

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved 2/24/22

MINUTES

FINANCE COMMITTEE December 9, 2021

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

Alderman Dimas called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call found Aldermen Dimas, Chassee, Dettmann, Sheahan, Stout and Morano present. Absent: Swiatek.

Staff in attendance: City Administrator Michael Guttman, Administrative Services Director Linda Martin, Community Development Director Tom Dabareiner, Public Works Director Mehul Patel, and Police Chief Colin Fleury.

2. Approval of Minutes

A. Finance Committee Meeting minutes of November 4, 2021

Alderman Morano moved and Alderman Chassee seconded a motion to approve the minutes. Voting Aye: Aldermen Dimas, Chassee, Dettmann, Sheahan, Stout, and Morano. Voting Nay: 0. Absent: Swiatek. Motion Carried

3. Public Participation / Presentations – None.

4. Items for Consent

City Administrator (CA), Michael Guttman, briefed the Committee on adopting a whistleblower protection policy which prohibits a unit of local government from retaliating against an employee or contractor who reports improper governmental action, and informed the Committee that the City has the ability to designate an auditing official.

CA Guttman, provided an overview of fiscal year 2021 and spoke of what's to come in 2022. He noted the retirement of several management employees in 2021 as well as new personnel in various departments filling vacancies, with additional retirements coming in 2022. CA Guttman noted the continued development in various areas through-out the City. CA Guttman also noted that the City has received about \$1.8 million of the \$3.6 million expected from the American Rescue Plan Act funds that are currently earmarked for infrastructure and improvements. The City has until 2024 to decide on how the funds will be used, and the funds do not need to be used immediately.

- A. Ordinance No. 21-O-0025 – Adopting a Whistleblower Protection Policy
- B. Ordinance No. 21-O-0032 – Designating an Auditing Official
- C. Ordinance No. 21-O-0035 – Final 2021 Budget Amendment
- D. Ordinance No. 21-O-0036 – Adopting Fiscal Year 2022 Budget

Alderman Stout moved and Alderman Chassee seconded a motion to approve the items for consent. Voting Aye: Alderman Dimas, Chassee, Dettmann, Sheahan, Stout, and Morano. Voting Nay: 0. Absent: Swiatek. Motion Carried

5. Items for Discussion – None

6. Unfinished Business – None

7. New Business - None

8. Reports from Staff

City Administrator, Michael Guttman, stated that planning for the 2022 budget process has begun and items will be brought to the Committee for discussion as needed.

9. Executive Session (if needed) – None

10. Adjournment

Alderman Stout moved and Alderman Chassee seconded a motion to adjourn at 6:14 p.m. Voice Vote: All Aye. Absent: Swiatek.

Respectfully submitted,
Josie Avilez