

Special Called Finance Committee Meeting
City of Manchester
May 17th, 2023

Present: Alderman Hobbs, Vice Mayor Messick and Alderman Parsley

Absent: none

The Manchester City Finance Committee held a special called meeting on Thursday, May 17th, at 5:30 p.m. in the board room at Manchester City Hall. Others present were: Mayor Howard, Alderman French, Alderman Anderson, Alderman Bellamy, Director Myers, Director George Gannon, Director AJ Fox, Chief George Chambers, Chief Bill Sipe, Rebecca French, Director of Conference Center, members of the PBA, other employees and members of the press and citizens. The meeting was called to order by Alderman Joey Hobbs, Chairman of the committee.

The first agenda item was approving the minutes from the Special Called Meetings held on April 24th and May 4th meetings. Alderman Parsley moved to approve the minutes with a second from Vice Mayor Messick. Motion carried.

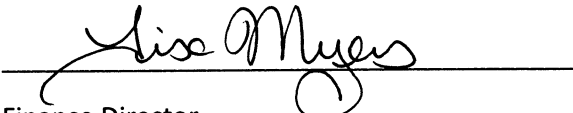
The second agenda item was the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget. Alderman Hobbs asked Director Myers if there had been any changes from the last budget presentation. Director Myers stated there had been no changes. Alderman Hobbs stated the contribution ask from the conference center had changed from \$548,000 to \$419,00 while presently in the budget at \$500,000. Alderman Anderson asked if we could discuss funding for a few things not in the budget: city manager position, police officer position and funds for playground equipment. Alderman Hobbs stated we have undesignated monies in the Capital Projects Fund that can be used for playground equipment if approved by the designated committees and the board. The finance committee agreed that the additional positions need to be addressed through budget amendments during the fiscal year. Chairman Hobbs made the motion to change the budget showing the conference center contribution as \$419,000 from \$500,000 and present the budget to the full board. There was no second. Vice-mayor Messick made a motion to fund the conference center for six months at \$250,000 giving time for the board and the PBA to work out any issues instead of it being during budget season. There was no second. The mayor stated a concern about only funding for six months and how it would affect events during the second half of the year, such as, AEDC, State of Tennessee and the Industrial Board. Director French stated she thought it would negatively affect bookings. Alderman Hobbs asked if the mayor had a recommendation and she stated that she felt the committee should recommend the \$419,000 to be included in the budget. Alderman Hobbs remade the motion for the conference center's contribution be changed in the budget to \$419,000 from \$500,000 and present the budget to the full board. There was no second to the motion. Alderman Hobbs voiced his confusion at not funding the conference center when the amount requested is not much more than three years ago and lower than FY23 especially after the mayor has spoken of the importance to the community. He asked if we could pass the funding and if there were concerns with the management of the center that it be addressed at a later date. Alderman Hobbs asked if there were any other suggestions. With no suggestions offered, the budget will go to the board with new recommendation from the Budget and Finance Committee.

The third agenda item was the 4th budget amendment for fiscal year 2022-2023. Director Myers explained it was transferring budgeted wage expense between two departments in the Recreation Fund. Vice-mayor Messick made a motion to approve with a second from Alderman Parsley. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned around 6:00 p.m.


Finance Committee Chairperson

8/28/23
Date


Finance Director

8/28/23
Date