

**SPECIAL FINANCE, LICENSING & REGULATION COMMITTEE- BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2019 – 6:00 PM
CITY HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM 2A**

Committee Members: Chairperson Ken Howell, Alderpersons: Selena Proksa, Doug Skates, John Halverson, and Rich Hedlund

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Howell at 6:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Howell, Proksa, Halverson, Hedlund, and Skates

Absent: None

Comments from the public as allowed by Wis. Stats. §19.84(2), limited to items on this agenda except for public hearing items. Comments will be limited to 5 minutes

None

Presentation/Workshop for the 2020 City of Lake Geneva Budget

City Administrator Nord explained that this meeting will be only to discuss the Capital Budget and the Equipment Replacement Fund. Finance Director Hall then reviewed the capital project budget. Hall noted that there was an addition of \$125,000 to place traffic signals at the intersection of Edwards Blvd and Bloomfield Rd. It was added that this will be paid for solely by the City since the township has indicated that they do not have the funds. Flower indicated that in the future she would like to see developers held responsible for paying for things such as this. She noted that the new development built in that area is contributing to the increased traffic.

Hall indicated that there is a gap in the requests and available funds. This session will be used to determine which projects will be staying in the 2020 budget. The 2020 road project will be increased from \$750,000 to \$810,000; this increase is due to the addition of alleys to the road work. She added that the Riviera roof project was slated to cost \$1.3 million, however the bids came in much lower so there would be extra funds available.

Lt. Ed Gritzner indicated that the Police Department will need \$146,380 to build a new impound building. The current space has been outgrown and the new facility needs to be climate controlled for forensic reasons.

DPW Superintendent Waswo reviewed the DPW budget requests that included roof repairs at the main department building. Waswo indicated that several rooms in the shop are not useable when it rains and that often it floods.

The committee discussed borrowing money to cover the gap. Hedlund indicated that he wouldn't be opposed to borrowing money to avoid eliminating department requests and since the interest rates are very practical.

Finance Director Hall then began the review of the Equipment Replacement Fund. She reviewed the fund and went over each department's requests. There were increases to some of the DPW's equipment due to inflation. City Hall is slated to update its security system and fire alarm, both cost \$25,000. The Fire Department indicated that they were looking to purchase a new airboat that is slated to cost \$125,968. Fire Chief Peters noted that piece of equipment is used quite frequently for emergency rescues; however, the current boat had been out of service about nine times in the last twelve months.

Lt. Ed Gritzner then presented his review of the department's equipment replacement fund and noted that the largest expense would be a shared mobile command unit with the Fire Department. He also added that the expense for the mobile command unit would also be split between 2020 and 2021. Finance Director Hall indicated the budget for the equipment replacement fund is \$600,000; however the total requests totaled \$881,646. She also fears that if the City doesn't put money aside in the next five years this fund will be completely depleted. The committee then reviewed the various department requests to close the gap.

Multiple committee members stated that the first item to more than likely be removed from the 2020 equipment replacement fund would be the mobile command unit. Skates stated that he would like to see fundraising efforts and even grant applications for the mobile command unit. The committee agreed to remove the mobile command unit purchase for 2020, totaling \$249,928 and the DPW's sweeper at \$30,000.

Adjournment

Motion by Hedlund to adjourn, second by Halverson. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.