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APPROVED

Minutes

Friendship Heights Village Council Finance Committee Tuesday, January 3, 2023

Council Committee members present: Paula Durbin; Michael Mezey; Melanie White.

Other Council members present: Alfred Muller, M.D.; Michael Dorsey; Carolina Zumaran-Jones.

Staff members present: Julian Mansfield; Jason Goldstein.

Others present: Joe Bucherer.

At 6 p.m., Ms. Durbin called the Village Council Finance Committee meeting to order. The purpose of the meeting was to review the initial draft Village budget for FY 2024.

Mayor White requested an overview of any categories that have changed significantly. Mr. Mansfield discussed the projections for the major revenue and expense categories. Dr. Muller noted the significant expense in legal fees related to the 5500 Wisconsin Avenue project and he indicated that the fees need to be reduced. Dr. Muller and Ms. Zumaran-Jones recommended that the security patrol budget for FY 2024 be increased to provide for additional security patrols in the Village. Mr. Mansfield and Mr. Goldstein will explore the feasibility and costs of hiring off-duty Montgomery County Police officers. The Finance Committee agreed to hold off on increasing the budget until the costs are known. Dr. Muller recommended

that several items in the Recreation & Parks category (Musicians Fees, Lecture Fees, Lunches/Brunches) be increased, and that there should be new programs held in Page Park when the renovation is completed. Mr. Mansfield noted that the General Fund Balance projections do not include the committed expenses for the Page Park renovation. He will update the General Fund Balances to reflect the additional expenses.

The Committee agreed by consensus to forward the draft budget to the full Council for review at the January 9 Council meeting. No other action was taken by the Committee. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Paula Durbin

Chair, Finance Committee