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BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Committee Room #2

PRESENT: Alds. Ewerdt, Berdan, Walsh, Donegan, Hanson, Causier, McBride, Wilson - 8

ALSO PRESENT: J. Archambo, City Admin.; W. Kappel, Public Works Dir.;
N. Welch, Comm. Dev. Dir.; R. Braier, Finance Dir.

Ald. Ewerdt as Chair called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m.

Orientation

The committee reviewed a handout about the budget process prepared by Mr. Archambo. Mr. Archambo explained the budget preparation for next year and the process it takes. The general fund expenditures, tax levy, and tax rates were briefly explained. A broader presentation will be made at budget time.

Recycling transportation study

The committee reviewed a memo from Mr. Kappel regarding the request for approval of funding for a recycling transportation study that continues the exploration of opening a regional public recycling sorting facility. This facility would likely be publicly owned but privately operated.

Mr. Kappel said the city has been working with the City of Milwaukee and Waukesha County in the past several years about funding for a regional recycling sorting facility. There is a viable location at 13th and Mt. Vernon. The benefit to this would be a better revenue stream than what we have in the private sector. A transportation study is the next step of the process. The City of Milwaukee has completed theirs and Waukesha County is undertaking a similar study.

The City of Wauwatosa currently has a contract with Waste Management, Inc. for the collection and processing of recyclables. The monthly cost is \$42,398 for bi-weekly collections. The City receives any revenues remaining after the monthly tipping fee. In the first year of the contract the City received over \$250,000 of credits for the recycled material. Due to market conditions in 2009, the City received no revenue. The market is starting to rebound this year and revenue has been received for the first quarter of 2010.

Greg Stano, 4430 N. 108th St., said he thinks this a great idea. He noted that last year the committee talked about better use of fuel. He felt that since the recycling has been segregated there are now three separate pick-ups, and that there should be some equalization. He suggested in the winter that some households would voluntarily go 14 days without a garbage pickup with the amount of recycling being done.

Moved by Ald. Donegan, seconded by Ald. Hanson to

recommend approval of entering into a contract with AECOM using funds from the 2010 recycling revenue for an amount not to exceed \$10,900 for a Recycling Transportation Study -

Mr. Kappel advised that the city does not pay a tipping fee, and revenue is only received after the tipping fee is expended.

Ald. McBride applauded the notion of working with other communities to minimize costs to residents. He wondered whether other municipalities in the county could be included. Mr. Kappel was uncertain if others would be interested.

Vote on the motion: Ayes: 8

Grant application approval for bicycle trails in Hart Park

The committee reviewed a memo from Ms. Welch regarding applying for funding to support the construction of bicycle trails in Hart Park.

Mr. Kappel advised that the department is asking for authority to apply for a DNR grant for a pathway that would go under the 70th Street bridge. The grant is a 50/50 match grant. The estimated cost of the pathway is \$120,000. The path will connect and come up by the Rotary pavilion without having to cross the street. The city's cost would be \$60,000 which is included in the 2011 Five Year Capital Plan.

Moved by Ald. Walsh, seconded by Ald. Donegan to recommend approval to proceed with the grant application for the bicycle trails in Hart Park – Ayes: 8

Implementation of Brownfield Assessment Grant

The committee reviewed a memo from Ms. Welch regarding the selection of a consultant to implement the Brownfield Assessment Grant.

Ms. Welch updated the committee on this grant. She advised that permission was granted by the Budget and Finance Committee a few years ago to apply for the grant and they received two grants in the amount of \$400,000. The first grant of \$200,000 is for Hazardous Substance Assessments and the second grant awarded is \$200,000 for Petroleum Assessments.

Ms. Welch said the first step to implement the grant would be to identify and prioritize properties that are potentially contaminated. Part of the process includes community outreach that will include stakeholder meetings, website information, media releases, and developing educational materials. Ms. Welch noted that they will be working with the Health Department on any issues or educational opportunities related to the health of the community. Ms. Welch said the grant puts the city in a good position to pursue further funding for the environmental clean-up.

Moved by Ald. McBride, seconded by Ald. Donegan to recommend approval to enter into an agreement with Symbiont for the implementation of the EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant – Ayes: 8

Replacement of air conditioner at the Police Department

The committee reviewed a memo from the Community Development Director regarding the replacement of the air conditioning unit at the Wauwatosa Police Station.

