

Item 23-1408: Resolution #14-R-23 Changing the Timeline for Budget Delivery to the Common Council

Item 23-1407: Resolution #13-R-23 To Use ARPA Funding for Flock License Plate Reading Cameras for APD

Finance Committee

Mon, Nov 20, 2023 5:30PM

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 00:53

We have no public hearings or appearances tonight. We have three action items. Before we get into those I have—I was in contact with Director Ohman last week. She is not able to be here tonight, and she had requested that we would hold the two resolutions that are on the agenda until she is able to be back here for our next meeting, the first one in December, which puts us at the eighth I want to say.

Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 01:18

Move to hold 23-1408 until December 11.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 01:22

11th. Ah, there we go. 11th—and we just discussed this, so. Alright, so we do have a motion to have a second.

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 01:28

Second.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 01:29

All right, have a motion and a second. All right, just before we vote, I'll do the same courtesy if there's any questions, Deputy Director, if you could just—if anyone has any questions that they want staff to look into. Does anyone have anything? Alder Fenton.

Aldersperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 01:46

Thank you, Chair. Um, so my question regarding the budget timeline is it looks to—I mean, just by my math, it looks like we're just talking two weeks for the—two or three weeks—for the mayor to Council. But when we come back to this, I would be interested in hearing from department heads how that July timeline—because if I—I went through and looked at the timeline that we have, and normally that says from June through early September, the departments work on their budgets. So, my—what I'd like to hear when we discuss this again, is how that would affect the departments' work in producing their budgets.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 02:32

All right. Alder Van Zeeland.

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 02:34

Just to piggyback on that, if you could also include—I know sometimes it'll there'll be a deadline to get certain items in by a certain date. Anything like that would be helpful.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 02:45

All right. Anyone else? Alder Doran, I don't know if you want to this—with this being your resolution, I don't know if you want to wait till the next time when we discuss this further to make comment or if there's anything you want to say this evening. Okay, thank you.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 03:01

So, see none, then we'll go ahead and vote on the motion to hold. So, all those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions. Motion passes five to zero.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 03:11

The next item is 23-1407 which is resolution 13-R-23 to use ARPA funding for Flock license plate reading cameras for Appleton police department.

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 03:21

Move to hold till December 11.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 03:23

Second.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 03:24

All right. So, we have a motion and a second. I'll just add in real quick that director Ohman did reach out to the police department about the timing of holding this and they were fine. They didn't feel that this—holding it for until the next meeting would prevent us from taking any of the possible actions that we could on this item. So just for that clarification. Does anyone have any questions that they would like staff to follow up on? Director Hartzheim—or sorry, Alder Hartzheim.

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 03:49

I would love to be a director. If it's possible, I would like to invite the police chief to be involved in this discussion when we discuss it because there will be questions that are specific to her and her department. Thank you.

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 03:54

All right, thank. Alder van Zeeland.

Alderson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 04:06

Thank you. I have some questions on the total cost. Not just the cost for the cameras, but for the agreement as well.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 04:19

Okay. Alder Fenton.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 04:23

Thank you, Chair. Um, and I had a question in terms of that as to whether this would require a budget resolution for—because in my understanding all the ARPA funds had been allocated for particular projects, so just kind of the mechanics of it all.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 04:43

Just to clarify: budget amendment?

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 04:45

Yeah. I'm sorry. Yeah, yeah.

Alderman Brad Firkus (District 3) 04:45

Okay. Just want to make sure. Yeah, okay.

Alderman Denise Fenton (District 6) 04:48

Lost my mind.

Alderman Brad Firkus (District 3) 04:50

All right, anyone else? And again, Alder Doran if you—if there are any comments you want to make today. Otherwise, if you just want to wait 'til we take this up at our next meeting—oh. Oh, sorry.

Alderman Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 05:00

I actually do have a question.

Alderman Brad Firkus (District 3) 05:01

Go ahead Alder Van Zeeland.

Alderman Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 05:02

I'm curious because of the restrictions with ARPA, how it—just to make sure that it's possible to cover the equipment and the agreement under the ARPA guidelines.

Alderman Brad Firkus (District 3) 05:22

All right. Anyone else? Seeing none. We'll go ahead and vote on the hold. Oh, sorry.

Alderman Denise Fenton (District 6) 05:29

You were gonna speak to Alder Doran.

Alderman Brad Firkus (District 3) 05:31

Oh, sorry, Alder Doran, did you want to make—I thought you just heard that you didn't have any comments to make today.

Alderman Chad Doran (District 15) 05:36

—more information from the police department today. But if I guess in relating in relation to the sort of deadline for capturing the cost savings in their conversation with Flock was mid-December. So, if this is held, which is fine with me, so long as we can still—I guess it wouldn't, it won't give us another opportunity to hold it again—

Alderman Brad Firkus (District 3) 06:05

Correct.

Alderman Chad Doran (District 15) 06:06

—at that point, just because we will be up against that deadline. So as long as everyone's aware that we'll need to take an action the next time it comes forward to committee and Council.

Alderman Brad Firkus (District 3) 06:14

Yes, thank you. Alder Wolff.

Alderson Nate Wolff (District 12) 06:20

Thank you, chair. Something that I'm curious about is whether or not the cameras are as important as perhaps what the police department would want—more faculty or more personnel.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 06:38

Alright, thank you. Anybody else? Okay, now seeing none. We'll go ahead and vote on the motion to hold. All those in favor? Aye. Opposed? Abstentions? Motion passes five zero.