

SPECIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
6:30 P.M., May 17, 2010

The Finance Committee met at City Hall on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Councilman Mooney, Councilman Russo, Councilman Stolarsky, and Finance Director Weber

Also Present: Councilman Bell and Mayor Drucker

Councilman Stolarsky presided.

1. Police Department Purchase of Forensic Video System

Councilman Stolarsky stated there are two issues. The bids will expire at the end of the month and where the money will come from to pay for this purchase.

Councilman Russo asked if Solon was the only city that had this type of equipment. Councilman Bell responded that the City of Parma has this type of equipment and assists other departments at no charge. The Coroner's Office also has this type of equipment but they will charge for others to use the equipment. NASA also has this equipment and will assist other departments. Councilman Bell did not know the back log or the timing on sharing the equipment. NASA will only assist in very serious or homicide cases. Councilman Stolarsky stated if the City decides to purchase the equipment other police departments will ask for help and to use the equipment. Mayor Drucker stated she supports regionalism but that does not mean the City should always provide free services. Mayor Drucker stated she thinks we should recoup the cost and something could be worked out. Mayor Drucker feels this item should be paid from the Police Department budget instead of the Safety and Service Fund. All departments need to learn to make adjustments within their own budget to accommodate certain purchases. Councilman Mooney is an advocate for regionalism. He feels the City should be proactive and send notifications out to other cities explaining that we do offer the service. Councilman Russo was comfortable with the expense coming out of the Police budget verses the Capital Fund.

Moved by Councilman Stolarsky, second by Councilman Russo to prepare legislation accepting the bid of Ocean Systems for the Police Department Forensic Video System Equipment in the amount of \$27,827.00 with that amount to be covered in the existing General Fund budget.

Roll Call: Aye: Mooney, Russo, Stolarsky
Nye: None

Motion carried

The Financial Reports were reviewed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara M. Janca
Secretary