

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, September 12, 2006

Committee Room #2

PRESENT: Alds. Becker, Ewerdt, Grimm, Hanson, Maher, Stepaniak – 6

EXCUSED: Alds. Krol, Purins

ALSO PRESENT: A. Kesner, Interim City Admin./City Atty.; R. Braier, Finance Dir.; Dep. Fire Chief M. Carberry; W. Wehrley, City Engin.

Ald. Stepaniak as Chair called the meeting to order at 8:06 p.m.

Adjustment of the rates charged for Basic Life Support ambulance service and related supplies

Dep. Chief Carberry gave the committee a table with an updated fee structure. He said the fire department would like to increase the Basic Life Support ambulance service fees for residents and non-residents by \$50. They would also like to increase the mileage to \$12. In addition, they would like to increase the following supply fees: 1) oxygen with supplies increased to \$60; 2) disposable supplies increased to \$40; and 3) defibrillation pads increased to \$85. He said he hasn't elaborated on the transport service fees because Chief Redman will announce that at a later time.

Ald. Maher asked to what extent the fee changes address the expenses for the services given. Dep. Chief Carberry said that he has been purchasing the supplies for the last few years. He is involved in a co-op and he also buys hospital supplies to save money. He said that if the increases go through, this will probably add approximately \$60,000 in revenue.

Ald. Ewerdt asked about the 40% collection rate. Dep. Chief Carberry responded that the company they are using has a 72-74% collection rate. Mr. Kesner added that discounts and Medicare are factored in to the collection rate. Mr. Braier said that on average the collection rate is approximately 70% and the history is fairly uniform.

Moved by Ald. Maher, seconded by Ald. Hanson to recommend approval
of the adjustment in rates charged for Basic Life Support ambulance service
and related supplies – 6

Change of Purpose and authorization for a Request for Proposals (RFP) for intersection safety review

Mr. Wehrley said they are working cooperatively with the American Automobile Association (AAA) and in conjunction with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) they have recently completed a safety analysis of the State Highway 100 and W. Blue Mound Road intersection along with additional intersections in the greater Milwaukee area. Based upon the success of that program, they expanded it to include additional intersections such as N. 124th Street and W. Capitol Drive. These intersection safety analyses concentrate on low cost safety measures to reduce the number and severity of crashes. They would like to implement a similar program on a local level to begin reviewing City of Wauwatosa jurisdiction over intersections with high crash counts. He said that a number of streets that have been identified as first priority are in or adjacent to 2007 paving program streets. They would like to conduct a safety analysis this fall and incorporate any safety recommendations in next year's paving plans. They also have a 2007 budget request to perform safety audits at other priority intersections.

Mr. Wehrley said they anticipate the review of the first intersections to cost approximately \$20,000 to \$40,000. The monies for this project are available within the Sundry Contractual Services account provided they reduce the encumbrance for 2006 construction inspection services. This reduction is possible due to the deferment of several streets from this year's paving program to next year's program and the effective utilization of the city's in-house inspector. He recommended approval of the Change of Purpose and the Request for Proposals for an intersection safety review.

Moved by Ald. Maher, seconded by Ald. Becker to recommend approval for the following: 1) city staff to issue a qualifications based request for proposals for an intersection safety analysis; 2) a Change of Purpose in the Sundry Contractual Services account; and 3) a reduction of the encumbrance in the 2006 Construction Inspection Services contract by the amount necessary to conduct the intersection safety audits --

Ald. Stepaniak noted that the \$20,000 to \$40,000 estimate is based on a review of the first set of intersections. Receiving a good bid would allow the department to review the second priority grouping.

Vote on the motion was Ayes: 6

Application for a 2007 Urban Forestry grant

Mr. Wehrley said the 2007 Urban Forestry Grant is a 50/50 matching grant and city funds are contained in the 2007 proposed budget. He explained that the city has an urban forest numbering more than 30,000 trees with a crew of 9 arborists to maintain them. In order to approximate the industry maintenance standard, maximum efficiency is critical. Maximum efficiency is not attainable unless lost labor and equipment repair time is minimized. This grant will provide for the training of nine arborists in chainsaw operation safety and maintenance and is specifically designed to maximize efficiency. He recommended accepting the grant.

Moved by Ald. Maher, seconded by Ald. Hanson to recommend approval to apply for a 2007 Urban Forestry grant – 6

Vouchers

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FOR</u>
J. Pelczynski	\$52.23	Clerk – 7/18-7/21/06 – Milwaukee Statewide Voter Registration System Training
J. Wojcehowicz	\$79.00	Water – 8/10/06 – Madison Wisconsin Water Assoc. Seminar

Moved by Ald. Maher, seconded by Ald. Becker that the vouchers be allowed and paid – 6

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk
City of Wauwatosa

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