



Finance and Budget Committee
Tuesday, January 10, 2023 @ 6:00 PM
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center

COMMITTEE MEMBER PRESENT:

David Livingston, Resident, Leslie McMillan, Resident, Melissa Wynne, Councilmember, Clare Kelly, Councilmember, Jonathan Nieuwsma, Councilmember, Bobby Burns, Councilmember, and Devon Reid, Councilmember

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

Shari Reiches, Resident

STAFF PRESENT:

Jessica Tapia, Finance Analyst, Hitesh Desai, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, and Clayton Black, Budget Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER/DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Meeting was called to order by Chair David Livingston at 6:01 PM

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jack Mortell spoke on the importance of funding the public safety pensions and the conclusions of the 2008 blue ribbon committee.

Mary Rosinki spoke against the 5th ward school and did not think that it was properly addressed with the community.

Trisha Connolly commented on the 5th ward project and does not think it is fiscally responsible to proceed.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of the December 13, 2022 Finance & Budget Committee Meeting minutes

Minutes Approved

Moved by Councilmember Kelly
Seconded by Councilmember Burns

Ayes: Committee Member Livingston, Committee Member McMillan,
Councilmember Wynne, Councilmember Kelly, Councilmember Nieuwsma,
Councilmember Burns, and Councilmember Reid

Approved 7-0 on a recorded vote

4. DISCUSSION

A. 5th Ward School & Fleetwood Jourdain

Lara Biggs, City engineer, provided an update on the Fifth Ward school project that the city has been working with the school district on. Last spring, the school district determined they would build a new elementary and middle school at the Foster Field site. They own that property and had been leasing it to the city through a long-term lease but that lease has expired. At this point, they informed the city that they were taking that property to build a school. Foster Field provides significant green space to the community and is also critical for the programming served by Fleetwood Jourdain, which involves childcare, after school programs, and summer camps for children. Without the green space, the services Fleetwood Jourdain can provide are limited. The City began to work with the school district to determine what the needs of the school are and if the green space can be preserved. The City and the school district have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding and have four potential concepts for the development of the site. Several committee members are concerned about the accelerated timeline of the school district to build this site.

B. Finance & Budget Committee Work Plan

Progress is being made on the workplan and a schedule for completion on some of the items is forthcoming.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned by Chair David Livingston at 7:20 PM