



**Finance & Budget Committee**  
**February 8, 2022 @ 6:00 PM**  
Virtual

**COMMITTEE MEMBER PRESENT:**

Shari Reiches, Committee Member, David Livingston, Committee Member, Leslie McMillan, Committee Member, Melissa Wynne, Councilmember, Bobby Burns, Councilmember, Devon Reid, Councilmember, Clare Kelly, Councilmember, and Jonathan Nieuwsma, Councilmember

**COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Jessica Tapia, Financial Analyst, Hitesh Desai, CFO, Lara Biggs, City Engineer, David Stoneback, Interim City Manager, Alexandra Ruggie, City Attorney

**1. CALL TO ORDER/DECLARATION OF A QUORUM**

Councilmember Melissa Wynne called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Trisha Connolly (2nd Ward) is interested in what this group can do about the 5 year budgeting forecast based on the Capital Improvement Plan. She expressed some concerns about the issuing of bonds and consulting fees.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of the January 11, 2022 Budget & Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Moved by Devon Reid

Seconded by Jonathan Nieuwsma

Ayes: Shari Reiches, David Livingston, Leslie McMillan, Devon Reid, Jonathan Nieuwsma, Clare Kelly, Melissa Wynne, Bobby Burns

Nays: None

**4. DISCUSSION**

Discussion of City of Evanston's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)-including funding sources

A. Staff provided a presentation for discussion of funding for the Capital Improvement Program.

Lara Biggs, the City Engineer provided a presentation regarding the Capital Improvement Plan, the funding sources, and the timeline of how projects are completed. She went into detail about the hefty maintenance costs some of the City of Evanston's parks and buildings incur and how in the preceding decades, maintenance was very minimal. Councilmember Nieuwsma and committee member Livingston raised questions about how much debt is being issued to fund Capital Improvement projects. Councilmember Wynne suggested the committee should look for revenues that could fund future Capital Improvement projects. Several committee members suggested there be a list of discussions two/ three members of the committee can work on independent from the committee meetings. Committee member Reiches is going to compile this list of items and send to staff for approval. Attorney Ruggie commented on how the committee members can meet for these items so that it complies with the Open Meetings Act.

## **5. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned by Councilmember Wynne at 8:01 PM Moved By Clare Kelly  
Seconded by Shari Reiches