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## **BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2008

Committee Room #2

**PRESENT:** Alds. Maher, Ewerdt, Krol, Jay, Walsh, Donegan, Organ – 7

**EXCUSED:** Ald. Purins

**ALSO PRESENT:** J. Archambo, City Administrator; A. Kesner, City Attorney;  
W. Kappel, Public Works Dir.; J. Ferguson, City Planner;  
C. Ledesma, City Clerk; J. Plass, Accounting Mgr.

Ald. Maher as Chair called the meeting to order at 8:08 p.m.

### **2009 Community Development Block Grant program funding recommendations**

The committee reviewed a memo from the City Planner regarding CDBG funding in the amount of \$1,000,000. The Committee received a total of \$1,063,475 in requests. Funding levels are based upon the estimated \$1,000,000. The project requests are divided into three categories: Administration & Planning, Public Service Programs and Public Facilities, and Economic Development & Rehabilitation. All requests in the Administration & Planning category were fully funded. In the Public Service category all requests were reduced as a result of the spending cap in this category, as they cannot allocate and spend more than 15% of the total grant award on these public services. All requests were fully funded in the Public Facilities category.

Richard Bachman, 2229 N. 115<sup>th</sup> St, spoke about the Hart Park Senior Center. Originally funding was done with block grant funds designated for the senior center. In the period of seven years, the funding has decreased \$40,000. All of their costs have increased and the funding decreases. If funds cannot be increased programs will have to be cut. At the end of 2009 the contract with the YMCA is up. There are 100 members at the Senior Center. They have so many programs going on, they likely will serve in excess of 900 lunches per month. Mr. Bachman said he is afraid of what will happen at the end of 2009 if something isn't changed.

Ald Organ said it is disappointing that the senior center budget recommendation is \$24,000 lower than what was budgeted in 2008. In the public services area the city is limited to \$150,000. This is a quandary with so many organizations requesting funds.

Ald Walsh said that he is the liaison to this board and they felt the fairest way to handle all of the requests was to do a straight line decrease of 18%. There is a lot of need out there and the committee felt they tried to be as fair and equitable as possible.

Ald. Donegan asked about the North Avenue Neighborhood Alliance. He said he is in favor of this expenditure and wondered how this will be managed. Ms. Ferguson said the neighborhood alliance is partnering with the city. The funds remain with city, and are handled on a reimbursement basis. Ms. Ferguson said she would establish an appropriate steering committee to provide oversight which would include city staff. They envision the organization to sign a sub-grantee agreement. In this agreement the city could outline the players they would like to see involved.

Mary Noel Johnson, 13120 Wrayburn Rd., Elm Grove; said the YMCA has every intention of working with the city. She said the Senior Center will get thru 2009 with the funding allocated. The big concern is for the future. She noted that part of the YMCA mission is to work with the community.

The committee discussed WEDC fund request for \$30,000 for an economic development study which falls under the administration and planning category. Ald. Maher questioned the RFP which has already been sent out with little city input. Ald Krol mentioned he attended a meeting with the WEDC consultant and he felt that the needs of the city would be well represented. The consultant has been selected but not yet hired. Ald. Maher said it is troublesome that the RFP had been written, the firm has been selected and WEDC has \$179,000 in funds, he finds it perplexing. He said he is willing to move forward on this, but felt this has been a backwards process. He feels that the process has been circumvented.

Moved by Ald. Walsh, seconded by Ald. Krol to  
recommend approval of the 2009 Community  
Development Block Grant - 7

**Additional funds for temporary part-time help for pre-and post-election duties and overtime costs in the City Clerk's office**

The committee reviewed a memo from the City Clerk requesting that a total of \$4,200 be transferred from the Reserve for Contingencies for temporary part-time help and overtime costs in the City Clerk's Office.

An additional \$1,400 is being requested for temporary election work due to the heavy volume of electors registering to vote or voting by absentee ballot. \$2,800 is being requested for larger than normal cash payouts expected at year's end, due to four elections in 2008, coupled with a steady workload in other areas making it difficult for staff to use accumulated time off.

Ald. Donegan asked if this amount would cover all of the overtime. Ms. Ledesma said she wasn't sure. Ald. Krol felt this is a legitimate request, as he has seen where this additional cost is necessary.

Moved by Ald. Krol, seconded by Ald. Organ to recommend  
approval the request for additional funds from the Reserve  
for Contingencies fund to cover pre and post election duties  
in the amount of \$4,200 - 7

**\*Claim of Joseph Driscoll**

The City Attorney reviewed the information with the committee the claim of Joseph Driscoll in the amount of \$380.00. The city had no prior notice and there is no negligence without prior notice.

Ald. Jay asked what process is used when the city gets called for a possible back-up. Mr. Kappel said that when workers respond to a possible sewer back-up, they check both upstream and downstream of the residence. He said generally both manhole covers are popped to establish flow. The city line appeared to be clear when inspected on May 20<sup>th</sup>. The City Attorney said the homeowner's were advised to contact a private firm since the city line was flowing. Apparently after the private firm worked on the lines, the root ball got flushed into the city line.

Moved by Ald. Ewerdt, seconded by Ald. Donegan  
to recommend denial of the claim by Joseph  
Driscoll in the amount of \$380.00 - 7

**Vouchers**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Paul Leist	Police	WI Crime Prevention Conference-WI Dells	9/16/08	68.57
Lynn Kavelaris	Police	WI Crisis Negotiators Conference – Osh Kosh	10/05-10/8/08 10/03 –	279.00
Jack Morrison	Police	Advanced Crash Management – Waukesha Time Agency Coordinator Training –	10/15/08	24.95
Mark Finken	Police	Cedarburg	10/16/08 10/13 –	9.00
Ryan Cepican	Police	Advance Crash Management – Waukesha	10/15/08	26.60
Scott Johannes	Health	New Public Health Employee Orientation – Mosinee	10/15/08	323.45
Dave Wheaton	Building	Annual ICC Institute-recertification- Minneapolis, MN	9/14 – 9/18/08	1,311.35
Jennifer Freiheit	Consortium	Program Coordinator Mtg. – WI Dells	10/16/08	150.57
Rachelle Aho	Assessor	Applications Training Class Excel 2007 at New Horizons – Wauwatosa	9/24/08	165.35
Cari Chabron	Assessor	Applications Training Class Excel 2007 at New Horizons – Wauwatosa	9/24/08	165.35
Marilyn Swanson	Health	Wellness Seminar – Milwaukee	10/10/08	38.22
Jim Beix	Health	Public Health Epidemiology event – WI Dells	10/2 – 10/3/08	274.55
Donald Semega	Police	WI Crisis Negotiators Conference – Osh Kosh	10/06/08	241.68
Jim Beix	Health	Management Academy of NC; Public Health Certificate Program	10/07/08	588.49

Moved by Ald. Walsh, seconded by Ald. Ewerdt  
that the vouchers be allowed and paid – 7

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk  
City of Wauwatosa

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