

MINUTES
FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 7, 2021, 6PM
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS 5 E. BUTLER ROAD

Committee Members present: Michael Reynolds (Chair), Carol King, Diane Kuzniar
Others present: Finance Director Holly Abercrombie, HR Director Mark Putnam, and City Administrator Brandon Madden.

1. Call to Order- Chairman Reynolds
2. Public Comment- None
3. Reading and Approval of Minutes
 - a. Finance Committee Meeting: May 3, 2021

Motion: Councilwoman King made a motion to approve the minutes with Chairman Reynolds seconding. Councilwoman Kuzniar was not present at the meeting and will not vote.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (2-0).

4. Reports or Communications from City Officers
 - a. City Administrator Brandon Madden
 - i. Budget Review- The budget is in line with where it should be.
 - ii. American Rescue Plan Act Funds- The allocation amounts have been recommended and will be provided to Cities. The funding allocation for Mauldin will be provided to the State because our population is less than 50,000 residents. The Appalachian Council of Governments let us know the State is on leave and the State Legislature may take up the issue when they come back in session in a couple of weeks. If not, they will take up the item in September. The Finance Director is working on a spending plan to present to Council.
 - b. Finance Director Holly Abercrombie
 - i. Budget Review- Ms. Abercrombie said everything is ahead of what staff thought. She will work to give Council a final number as soon as possible.
 - c. HR Director Mark Putnam- Mr. Putnam advised committee the search for the Police Chief is going well. He then said the insurance renewals would be starting soon.

Chairman Reynolds asked if changing the enrollment dates to fiscal year would help. Mr. Putnam said the City would have to sign a contract for six months. There are some advantages and disadvantages to that. Mr. Putnam said we have talked before about doing this and it can be looked at.

5. Unfinished Business
There is no unfinished business.

6. New Business

a. Review of City Ordinance Section 2-33

This policy relates to remote participation in Council meetings (e.g., Council, Committee, Workshops) by members of Council. Councilwoman Kuzniar said she thinks extenuating circumstances are pretty well defined in the policy.

Councilwoman King said the policy lists extenuating circumstances as “such as”, so it is an example, not a restricted list. It is a broad definition. In her opinion, the 1st Monday, and the 3rd Monday of every month are meeting nights that are set in stone. If there is a special called meeting and someone has a conflict, then that could be an extenuating circumstance. Councilwoman King said Council could give input and then tweak this policy if needed.

Councilwoman King said it is her understanding that the City Attorney interprets this policy differently than she does. She doesn’t want to stick with just these three circumstances. It is hard to participate remotely. Councilwoman Kuzniar said something should be added to the policy about special called meetings.

Motion: Councilwoman King made a motion to hold this in committee with Councilwoman Kuzniar seconding.

Councilwoman King asked that Mr. Madden do some research into what other entities do in these circumstances and come back to committee.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (3-0).

7. Public Comment- None

8. Committee Concerns- None

9. Adjournment- Chairman Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk