

LEGAL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
Rapid City, South Dakota

December 29, 2021

A Legal and Finance Committee meeting was held at the City Administration Center in Rapid City, South Dakota, on Wednesday, December 29, 2021, at 12:33 p.m.

A quorum was determined with the following members answering the roll call: Lance Lehmann, Darla Drew and Ritchie Nordstrom Absent: Ron Weifenbach and Jason Salamun

(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.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion was made by Lehmann second by Nordstrom and carried to approve Items 1- 10 as they appear on the Consent Items with the exception of Item Nos. 7, 9 and 10.

CONSENT ITEMS -- Items 1 – 10

Public Comment opened – Items 1 – 10

Public Comment closed

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

MAYOR’S ITEMS

- 1) LF122921-01 – Confirm the Reappointments of Amy Sazue, Bill May, and Jess Rogers to the Human Relations Commission

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- 2) LF122921-02 – Acknowledge October 2021 Sales Tax Report
- 3) LF122921-03 – Approve Request for Property Tax Abatements as follows: Jeffery Dewberry Sr. (Tax ID 8002789) 2019, \$146.42; [Total for City of Rapid City: \$146.42]
- 4) LF122921-04 – Approve Resolution No. 2022-001 A Resolution Removing a Rapid City Special Assessment on 631 Lemmon Avenue
- 5) LF122921-05 – Authorize Mayor and Finance Director to Sign Engagement Letter with Addendum with Ketel Thorstenson LLP for the FY 2021 Audit

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- 6) LF122921-06 – Approve a Request by the Code Enforcement Division to Waive the Abatement Fee for 638 E. Boulevard North in the Amount of \$225.00

PARKS & RECREATION

- 7) LF122921-07 – Drew asked Parks and Recreation Director Jeff Biegler if this is a new agreement. Biegler said the City has had an agreement with BMX in the past, it expired at the end of the year so this is just a new three year agreement. The City assists with a little bit of irrigation (very minimal) at this location, otherwise everything within the fenced area of the facility is maintained by BMX. Lehmann moved to Approve Resolution No. 2022-004 a Resolution of Intent to Enter into a Lease

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with Rapid City BMX, Inc. for property located at 680 E. Fairmont Blvd. Second by Nordstrom.
Motion carried unanimously.

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- 8) LF122921-08 – Approve Resolution No. 2021-107 A Resolution to Enter into a Lease Agreement from City to Downtown Business Improvement District Board for Main Street Square

- 9) LF122921-09 – Youth City Council members Tae Swanson and Drew Goyal [sic] provided a summary of the memorandum and their support for Lakota History being taught in Social Studies. Lehmann expressed that he will be voting no on this item as he does not believe the City should be an advocacy group. Nordstrom voiced his support for the concept but would like to see the standards applied to the Youth City Council be looked at in the future. Drew moved to approve the Request for Authorization for Youth City Council to Forward Letter of Support re: Statewide Social Studies Curriculum and Standards. Second by Nordstrom. Motion carried with Drew and Nordstrom voting yes and Lehmann voting no.

- 10) LF122921-10 – Nordstrom moved to approve the Request for Approval for Youth City Council to Make Expenditures to Travel to Washington DC for National League of Cities Youth Event March 14-22, 2022. Second by Lehmann. Motion carried unanimously.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

NON-CONSENT ITEM – Item 11

Public Comment opened – Item 11

Public Comment closed

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- 11) LF121521-19 – Nordstrom asked Human Resources Director Nick Stroot for an explanation of this MOU. Stroot explained that the agreement is part of a negotiated wage agreement between the City and AFSCME. There is a two-year contract that ends at the end of 2022 but the agreement also included negotiating wages for 2022 in 2021. The agreement gives most of the bargaining unit members a 5% cost of living adjustment along with a group of employees who are currently over the wage scale in their respective grades but will receive a 2 1/2% cost of living adjustment. Stroot said there were a number of adjustments in 2020 that were pretty significant with the average wage increase being around 13 1/2% due to being very behind in a lot of AFSCME positions. He went on to say that a large number of people saw large increases but that left quite a few people without an average increase, so there was an agreement to give an additional step in 2022 to those who did not receive at least an average wage increase as well as the cost of living adjustment. Stroot also mentioned the job codes attached to this item explaining that each job has an individual placement code and is important to understand contractually where each job fits on the wage scale. Nordstrom moved to Authorize Mayor and Finance Director to Sign a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Rapid City and Local 1031, Council 65, American Federation of State, County, and Municipal employees AFL-CIO Regarding Salary Adjustments for Bargaining Unit Employees in 2022 (continued from 12/15/2021 Legal and Finance meeting). Second by Lehmann. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, motion was made by Nordstrom second by Lehmann and carried to adjourn the meeting at 12:52 p.m.