

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved 8/15/18

MINUTES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

April 26, 2018

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of a Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. Roll call found Aldermen Chassee, Dimas, Ferguson, Sheahan, and Stout present. Aldermen Kubinski and Meissner were absent.

Staff in attendance: City Administrator Michael Guttman, Administrative Services Department Director Linda Martin, and Assistant Administrative Services Department Director Nikki Giles.

2. Approval of Minutes

A. Finance Committee Meeting of February 22, 2018.

Alderman Chassee moved and Alderman Stout seconded a motion to approve. The minutes were approved as presented by voice vote.

3. Public Participation / Presentations

Speakers present to speak on agenda item 5A.

4. Items for Consent - None

5. Items for Discussion

A. Request by St. Mary's Parish for a Permit Fee Reduction

Sharon Urban – St. Mary's Parish – 140 N. Oakwood

Ms. Urban spoke as the business manager for the parish. She mentioned that since the church relies on their weekly donations to fund operations, they need every available dollar to build this new church. She asked the Finance Committee to consider reducing the permit fees for the new church.

Christopher Nye – Diocese of Joliet – 16555 Weber Rd, Crest Hill, IL

Mr. Nye also spoke of the need to reduce the permit fees for the building of this new church. He compared West Chicago's permit fees to other communities within the diocese and mentioned breaks that other communities were giving. Mr. Nye also relayed to the committee that with the building being torn down, it will go from 20 toilets to 4 which should help reduce some of the permitted fees.

Reverend David Lawrence – St. Mary’s Church Clergy – 140 N. Oakwood

Reverend Lawrence also requested a reduction in the permit fees to build this new church. He mentioned all the benefits that a new building will bring to the community.

City Administrator Guttman will review the numbers with staff. The sewer cap charge with the new agreement with the City of Winfield may help that number to go down. The committee would like to wait until the numbers are reviewed to rule on this request. The alderman can’t set a precedent since this organization does not represent the whole community, but a selected group.

B. Review of Revenue Options

City Administrator Guttman presented the Finance Committee with option for discussion to close an upcoming budget deficit per the memo dated February 12, 2018. Staff will prepare a menu of options for the City Council to review. Alderman Dimas thanked City Administrator Guttman for pulling together the options. Alderman Chassee suggests that any communication going out to the community should include that these increases are due to the State of Illinois withholding revenue sources which the City relies on heavily.

6. Unfinished Business - None

7. New Business

A. Bike Lockers

City Administrator Guttman mentioned that since a budget amendment was already in the works Administrative Services Director Martin would like to include funding for additional bike lockers at the train station. There is more demand than lockers and this fits in well with the Healthy West Chicago initiative going on now.

8. Reports from Staff – None

9. Executive Session (if needed) – None

10. Adjournment

Alderman Stout moved and Alderman Ferguson seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion was approved by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:41 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacki Stern