

- Proposed motion carries. For consideration, number four, for consideration and possible action to approve a lease by the Wisconsin Department of Administration for office space at 315 South Baird Street, beginning June 1, 2023. Annual rent will be \$13,684.32 in year 1, \$13,923.80 in year 2, and \$14,167.46 year 3, for the initial 3-year term. The lease may be renewed for two successive 3-year periods with an annual increase of 1.75%.

- That's still probation and parole.

- What's that?

- That's probation and parole, I think I have no questions.

- That's a heck of a generous escalator. I'm just saying in today's marketplace, those escalators are a lot more aggressive, I'm not saying we've gotta renegotiate that but I understand there's a partnership there.

- Yeah and this is revenue coming into the city.

- Right, so.

- Motion to approve.

- Second.

- Motion by Gavin, a second by Hutchinson. Any further discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor say, aye.

- [All] Aye.

- Proposed motion carries. Item five, for consideration and possible action, adopt a resolution urging local government funding reform including but not limited to shared revenue, and requesting the state consider surplus distributions to local municipalities for investments in public safety and infrastructure needs. This was communication I submitted, it was previously on our agenda, we've referred it to staff. This is obviously the resolution before us that I had submitted a draft from the League of Municipalities over the Law Department. The Law Department came back with just, I think some minor revisions. I'm good with what's here. The only thing missing and again, I don't feel compelled to necessarily amend it but it's this acknowledgement that the current structure really forces local municipalities to go into debt when you don't have the ability to generate or you have to exclusively generate your income off of property taxes. And you're seeing that across the State of Wisconsin right now. But overall, I think, look, I mean every municipality, every government's probably passing these and it's really about, as the State is doing their budget and working on the shared revenue model which there is an appetite, for not only the Governor's office but the legislature, they are actively discussing this. And this is just really, I think for us, putting some

numbers to this that illustrate what's going on in the City of Green Bay. Alder Brunette.

- Thank you for that background. My main question was, who wrote it? And you're saying that this was a draft prepared or offered by the Wisconsin League of Municipalities?

- Correct.

- The Law Department edited a little bit.

- Yeah, we put numbers in here that were specific to our city.

- Okay, yeah, I mean, I did notice, you know, we know what the thing about resolutions is that there's no guarantee anyone will take this seriously. But if more municipalities keep passing these resolutions, it brings it to a level of visibility that perhaps we don't currently have. I will say that some of the language, I don't know if this is the League's language or our edits, very strongly worded, which again, is probably a good thing for a resolution. But some things I kind of struggled with without knowing how other municipalities function because there could be some and I think I mentioned this in the past, there could be some municipalities that are growing, that are expanding their economic base that don't have the historic infrastructure needs that Green Bay currently is experiencing. They could be doing just fine with the current formula. So we're writing this from Green Bay's perspective where I don't know if we know how every other municipality that's growing, if they're facing the same issue.

- Yeah, and I'll respond to that. And I forget Attorney Bunker, your staff attorney that actually worked on this and sent it to me.

- Yes, Attorney Wood.

- Attorney Wood, yep. But he said, he, right?

- Yes.

- Okay, sorry. I can't remember his first name, but he said, "Hey, this one's worded stronger." He said, "If you'd like to see it more "or less watered down," you know, he could do that. And I said, "Well, let's just." I said, "Let's leave it this way." And if anybody at the committee level and subsequently counsel wants to amend it and soften that, you're welcome to do so. I think to your point though, the League of Municipalities is really looking to make a statement. This is one of their top agenda items right now. Because there's an opportunity, it's ripe, both bodies of our government are willing to negotiate on this. So I think what they're likely gonna do is dump these and aggregate and say, X number of cities, you know, supported resolutions that said this. Does that make sense?

- Yeah, it does.

- Again, if you wanna change some words I'm honestly okay with that.

- I'll, I can go along and support it tonight. Curious what other council members feel. I'm not against strongly worded language. This one stuck out in how strongly worded it is and .

- Okay, any discussion?
- Move to approve or forward, move to approve? It's good.
- Second.
- A second by Galvin. Any other discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor say, aye.
- [All] Aye.
- Proposed motion carries. Item six, report of the Claims Committee. Anything here that needs to be pulled and discussed?
- No.
- All good, okay. I'll entertain a motion to accept or approve the report.
- So moved.
- Second.
- We have a motion by Brunette, a second by Hutchinson. All is in favor, say aye.
- [All] Aye.
- Proposed motion carries. Item F, Informational, 2023 contingency account stands \$244,643.36. The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 25th, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.
- So moved.
- Second.
- We have motion by Galvin, second by Brunette, all those in favor, say aye.
- [All] Aye.
- Proposed motion carries. Both meetings done in 25 minutes.
- Wow.
- You trade a little harder .
- Parks and INS, you have been challenged.