

## CITY OF WAUWATOSA

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### BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, January 13, 2004

Committee Room #2

PRESENT: Aids. Bruderle -Baran, Casey, Grimm, Jenkins, Matthews, McCarthy, Subotich – 7

EXCUSED: Ald. Stepaniak

ALSO PRESENT: T. Wontorek, City Admin.; A. Kesner, City Atty.; B. Aldana, Asst. City Atty.; J. Plass, Accounting Mgr., Compt.; K. Isleb, Assessor; B. Lenski, Dep. Assessor; J. Tschudy, Acct./Bus. Mgr., Water

Ald. Matthews as Chair called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

#### **Revised 2004 payment schedule for the Wauwatosa Economic Development Corporation**

Mr. Wontorek said the city normally appropriates funds annually to the Wauwatosa Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) to assist in the corporation's efforts to promote economic development in the city. The WEDC is in the midst of a transition in its operations. It is highly likely that a revised structure will be in place to serve the city's future economic development interests. He cautioned that before the city releases the full appropriation, the WEDC should submit a report regarding its future structure and direction. His recommendation was to switch from one annual funding allocation to quarterly allocations for 2004 of \$23,750. These allocation payments will be made at the beginning of January, April, July and October. He further recommended that the WEDC present its plan of action to the city prior to March 24, 2004. The plan will be presented to the committee at its meeting on March 30<sup>th</sup> and to the Common Council on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Payment of the second and subsequent allocations would be made following acceptance of the plan of action. Ald. Matthews relayed a message from Ald. Stepaniak in support of the City Administrator's recommendation.

Robert Gintoft, WEDC board member, 8016 Stickney Avenue said the corporation has gone through some changes. They are currently working on a plan to hire an interim economic development coordinator. He agreed with the quarterly allocations saying that the payment schedule would provide motivation for the organization to formulate their future direction.

Ald. Bruderle-Baran said that as a WEDC aldermanic liaison, she fully supports the idea of quarterly allocations. She noted that the money for 2003 was allocated and used in 2003. The 2004 allocations would be made during this year. She said the board has faced very tough financial issues to the point of board members personally covering some of the wage and benefits shortages. They hope to save some money by hiring a coordinator instead of a director. She said the WEDC is reorganizing itself and during this time, the board is meeting on a regular basis. The quarterly allocations are a good compromise. By the end of the first quarter, they should have a coordinator in place. She noted that in the past, the WEDC functioned without a director for a significant amount of time. The only way they could have continued without restructuring was to ask staff to work without pay. The board is all volunteer and they have kept the WEDC going.

Moved by Ald. Bruderle-Baran, seconded by Ald. McCarthy to recommend approval of quarterly allocations to the WEDC in the amount of \$23,750 with a report to the committee on March 30<sup>th</sup> regarding restructuring the corporation and a future plan of action --

Ald. Grimm asked how the shortage of funding will impact the corporation. Mr. Gintoft responded that the support of area businesses is very important to the effectiveness of the corporation. They plan to involve area businesses in the planning effort and through that process gain more contributions. Ald. Grimm expressed concern regarding the city's procedures for funding the WEDC.

Ald. McCarthy said the WEDC is a great organization that has performed some very valuable functions in the past and will continue those functions in the future. He said the first quarterly payment will be made in recognition of the value of the WEDC to the city and the business community.

Ald. Casey said that the events at the end of last year were unfortunate. He noted that fundraising is always a challenge; however, the city has been in a mutually beneficial partnership with the WEDC for over 10 years. It would cost more to continue economic development activities in-house. A private sector corporation can function with more speed and flexibility than a city government is able to do. He expressed support for the quarterly allocation plan.

Ald. Matthews encouraged the WEDC to address the specific concerns of committee members in their report to the committee after the first quarterly allocation.

Vote on the motion was Ayes: 7

### **2004 Sanitary Sewer rates**

Mr. Tshudy said the city has been notified by the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) of the 2004 user charge rates. The 2004 Sanitary Sewer Budget projected a rate increase of approximately 13.4%. The increase was needed to fund the 2004 operations and partially reduce the fund balance deficit. A year end analysis of the 2003 operations with eleven months of actual data indicate that the operating deficit projected for 2003 remains accurate but slightly smaller. Based upon 2003 consumption, the residential and industrial classes have decreased from the previous year while commercial consumption remains unchanged. The overall decrease of consumption by 3% will cause the rate increase to be higher. He said the Finance Director is recommending that local sanitary usage rates be increased by 11% for 2004.

