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## **BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday, October 27, 2009

Committee Room #2

PRESENT: Alds. Ewerdt, Organ, Walsh, Wilke (8:15), Berdan, Krol, Jay (8:15), Donegan – 8

ALSO PRESENT: J. Archambo, City Admin.; A. Kesner, City Atty.; R. Braier, Finance Director;  
W. Kappel, Dir. Of Public Works; W. Wehrley, City Engr.; J. Wojcehowicz, Water  
Supt.; T. Szudy, City Planner

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

### **Request for contingency funding for shortage in Solid Waste Sundry Contractual Services Account**

The committee reviewed a memo from the Public Works Director regarding a request for contingency funding for shortage in Solid Waste Sundry Contractual Services Account. Mr. Kappel reported that he is requesting spending up to \$142,500 in contingency funds to balance the shortfall in the Solid Waste account. He said the total credit in the 2009 Sundry Contractual Services account for up to 5600 tons of recyclable revenue at \$40 per ton would lead to a net shortage of \$224,000.

As reported during the budget process, Mr. Kappel noted he would be coming to this committee for contingency funds. He explained the reasons for the deficit. The 2009-10 state budget increased the environmental repair fees for each ton of solid waste that gets landfilled. The first increase took effect July 1<sup>st</sup> which increased our ton fee from \$1.05 to \$3.10 per ton. This fee was increased again on October 1<sup>st</sup> to a total of \$4.60 per ton. He reported that there was also a decrease in the amount of material that was collected.

Mr. Kappel said they are requesting \$94,000 now to meet their bills. He said there is the potential for an additional amount of \$48,200 by the end of the year. He mentioned that the department did add \$45,525 to the re-estimated sundry contractual services account.

Ald. Donegan asked Mr. Kappel to see what is happening with the plastic recycling and is this material being stockpiled since the market is so poor. Mr. Kappel will get back to the committee on this.

Moved by Ald. Donegan, seconded by Ald. Krol  
to recommend approval of the request for contingency  
funding of \$94,000 now, recognizing the potential need of  
additional funding of \$48,200 at year end – Ayes: 8

### **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) requests**

The committee reviewed a memo from Ms. Tamara Szudy, City Planner regarding 2010 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) requests. Ms. Szudy explained that the committee received a total of \$1,153,000 in requests. Based on an estimated grant award of \$1,100,000 the committee had to reduce \$53,000 from the requests received.

Ms. Szudy reported that Public Services were reduced by \$53,000 due to the spending cap imposed by HUD.

Ald. Walsh commended the committee on the great job they did noting that the pot of funds is only so big and they tried to spread out the funds as evenly as possible.

Dick Bachman, 2229 N. 115<sup>th</sup> Street, said that most of the public services requests didn't get what they requested. He wondered why the Tosa Pantry got cut the way it did. He was concerned that the Senior Center funds keep getting reduced. He said if the trend continues the city will need to look at taxpayer money to support this.

Ald. Krol commented that in the future the city will have to look at funding out of the city budget some of the public service projects previously budgeted with CDBG funds.

Moved by Ald. Walsh, seconded by Ald. Krol  
to recommend approval of the request for CDBG  
grant allocations in the amount estimated at \$1,100,000 – Ayes: 8

### **Historic Preservation Commission application for Certified Local Government (CLG) subgrant**

The committee reviewed a memo from Ms. Tamara Szudy, City Planner regarding authorization for the Historic Preservation Commission to apply for a reimbursable Certified Local Government (CLG) subgrant. Ms. Szudy reported that the historical commission is interested in pursuing a CLG subgrant in the amount of \$10,000 from the State Historical Society of Wisconsin (SHS). This application has a deadline date of November 13, 2009 and requires City approval. Ms. Szudy reported that a preliminary estimate of \$10,000 was received from a preservation consultant to complete the work.

Ms. Szudy said the CLG subgrant would be used for a nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for Wauwatosa Avenue (from approximately Warren Avenue to Watson Avenue). Ms. Szudy reported that the Historic Preservation Commission will be meeting with the residents in this designated area to gauge their interest. She said if the residents are not interested they will not apply for the grant.

Ald. Donegan inquired how this area became identified as a possible National Register district. Ms. Szudy reported that the Historic Preservation Commission previously identified this site as a possible National Register district. This designation makes homeowners eligible for tax credits for approved rehabilitation work and provides an additional layer of protection if any construction projects, such as road expansion, involve federal funding. She said this came to light when the discussion of moving a house into the neighborhood was brought forward by some of the residents. When questioned, Kathy Ehley responded that there are 35 homes in this area and that 50% of the neighbors must approve of the designation before they would move forward.

Ms. Szudy reported that the subgrant is 100% reimbursable. The SHS will reimburse the full amount when the final product is completed and they will make partial reimbursements during the project.

Moved by Ald. Krol, seconded by Ald. Organ  
to recommend approval of the request to apply for  
the Historic Preservation commission subgrant in the amount  
of \$10,000 – Ayes: 8

### **Cross Connection Control Program Multi-year Service Contract**

The committee reviewed a memo from the Water Superintendent regarding whether to establish a comprehensive Cross Connection Control Program designed to protect public health by inspecting interconnections between potable and non-potable water supplies.

