

**Minutes
EPD Committee
November 5, 2018
6:00 PM
3rd committee meeting**

Members present were Chairman Taft Matney and Committee member Scott Crosby. Van Broad, Community Development Director and Bryan Turner, Interim City Administrator were also present. Councilman Merritt was not present.

1. Call to order- Chairman Matney
2. Public comment
3. Reading and approval of minutes- September 4, 2018
Councilman Crosby made a motion to approve the minutes. Chairman Matney seconded the motion. Van Broad said the portion of the minutes that mentions the \$180,000 for the fire suppression was incorrect. With that change, the minutes were approved unanimously (2-0).
4. Reports or communications from city officers
 - a. Budget Review
 - b. Department report- J Peter's opened today.
Duke Energy committed to sponsor the stage for Beachin' Fridays.
Keira wrote a grant to Metropolitan Arts Council and we received \$3,000 for Shrek.
5. Unfinished business
6. New business
 - a. Cultural Center improvements- The Finance committee has looked at this item. Chairman Matney asked if we have the money for these improvements. Finance Chairwoman King said our fund balance would be ok, but brakes would need to be put on. this project is doable.

Van said a grant was applied for through SCPRT. It was not funded. Because of delays, the costs for materials have gone up. A USDA grant was received and we have some money from Hollingsworth as well. John Dario will handle the project. \$30,000 more might be able to be taken out of the fire suppression costs as well. The cost for the project would be around \$422,000 not counting HVAC or fire suppression. We now have about

\$425,000 in grant funding. \$375,000 would be the total cost to the City with the matching grant and fire suppression costs.

Councilman Crosby asked about holding out on other projects.

Councilwoman King said we have a number we do not want to go under.

Councilwoman King said we can do what is necessary to be done, but any other things on the wish list will not be able to be done. Councilman Crosby

made a motion to send this item to council. This would be the auditorium renovation with HVAC and fire suppression for the cultural center building.

\$372,236 will be the total cost to the city out of the H&A fund. Chairman Matney seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (2-0).

7. Public comment

Councilwoman King asked that this project have a time line. We do not need to carry this over into another budget year.

Chairman Matney mentioned that Mr. Merritt is missed tonight.

There will be a meeting on November 9th at the cultural center at 10:00 a.m. The workforce data collaborative is presenting their findings.

Councilman Crosby said most of council still works. These meetings would be more convenient in the evening. Chairman Matney said he already mentioned that to them.

8. Committee concerns

9. Adjournment- Chairman Matney adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller

Municipal Clerk

NOTICE: A majority or quorum of City Council may attend a committee meeting.