

LEGAL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
Rapid City, South Dakota

October 27, 2021

A Legal and Finance Committee meeting was held at the City Administration Center in Rapid City, South Dakota, on Wednesday, October 27, 2021, at 12:31 p.m.

A quorum was determined with the following members answering the roll call: Lance Lehmann, Darla Drew, Ritchie Nordstrom, Ron Weifenbach and Jason Salamun Absent: None

(NOTE: For sake of continuity, the following minutes are not necessarily in chronological order. Also, all referenced documents are on file with the Master Agenda.)

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Lehmann second by Nordstrom and carried to adopt the agenda with the addition of 2023 budget discussion.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion was made by Nordstrom second by Weifenbach and carried to approve Items 1- 4 as they appear on the Consent Items with the exception of Item No. 2.

CONSENT ITEMS -- Items 1 – 4

Public Comment opened – Items 1 – 4

Public Comment closed

Remove Items from the “Consent Items” and Vote on Remaining Consent Items

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- 1) Acknowledge the Following Volunteers for Worker’s Compensation Purposes: Tiana Shuster (Police Department)
- 2) LF102721-01 – Drew asked Deputy Finance Director Tracy Davis to clarify some of the amounts in the fund and also what the two million dollars was for Cabela’s. Davis said Cabela’s was for a previous year when Cabela’s was being constructed. The amount you see is the total projects that have ever been awarded opportunity capture fund money. The two newest projects awarded are \$15,000.00 for SatCOM Marketing and \$15,000.00 for Cole-TAC. The balance available in the Opportunity Capture Fund is \$328,000.00. Nordstrom moved to Acknowledge Update from the Opportunity Capture Fund Committee. Second by Lehmann. Motion carried.
- 3) LF102721-02 – Acknowledge August 2021 Sales Tax Report

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- 4) LF102721-03 – Approve Final FY21 Mid-Year CDBG Funding Recommendations

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

NON-CONSENT ITEMS – Items 5 – 7

Public Comment opened – Items 5 – 7

Public Comment closed

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- 5) LF101321-04 – Salamun moved to approve the Second Reading and Recommendation of Ordinance No. 6509 Regarding Supplemental Appropriation No. 6 for 2021. Second by Lehmann. Motion carried.
- 6) LF101321-05 – Lehmann moved to approve the Second Reading and Recommendation of Ordinance No. 6512 Regarding Supplemental Appropriation No. 7 for 2021. Second by Nordstrom. Motion carried.

ADDENDUM NO. 1

CITY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE (CONSENT)

- 7) LF102721-04 – Salamun asked Police Chief Don Hedrick to describe this program for the benefit of the council members. Hedrick explained that the Police and Fire departments have found after responding to numerous calls for service over the years that involve poverty, substance use and mental health issues, that not all of these required a uniformed police officer or highly trained EMT to respond; but just need some resources such as a ride, or direction, or mentoring, or connection with a service provider. He believes that we are better serving our community by providing partnerships with programs that are focused on outreach in connecting people with services and mentorship. This program leaves the police force free to focus on law enforcement things. Fire Chief Jason Culberson added that he feels this is an evolution of the Mobile Medic program to get people what they need (more social service type activities) rather than just transportation. The program is designated to get the right resource to the right place at the right time. This leaves the ambulances ready to respond to a cardiac arrest for example rather than dealing with something that can be handled by a social service type network. Salamun asked what measurements will be used to determine if the program is a success. Police Chief Hedrick said if they see an uptick in referrals to the Care Campus, it will show that resources are being utilized better. He added that calls for service could potentially go down in this specific category because there are folks out there that are proactively trying to engage and connect with the vulnerable population in our community, and the hope is to avoid calls for service by getting to them earlier. Hedrick said it is important to mention that when someone in this category is breaking the law or needing medical assistance, Police and Fire will step in like they always have. Nordstrom asked if this is a trial period for two months and when data will be reported back to council. Assistant Police Chief Scott Sitz said the trial period is for one month but are looking to extend that if everything is going right. They will reassess with the partners after a month to make tweaks and continue through December and then go full speed ahead in January 2022. There will be constant data collecting/analyzing and will provide monthly updates. Drew asked if this program is being funded by a grant. Sitz said they are waiting on a grant right now for funding for some extra positions for “Journey On!”. The van used for this program was initially purchased by grant money for the Quality of Life Unit. Sitz believes that some additional funds will be used to assist with training. Lehmann said he is an unpaid board member of “Journey On!” and will be abstaining from this vote. He informed the committee that “Journey On!” currently consists of seven members on the Board of Directors and has a staff of six individuals who are out on the street. Lehmann explained that “Journey On!” has not been handling any call volume but rather trying to be more proactive at this point. He expects that with the new relationship with the RCPD they will end up being more of a response unit. Drew asked about the liability for this program. Lehmann volunteered that “Journey On!” has its own liability insurance; they have been operating for two and a half years and in its current capacity for about six months, with quite a few success stories getting homeless off the street and into services. Salamun asked if there are any other groups that have been considered for this type of program. Hedrick said that another group they have been working closely with is the Great Plains Tribal Leaders Health Board and are trying to secure a grant with the Fire Department to bring that group to the table. Hedrick said the door is open for other groups to step forward and help out as well. Salamun moved to

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Authorize Mayor and Finance Director to Enter into CoResponder Agreement with Journey On!, Inc. to Provide Collaborative Street Level Responses to Those in Crisis and in Need of Services in Rapid City. Second by Nordstrom. Lehmann abstained. Motion carried.

Budget 2023 Discussion: Nordstrom said priorities were determined by a community survey that was completed by the Mayor's Office (former budget analyst) a few years ago and asked if the priorities are still the same for the budget as they were pre pandemic or if there can be another community survey done. City Attorney Joel Landeen said that a survey would probably need to be outsourced if that were something the council were to want. Drew asked that the results of the previous survey be shared with the council. She will be sure this item is added to a future agenda.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, motion was made by Salamun second by Lehmann and carried to adjourn the meeting at 1:06 p.m.