

Lancaster City Council
Finance Committee
May 6, 2019
Agenda

The Finance committee meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM

1 **Resolution 61-19**

Finance – Stoughton (Downour)

A resolution to create a new fund and set up revenue and expense accounts for Court Electronic Monitoring Fund 249.

Auditor Nettles advised council that she would be setting up Fund 249 with the associated revenue and expense accounts in support of temporary resolutions 59-19 and 60-19 introduced at the last meeting specific MOU with the County Commission for electronic monitoring.

1 **Readings**

1 **Resolution 62-19**

Finance – Stoughton (McDaniel)

A resolution to appropriate into Fund 249 for electronic monitoring and issues a then and now certificate to pay invoices to Sentinel Offender Services.

Auditor Nettles indicated that the city is expected to receive \$225,000 from the county and will appropriate in Fund 249 for the electronic monitoring services and to pay Sentinel invoices incurred prior to the fund and appropriations being passed by council.

1 **Readings**

1 **Resolution 63-19**

H2O/WPC – Woodgeard (McDaniel)

A resolution to amend Resolution 28-18 and authorize the SSD to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for the Park Street – Locust/Ewing Street Sewer Rehabilitation project.

Stormwater Engineer Wellstead indicated that this project was unsuccessfully bid last year because the engineer's estimate was too low. After the unsuccessful bid, the scope was revised add the additional work required with the Park Street storm sewer. The revised not to exceed will now be set to \$1,200,000 for the project.

2 **Readings**

2 **Resolution 64-19**

H2O/WPC – Woodgeard (McDaniel)

A resolution to amend Resolution 68-17 authorizing the SSD to enter into an agreement for engineering services for the Park Street – Locust/Ewing Street Sewer Rehabilitation project.

Stormwater Engineer Wellstead indicated that the current not to exceed is \$175,000. Further assessment indicated a need to the repair a corroded headwall or the Park Street storm sewer so additional engineering services are needed to add the repair to the project. The not to exceed for the engineering services for the project is now \$200,000.

2 **Readings**

2 **Resolution 65-19**

Service – Bobbitt (Tener/Woodgeard)

A resolution to appropriate from the General Fund 101 to pay a damage claim.

SSD Martin indicated that a damage claim has been issued to the city for damage incurred from a city owned tree. Since there is not budget for claims with the Tree Commission the claim will be paid from the General Fund.

1 **Readings**

Resolution 66-19

→ Moved to Economic Development, to be discussed in President Uhl Meeting Prep.

Finance – Stoughton (McDaniel) *

A resolution establishing the Community Reinvestment Area 3 and authorizing real property tax exemptions up to 100% for up to 15 years on the construction of new residential units as established by the ORC.

Mayor Scheffler indicated that encouraging the construction of new homes in the CRA-3 area would encourage economic stability, maintain real property values and potentially generate new employment opportunities in the area.

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Resolution 68-19

Finance – Downour (McDaniel)

Note of Order - Chairman Stoughton recused himself from the Chair and the discussion regarding Resolution 68-19 due to a conflict of interest and asked Finance member Holly Downour to assume the Chair to lead the discussion.

A resolution authorizing the City to negotiate and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Lighthouse domestic violence shelter to partially fund crime victim advocacy services in the Fairfield County Municipal Court (FCMC) and to declare an emergency. The MOU will provide \$10,482.03 in funding for the Court Advocate position through August 2019.

Law Director Ullom indicated that the MOU is to fund a necessary Court Advocate for 4 months until full grant funding can be restored for the Court Advocate position through the Lighthouse. This position is 1 of 3 positions provided to the FCMC for crime victim advocacy. The other 2 positions are currently fully grant funded.

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Readings

Note of Order – Once discussion about TR 68-19 ended, Chairman Stoughton assumed the Chair and thanked Holly for her leadership.

Other Discussion Items:

1. Departmental Updates:

- *Auditor Nettles - 2020 Tax budget forthcoming, best guess of budget for 2020 and has to be passed and submitted to the County by 7/1/2019.*
- *Will have 3 readings.*
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2. President Uhl – Tonight’s meeting prep:

- **TR 67-19 – resolution authorizing the City Engineer to assist the Fairfield County Transportation Improvement District in applying for the ODoT’s transportation improvement district funding for FY2020 in furtherance of Project GWN(Magna) – Public Works – Schoonover-Bobbitt/Tener**
- *TR 66-19 - Establishment of a CRA (see * above) for Census tracts 317, 320, 322*
- *Mayor Scheffler gave an overview of the CRA and the actual tax exemptions aligned with the rules of the CRA.*

3. Other items for Finance

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Motion to Adjourn – Downour

2nd – McDaniel

Meeting adjourned at 6:31 PM

Respectfully submitted:

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