Ms. Welch said that the air conditioning unit at the Police Station has failed and requires immediate replacement. She told the committee that throughout the day additional information was made available regarding other options that may be available. Ms. Welch advised that her original memo included an amount of \$45,000 to replace only the compressor units on the roof. This is not a viable option as these units use Freon, which is now banned by the EPA and other parts to repair the unit may not be available as the units are so old. Her memo requested an allocation of up to \$65,000 from the Reserve for Contingencies for the purpose of the replacement of an air conditioning unit.

Ms. Welch reported that the \$65,000 amount has been increased up to \$75,000 which would replace the units. These units should last from ten to twenty years. The previous unit has lasted 30 years.

Ms. Welch mentioned another option that would replace the entire system with a cost of approximately \$190,000.

The City Administrator reported that by redoing the entire system, this unit would be able to capture and reuse the treated air. He said by recapturing the treated air it would reduce cooling costs. A consultant today advised that there could be a five or seven year payback on this system. Mr. Archambo explained to the committee that there is \$190,000 in stimulus funds available which could be used. Last fall it was discussed using these funds toward solar panels on the public works building, or for lighting or boiler replacement at this facility. These funds have not been earmarked for any specific project. Mr. Archambo noted that \$30,000 of this grant has been dedicated for a study of the City Hall building. He advised that there is about one and a half years remaining to use these funds.

Greg Stano, 4430 N. 108th St., questioned whether anyone has checked into purchasing used equipment from buildings in the city that are laying fallow or being torn down. Mr. Archambo responded that he didn't know if Mr. Wheaton has had a chance to look at used equipment due to the urgency of replacing the system.

Ald. McBride asked about the funds in the Reserve for Contingency and was advised that it has a balance of \$218,000. Of this \$65,974 was carried over from 2009 and to replace the rooftop unit would use up all of that.

Mr. Wheaton reported that the air conditioning system at the police department is antiquated. He said that the consultant advised there would be a payback in five to seven years. The life expectancy of the unit would be 20 – 25 years and the entire system would be replaced.

Ald. Causier questioned whether this is something that could be done quickly as the season for the cooling system is fast approaching. Mr. Wheaton responded that the design documents are in short order and that the HVAC mechanics are looking for work. Mr. Wheaton said he recommends the full energy conservation project replacing the air conditioning system as it fits the stimulus criteria. He said it is an appropriate expenditure of funds and will put some people back to work. Ald. Causier suggested using funds from both resources to leave a balance in both.

Ald. Ewerdt suggested holding this item for additional information. Mr. Wheaton advised that there is a timing issue. The committee discussed holding a meeting before the Common Council meeting next week, May 4th.

Moved by Ald. Donegan, seconded by Ald. McBride to hold this item until additional information can be provided. A special Budget and Finance Committee meeting will be held on May 4th – Ayes: 8

Vouchers

| Name | Dept. | Reason and location | Date | Amount |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Chief Barry Weber | Police | WI Police Executive Group Meeting - Wauwatosa | 4/15/10 | 35.00 |
| David Cefalu | Police | National Technical investigators Assoc. Conf. - St. Louis, MO | 04/11 - 04/14/10 | 310.17 |
| Joel Kutz | Police | Internet Crimes Against Children Investigation - Indianapolis, IN | 03/14 - 03/19/10 | 419.61 |
| Robin Schumacher | Police | WI Narcotics Officers Association Winter Training - WI Dells, WI | 03/01 - 03/03/10 | 200.00 |
| Gary Raymond | Police | Motorcycle In-Service - Franklin | 04/19 - 04/20/10 | 68.00 |
| Ryan Cepican | Police | Motorcycle In-Service - Franklin | 04/19 - 04/20/10 | 68.00 |
| Lori Harris | Police | Dealing with Difficult People Seminar - Milwaukee | 4/20/10 | 158.00 |
| Linda Burmeister | Police | Dealing with Difficult People Seminar - Milwaukee | 4/20/10 | 158.00 |
| Patrick Kaine | Police | Calibre Press Street Survival - Waukesha | 03/29 - 03/30/10 | 190.00 |
| Tamara Szudy | Community Development | League of WI Municipal - Madison | 4/22/10 | 75.85 |
| Jennifer Ferguson | Community Development | CDBG Entitlement meeting - Racine | 4/20/10 | 38.00 |
| Jennifer Ferguson | Community Development | CDBG training - Portland, OR | 04/13 - 04/16/10 | 941.41 |
| W. Rice / J. Barry | Fire | pick up F-143 vehicle - Plover | 4/12/10 | 29.00 |

Moved by Ald. Walsh seconded by Ald. Hanson that the vouchers be allowed and paid – Ayes: 8

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk
City of Wauwatosa

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