

Full Meeting

Finance Committee

Mon, May 12, 2025 5:30PM

Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 00:01

All right. Good evening, everyone. We'll call this meeting of the Finance Committee to order on Monday May 12, 2025 at 5:30pm. Let us rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

People Present 00:12

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 00:27

Roll call of membership. Let the record show that all members are present, with the exception of Alder Fenton who is excused. We'll move right on to approval of minutes from the previous meeting. Item 25-0494.

Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 00:39

Move for approval.

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 00:40

Second.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 00:41

All right, we have a motion and a second. Are there any comments? Corrections? Seeing none, we'll go ahead and vote. All those in favor? Aye. Opposed? Abstentions? That passes four to zero.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 00:53

We have no public hearings or appearances tonight, so we'll move into action items, starting with 25-0495, request to approve the following budget 2024 amendments.

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 01:03

Move to approve.

Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 01:04

Second.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 01:05

I was not about to read through the list of amendments, but here we are. So, we have our motion and our second. Director Ohman, do you have any comments for us? Mic number? Director one, all right, and then I do see Alder Hartzheim.

Director Jeri Ohman (Finance) 01:21

I'll just start by saying that most of these are due to grants, or in cases of different taxes, where we're—when we do the budget, we're not sure what the revenues will be, and then we match the expenses with the revenues. Lot of that is just this cleanup, along with a couple wage reserve transfers that we need to do.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 01:40

All right. Alder Hartzheim.

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 01:42

Thank you, Chair. Director Ohman—if I may direct to her? Director Ohman, I'm looking at the facilities capitals project dollar amount for \$7.9 million roughly. Where are we in recording and receiving the full \$12 million that was to be received from the Friends of Library.

Director Jeri Ohman (Finance) 02:03

So, this was the amount that we billed for 2024 activity, and they did pay that. I can't tell you exactly where we're at with 2025 off the top of my head, but they've paid everything that we've billed them.

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 02:17

Excellent. So, we expect them to be billing the 2025 amount sometime in the near future—

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 02:21

—and—okay. And we don't expect any hold backs or anything like that as far as the Friends saying "We've received these funds, but we don't we don't have the actual funds, funds to give." In other words, we received the contribution, but or the notice of contribution, but we haven't received the funds yet?

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 02:22

Yeah, I haven't heard that. I haven't seen that happen yet.

Director Jeri Ohman (Finance) 02:22

Yep.

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 02:24

Okay, excellent. Thank you.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 02:24

Alder van Zeeland.

Alderson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 02:25

I could just add as library board, rep, there was discussion that if there was ever any issue with the funding, that there was a bridge loan that would handle that while they were gathering the funds.

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 03:00

Excellent. Thank you.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 03:01

All right. Anyone else? Seeing none, let's go ahead and vote. All those in favor? Aye. Opposed? Abstentions? That passes four to zero.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 03:11

25-0514 request to award project CC25 bridge deck ceiling to Norcon Corporation in the amount of \$144,482.94 with the contingency of \$5,157.06 for an amount not to see exceed \$150,000.

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 03:28

Move for approval.

Alderson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 03:29

Second.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 03:30

We have our motion and a second. Are there any comments or questions on this item? All right, I'm not seeing any, so we'll go ahead and vote. All those in favor? Aye. Opposed? Abstentions? That passes four to zero.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 03:44

25-0515 request to approve change order number three as amended to contract 21-24 for H-23 lightning drive extension in the amount of \$115,622.36.

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 03:56

Move for approval.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 03:57

Thank you.

Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 03:58

Second.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 03:58

All right, we have our motion and a second on this item. Are there any questions? Alder Hartzheim.

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 04:03

Thank you, Chair. May I direct to Deputy Director Neuburger? Deputy Director, I'm concerned. Obviously, we have the budgetary means to make this happen, but were we not expecting some of the things that came up in this area, and does this delay some of the impending construction that we're hoping to have in that area north of there?

Deputy Director Pete Neuburger (Public Works) 04:33

So, I would say there's—regarding the schedule for developments that are depending on this roadway connection, DPW and Com Dev have been in contact with the developers of the developable land north of the Baldeagle/Lightning intersection. My understanding is that even though this project was originally scheduled to have been completed at the end of 2024, that the developers plans were not delayed as a result of this last north-most segment of lightning drive being extended.

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 05:14

Thank you. That makes sense, because we're still looking at annexation of those properties as well. So that's, you know, one thing has to happen before the other kind of thing.

Deputy Director Pete Neuburger (Public Works) 05:23

Yeah. Was there a second part to your question? I'm sorry.

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 05:26

Yeah, I guess that was it—just schedule, and then what were the reasons for? And I think your memo actually detailed some of that.

Deputy Director Pete Neuberger (Public Works) 05:38

Right. So, the information is in the memo. I can add one other piece of information if—understanding it is painful to see these change orders come through. I know this is the third one. I can say regarding the memo, the top line item, the delay of the bridge construction to 2025, revision reinforcing steel for bridge abutments, wing wall and deck \$36,269, that portion of it will be reimbursed to the city. There was an issue with the plans that the design consultant will be—we negotiated that to be repaid to the city.

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 06:10

Excellent. That's—I'm grateful for that. Thank you.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 06:14

All right, anyone else? Then we'll go ahead and vote. All those in favor? Aye. Opposed? Abstentions? That passes four to zero.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 06:23

That's all we have tonight for action items. We do have a couple of information items. Are there any questions on any of these items? Alder Hartzheim.

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 06:34

Thank you, Chair. May I direct to Director Stempa?

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 06:36

Yes.

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 06:38

Are we concerned about all of these changes? Where—what does the project look—what do these projects look like in your mind? Items, both 0496 and 0497.

Director Chris Stempa (Utilities) 06:52

Director 2. Am I am I concerned?

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 06:59

Are we seeing a problem with moving these projects forward, that we're seeing these additions?

Director Chris Stempa (Utilities) 07:04

No, and this is one of those—both these phases were about \$4.5 million each. To go way back in time, we were trying to do them as a single phase. And you remember the reasons why I think you do, as far as why we split them up. Now we did parse some things out that we—to be conservative with getting a base project. You've heard this same line before some other projects, because these are large projects. It's also why we had enough contingency to prepare for things that we didn't know with a substantially large remodeling project. The entire building, of V building, our de watering building, is being remodeled, and so this is why we have a larger amount of contingency. And we would like to utilize that contingency now that we know what we have to work with. We're in the middle of the project, a little bit over halfway with the with the Phase—well Phase One's almost done. So, we're in Phase Two, and so we're kind of doing mop up duty with things that—this is a once in a

generation project, and we want to remedy everything we possibly can with the available dollars that are remaining in that contingency.

Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 08:10

But you don't foresee any issues of outweighing the contingencies?

Director Chris Stempa (Utilities) 08:14

No. And we do have some quite large change orders coming. We're working on one with redoing the polymer makeup system. You will see those coming forward. That will be an action item. That would be in the next couple weeks. So, there will be a couple other ones.

Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 08:26

Okay, thank you. I appreciate that.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 08:29

Anyone else? I would entertain a motion to adjourn.

Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 08:36

Move to adjourn.

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 08:36

Second.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 08:37

All right, we have a motion and a second. All those in favor? Aye. All right, that's four ayes. We are adjourned.