Moved by Ald. McCarthy, seconded by Ald. Jenkins to recommend approval of the 2004 Sanitary Sewer Rates –

Ald. Matthews noted that while a double digit rate increase was not desirable, the city has a large number of infrastructure needs.

Vote on the motion was Ayes – 7

### **Vouchers**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FOR</u>
D. Redman	\$120.00	Fire – 9/3 – 12/6/03 single days – Milw./Wauk. Milw. Cty. Fire Chiefs and Joint Waukesha/Milw. Cty. Chief's Assoc.
L. Vetter	\$27.00	Police – 12/8-12/10/03 – Milwaukee Highway Interdiction, Road Interviews & Hidden Compartments

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J. Milotsky	\$27.00	Police – 12/8-12/10/03 – Milwaukee Highway Interdiction, Road Interviews & Hidden Compartments
J. Cindric	\$250.00	Police – 11/17-11/18/03 – Racine Computer Fraud Class
T. Wollerstein	\$678.00	Police – 10/26-10/29/03 – Appleton Street Crime Investigation
W. Tarman-Ramcheck	\$52.56	Public Works – 12/11/03 – Town Burke ATCP 34 Training & Education
D. Wheaton, T. Tarantino	\$790.00	Maintenance – 12/2-12/3/03 – Milwaukee Facilities Management Seminar
K. Werner, L. Hudson	\$1,032.64	Police – 11/17-11/21/03 – Racine Death and Homicide
J. Dubinski	\$124.00	Police – 11/11-11/12/03 – Green Bay Computer Crime Training Conference
M. Reagles	\$27.00	Police – 12/15-12/17/03 – MATC Patrol In-Service
N. Kreuser	\$25.90	Health – 12/10/03 – Bayside Assoc. of Public Health Nurse Administrators
L. Nielsen	\$25.90	Health – 12/10/03 – Bayside Assoc. of Public Health Nurse Administrators
J. Griffin	\$34.91	Police – 12/15-12/18/03 – Waukesha Radar/Lidar Certification Training
M. Meske	\$136.75	Health – 11/17-11/19/03 – Madison Assessing & Addressing Environmental Health Look Out for Lead 2003
M. Swanson	\$107.62	Health – 12/5-12/6/03 – Green Bay Hot Topics in Pediatric Nursing
J. Stohler	\$372.12	Health – 12/14-12/15/03 – Bloomington, MN Public Health & Terrorism Preparedness: Cross-Border Issues Roundtable
D. Davidson	\$143.40	Police – 12/10-12/12/03 – Wauwatosa Reid Interview & Interrogation Course

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FOR</u>
D. Davidson	\$315.00	Police – 7/24-7/31/03 – Wauwatosa Defibrillator Training Course
T. Karnick, D. Semega, T. Engelken, M. Pearson, B. Zalewski	\$1,725.00	Police – 10/26-10/29/03 – Appleton Street Crimes Investigation Course
J. Wojcehowicz	\$75.00	Water – 1/8/04 – Watertown WRWA – Cross Connection Seminar
T. Breuzel	\$27.00	Police – 1/5-1/7/04 – Pewaukee Investigating High Tech Crimes
M. Dahlen	\$87.00	Police – 11/18-11/19/03 – Madison Wisconsin Digital Government Summit
B. Weber	\$1,496.43	Police – 10/21-10/26/03 – Philadelphia, PA International Association of Chiefs of Police

Moved by Ald. Casey, seconded by Ald. McCarthy that the vouchers be allowed and paid – 7

**Tax litigation update regarding FH Healthcare, Milwaukee Regional Medical Center Daycare and Wauwatosa Reserve, Ltd.**

Moved by Ald. McCarthy, seconded by Ald. Casey to convene into closed session per Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(g): 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, and may reconvene into open session – 7

The committee convened into closed session at 8:24 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk  
City of Wauwatosa

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