



City of Aurora

City Hall - 2nd Floor
Council Chambers
44 East Downer Place
Aurora, IL

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes - Final

Thursday

December 16, 2021

4:00 PM

Chairperson Carl Franco
Vice Chair Sherman Jenkins
Alderwoman Shweta Baid
Alderman Edward J. Bugg
Alderwoman Scheketa Hart-Burns

Time Change To 4:00 PM For This Meeting Only

Members of the public wishing to provide public comment for this meeting must be physically present at the meeting and registered to speak prior to the meeting being called to order. Please contact the Aldermen's office at (630) 256-3020 with questions.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Carl Franco called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Chairperson Carl Franco, Vice Chair Sherman Jenkins, Alderwoman Shweta Baid, Alderman Edward Bugg and Alderwoman Scheketa Hart-Burns

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[21-0971](#)

Approval of the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on November 19, 2021.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hart-Burns, seconded by Vice Chair Jenkins, that the minutes be accepted and filed. The motion carried.

Ayes: 4

[21-0984](#)

Approval of the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on November 23, 2021.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hart-Burns, seconded by Vice Chair Jenkins, that the minutes be accepted and filed. The motion carried.

Ayes: 4

PUBLIC COMMENT

No registered speakers.

AGENDA

[21-0991](#)

A Resolution Authorizing the Extension of an Agreement with Dan Shomon, Inc. for Government Affairs Consulting Services.

Presented by Alex Alexandrou and Alex Voigt, Mayor's Office.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hart-Burns, seconded by Alderwoman Baid, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. The motion carried.

Ayes: 4

[21-1023](#)

A Resolution authorizing a one-year extension of an agreement with Vision M.A.I., LLC for the governmental affairs consulting services of Bukola Bello.

Presented by Alex Alexandrou and Alex Voigt, Mayor's Office.

Alderman Bugg arrived to the meeting at 4:07 p.m.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hart-Burns, seconded by Alderwoman Baid, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. The motion carried.

Ayes: 4

[21-0997](#)

Engagement of the law firm of Barnes & Thornburg, LLP as special counsel to assist the City with federal executive, legislative, and administrative relations.

Presented by Alex Alexandrou and Alex Voigt, Mayor's Office; Rick Veenstra, Law Dept.; Chris Minnick, Finance Dept.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hart-Burns, seconded by Vice Chair Jenkins, that this agenda item be forwarded to Committee of the Whole as information only. The motion carried.

Ayes: 5

[21-0930](#)

A Resolution Authorizing a Two-Year Instrumentation Service Agreement with the HACH Company for \$149,021 for the Water Production Division

Presented by Dave Schumacher, Water Production.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hart-Burns, seconded by Alderman Bugg, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. The motion carried.

Ayes: 5

[21-0986](#)

A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a First Amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement Previously Entered into Between the City of Aurora and Sandri Properties LLC.

Presented by Alex Minnella, Economic Development.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hart-Burns, seconded by Vice Chair Jenkins, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. The motion carried.

Ayes: 5

[21-0993](#)

A Resolution authorizing the execution of a three-year contract with Melrose Pyrotechnics, Inc., for Independence Day fireworks displays in a total annual amount not to exceed \$43,000.00.

Presented by Mike Nelson, Special Events; Rick Veenstra Law Dept.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hart-Burns, seconded by Alderman Bugg, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. The motion carried.

Ayes: 5

[21-0996](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to enter into an agreement with Wight & Company, 2500 North Frontage Road, Darien, IL, 60561 in the amount of \$119,600.00 to develop a Master Plan for Phillips Park and Zoo.

Presented by Ian Wade, Engineering; Alex Alexandrou, Mayor's Office.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hart-Burns, seconded by Vice Chair Jenkins, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. The motion carried.

Ayes: 5

[21-1001](#)

A Resolution approving a lease extension agreement with F.H. Paschen, for its lease of City-owned space located at 1 S. Broadway, 2nd floor, Aurora, Illinois, for an additional one-year term through September 30, 2022.

Presented by Alex Alexandrou, Mayor's Office; Rick Veenstra, Law Dept.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hart-Burns, seconded by Alderman Bugg, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. The motion carried.

Ayes: 5

[21-1004](#)

A Resolution approving ratification approving payment to Onin staffing for services rendered.

Presented by Gio Santana, Parks Dept.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hart-Burns, seconded by Vice Chair Jenkins, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. The motion carried.

Ayes: 5

[21-1013](#)

A Resolution Superseding All Previous Resolutions Pertaining To and Amending Salary and Benefit Plans for Employees In The Executive Pay Plan.

Presented by Alisia Lewis, Human Resources; Alex Alexandrou, Mayor's Office; Chris Minick, Finance.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hart-Burns, seconded by Vice Chair Jenkins, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. The motion carried.

Ayes: 5

[21-1014](#)

A Resolution Superseding All Previous Resolutions Pertaining To and Amending Salary and Benefit Plans for Employees In The Non-Exempt Pay Plan.

Presented by Alisia Lewis, Human Resources.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hart-Burns, seconded by Vice Chair Jenkins, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. The motion carried.

Ayes: 5

[21-1017](#)

A Resolution authorizing execution of a Second Amendment to Agreement with Cities for Financial Empowerment (CFE) for the Aurora Financial Empowerment Center (FEC) to extend the grant term end date from January 31, 2022 to April 30, 2022.

Presented by Betty Hart, Community Services.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hart-Burns, seconded by Vice Chair Jenkins, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. The motion carried.

Ayes: 5

[21-1018](#)

A Resolution authorizing an extension of the contractual agreement with The Neighbor Project to provide services to the Aurora Financial Empowerment Center through April 30, 2022 and providing for the disbursement of \$100,485 of budgeted funds for such purpose.

Presented by Betty Hart, Community Services.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hart-Burns, seconded by Vice Chair Jenkins, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. The motion carried.

Ayes: 5

[21-1022](#)

A Resolution authorizing a grant agreement with APS Training Institute, Inc. in the amount of \$50,000 for a STEAM Training Program.

Presented by Chris Ragona, Community Development.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hart-Burns, seconded by Alderman Bugg, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. The motion carried.

Ayes: 4

Abstain: 1

[21-1029](#)

A Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Property/Boiler Machinery, Fine Arts, Cyber and Excess Cyber Liability, Crime, Special Events Liability, Drone Liability, General Liability/Law Enforcement/Auto Liability, Excess Liability, Excess Workers Compensation, and Liquor Liability insurance policies for the period of December 31, 2021 through December 31, 2022.

Presented by Alex Alexandrou, Mayor's Office; Stephen Morkus, Hub.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hart-Burns, seconded by Alderman Bugg, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. The motion carried.

Ayes: 5

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hart-Burns, seconded by Alderman Bugg, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried. Chairperson Franco adjourned the meeting at 5:26 p.m.

Ayes: 5

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