Mr. Wojcehowicz reported that all municipalities with a public water system are mandated by the State of Wisconsin Administrative Code-Department of Natural Resources, Chapter NR811, to implement this type of program. The annual service charge would be \$20,400 which amounts to \$0.11 cents per month, per water connection for the utility's 15,936 meters.

This item was sent out for bid. The purchasing department and the Water Superintendent recommend entering into a two year contract with Aqua Backflow. This contract is renewable annually, with the option to renew for one (1) additional two (2) year period upon mutual consent.

Mr. Wojcehowicz noted that inspections would insure that there are no interconnections for non-potable water supplies. It is estimated that about half of the resident's homes could be checked in the two year term.

Moved by Ald. Donegan, seconded by Ald. Organ to recommend approval to establish into a contract with Aqua Backflow for a two year contract, renewable annually, with the option to renew for one additional two year period upon mutual consent in the amount of \$20,400 annually – Ayes: 8

### **Capital Improvements budget**

The committee discussed the revised 2010 – 2014 Capital Improvements Plan. The bond issue was estimated at \$6,300,000. The City Administrator said they took another close look at the budget and put an additional \$231,000 in for Engineering which looked rather low. The bond issue with this addition is \$6,531,000.

Ald. Ewerdt commented that this number is more in his comfort zone than the original proposed amount and will support the City Administrator on this revised budget. Ald. Donegan felt that the amount is too low; he noted the following year's estimates are more appropriate. He noted that because the city has deferred so much maintenance in the past that we are in this position. He said he is satisfied with the amount of sewer work being done, but not at all happy with the amount of street work being done. Ald. Donegan said he is convinced from a departmental capacity point of view, that the amount of work proposed is all that the city should attempt to accomplish next year and will support the budget as presented.

Ald. Krol said he hoped to keep the bond issue to around \$5,000,000 but in light of some of the deferred infrastructure will support this budget.

Ald. Organ noted that the amount of storm sewer water was significantly reduced and the spot improvements were significantly increased. The City Engineer commented that because we are not doing as many streets the sewer water was reduced. He said staff has been analyzing areas where flooding has crossed the roadway because of poor road drainage and felt there were ways to mitigate this and minimize the problems with spot improvements.

Ald. Jay commented on the budgeted amounts for the next four years and asked the City Administrator if he felt these dollar amounts would ever be back to a three or five million dollar figure. Mr. Archambo noted that we are trying to catch up with the existing infrastructure which hasn't been addressed as quickly as it should have been years ago and he has no way of knowing when and if this figure would drop dramatically.

Ald. Donegan asked whether the city has a financial value on our infrastructure and Mr. Braier said that we really don't have an evaluation of our entire system. Records have only been kept on this since 1984.

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

recommend approval of the Capital Improvements budget as presented in the amount of \$6, 531,000 – Ayes: 8

**\*Proposed settlement in the matter of Archonix v. City of Wauwatosa et al.**

Moved by Ald. Krol, seconded by Ald. Jay 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 – Ayes: 8

The committee convened into closed session at 8:58 p.m.

Moved by Ald. Donegan, seconded by Ald. Organ to recommend approval of the authorization to enter into an agreement to settle the matter of Archonix v. City of Wauwatosa et al. with the parameters entered into in closed session – Ayes: 8

Moved by Ald. Donegan, seconded by Ald. Jay to convene into open session – Ayes: 8

The committee convened into open session at 9:27 p.m.

**Vouchers**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Dept.</b>	<b>Reason and location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Barry Weber	Police	IACP 2009 Conference - Denver, CO	10/3 - 10/8/09	1,567.58
Elizabeth Bohren	Human Resources	WI Society for Human Resources Management Conference - WI Dells	10/14 - 10/16/09	344.05
David Koch	Public Works	Training and Education - Snow and Ice Training - Milwaukee	10/22/09	30.00
Jeremy Bronner	Police	Technical Crash Investigation 1 - Ft. McCoy	10/11 - 10/16/09	58.65
Ralph Torrez	Police	Vehicle Crime & Insurance Fraud Seminar - WI Dells	10/13 - 10/15/09	177.98
Katie Gierarch	Police	Technical Crash Investigation 1 - Ft. McCoy	10/11 - 10/16/09	22.44
Alan Kesner	Legal	International Municipal Lawyers Association Annual Conference - Miami	10/17 - 10/21/09	1,849.75
Paula Roberson	Police	Crime Scene Processing Training - Oak Creek	10/14 - 10/16/09	24.66
Cory Wex	Police	Basic SWAT Training - Kenosha	10/19 - 10/23/09	62.09
Jeremy Bronner	Police	Basic SWAT Training - Kenosha	10/19 - 10/23/09	61.35

Joel Kutz	Police	Crisis Management for School Based Incidents - Menomonee Falls	10/23/09	9.00
Barry Weber	Police	WI Attorney General's Summit on Public Safety - WI Dells	10/20 - 10/22/09	233.00

Moved by Ald. Krol, seconded by Ald. Berdan  
that the vouchers be allowed and paid – Ayes: 8

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk  
City of Wauwatosa

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