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Approved Minutes Friendship Heights Village Council Finance Committee Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Council Finance Committee members present: Roy Schaeffer; Bobby Pestronk; Michael Mezey.

Others present: Cheryl Tyler; Julian Mansfield; three Village residents.

At 9 a.m., Mr. Schaeffer called the meeting of the Friendship Heights Village Council Finance Committee to order.

Mr. Schaeffer presented the following items for discussion:

Approval of minutes

The minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of January 18, 2024, were presented for approval. Mr. Schaeffer indicated the minutes should reflect that the staff will be cross trained on the payroll system and check payment with the new accounting software. Mr. Pestronk indicated the minutes should reflect his request for a new \$5,000 expense item in the budget to be called Contracts. The minutes as amended were approved unanimously.

Review of Draft Budget for FY 2025

Mr. Schaeffer reviewed the draft budget and noted several revisions to the line items and the footnotes. Discussion ensued regarding the Police off-duty patrol budgeted amount. Mr. Pestronk moved, Mr. Mezey seconded, to increase the 9D Police budget to \$175,000. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Pestronk discussed his request for a new budget line item named Contracts with a \$5,000 expense. Mr. Pestronk moved to add this line item. The motion was not seconded, and the motion failed.

The committee discussed whether the 1% contingency expense line item should be included in the budget. Mr. Schaeffer moved to include the 1% contingency in the budget. The motion was not seconded, and the motion failed.

Mr. Schaeffer moved, Mr. Mezey seconded, to establish a \$1 million Village Capital Improvements Reserve fund, with method of funding and timing to be determined by the Treasurer. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Committee discussed how to propose new expense items for the draft budget. The Committee agreed that Mr Schaeffer will contact all Council members for any changes they propose, and vote on each of these requests at the next Committee meeting.

Off-duty Police Patrol Agreement

The committee discussed the off-duty police program and the need for the Council to review the status. Mr. Schaeffer requested that a special Council meeting be held to discuss the police patrol program prior to the approval of the budget. After discussion, Mr. Schaeffer moved, Mr. Mezey seconded, that the Council Chair will work with the Public Safety Committee Chair and the Village Manager to schedule a public meeting to receive input on the police patrol. The motion was approved by a 2-1 vote (Mr. Pestronk opposed).

No other action was taken by the Finance Committee. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Roy Schaeffer, Finance Committee Chair