

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
6:00 p.m. NOVEMBER 16, 2009

The Finance Committee met at City Hall on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Councilwoman Drucker, Councilman Stolarsky and Finance Director Weber

Absent: Councilman Russo

Also Present: Human Resource Manager Cornhoff, Accounting Supervisor Stabilla and Assistant Finance Director Wendel.

Councilwoman Drucker presided.

Moved by Councilman Stolarsky, second by Councilwoman Drucker to accept the minutes of October 19, 2009 as submitted.

Roll Call: Aye: Drucker, Stolarsky
 Nay: None

Motion carried

Pending

Receivership Program

The Committee is awaiting further information regarding a Receivership Program. Since Councilman Russo is absent he requested this item be held so he could participate in the discussion of this issue. This item will be held until the next Finance Committee Meeting.

1. Appropriation Amendment

Mr. Weber reviewed the memo he submitted to the Committee. Transfers will be made within the appropriations. The bottom line for the General Fund will not be increased. The Emergency Medical Service Fund will increase by \$65,000 for the purchase of a video conferencing system that was originally listed to be charged to the Safety/Service Equipment Fund #421. The appropriations will be increased for the Bond Retirement Fund. The Earned Interest Fund will increase by \$500,000 for a probable transfer-out to the Bond Retirement Fund. Additional smaller amendments may be needed before the year end.

Moved by Councilwoman Drucker, second by Councilman Stolarsky to prepare legislation amending the annual appropriations for salaries/wages and other expenditures for the City of Solon for the period January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009 as stated by Finance Director Weber in his memo of November 12, 2009.

Roll Call: Aye: Drucker, Stolarsky
Nay: None

Motion carried

1a. Ski Club Registration Expense

A memo was submitted by the Recreation Department stating the prices for the 2009-2010 Ski Club season. There are price differences. Boston Mills/ Brandywine Ski Resort is the recommendation even though the prices are higher. In the past, the lower quote from Alpine Valley was accepted but the participants and the parents were not happy due to longer travel time and the opinion was Alpine Valley was inferior to Boston Mills. The cost of this program is completely paid for in the registration fee and there is no cost to the City.

Moved by Councilman Stolarsky, second by Councilwoman Drucker to accepting the proposal of Boston Mills/Brandywine Ski Resort for the Solon Recreation 2010 Ski Club in the amount of \$12,080.00.

Roll Call: Aye: Drucker, Stolarsky
Nay: None

Motion carried

4. Sewer Billing

Mr. Weber stated the Cleveland Water Department has sent out a new format for the water billings. The new format has caused confusion and many questions. Ms. Stabilla reviewed the new format and gave the explanations for many of the common questions that have been asked. Ms. Stabilla stated a detailed explanation of the billing and the procedure on how to protest the inaccuracy of a water bill is posted on the City of Solon's web site.

Mr. Weber said a second review to bring the water billing in house is being discussed. At the last meeting with Cleveland Water an offer was made for the City to participate in the cost of installation of new water meters for the residents of the City. Mr. Weber stated he has not received any further communications regarding that offer.

Other

Mr. Cornhoff requested to address the Committee to advise them of information on two issues. Mr. Cornhoff gave an update on the Healthcare Reimbursement Account Plans. Additional information was sent to Mr. Weber. The questions that were asked on Healthcare Retirement Accounts have not been answered completely. Mr. Cornhoff said there is only one group that is interested in this plan, which is the non-bargaining employees of the Fire Department.

Mr. Cornhoff stated that the Mayor was hoping the Finance Committee would be able to make a recommendation with regards to wages for non-bargaining employees for 2010. The Mayor was hoping to mirror the Patrolman's contract. Unfortunately, the contract is not fully written and signed through Council. The completed contract should be presented to Council at the

December 7, 2009 meeting. The wages for the non-bargaining employees can not be addressed until the Patrolman's contract is officially accepted.

The financial reports were reviewed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara M. Janca
Secretary