

MINUTES
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
6:15 P.M., JANUARY 19, 2021
A/V CONFERENCE ROOM*

Joseph Jenkins, Chairperson, called the meeting of the Charleston City Council Committee on Finance to order at 6:15 p.m., January 4, 2021, in the Audio/Visual Room in City Hall*.

A silent roll was taken by the Clerk and a quorum was established. The following committee members were present:

Joseph Jenkins, Chair
Bobby Reishman, Vice Chair
Ben Adams
Brent Burton
Becky Ceperley
Mary Beth Hoover
Will Laird

*In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting of the Finance Committee was conducted electronically. The meeting was made available to the public as a live stream via Zoom and CivicClerk (per the agenda).

I. DISCUSSION:

a. Approval of Previous Minutes - Councilmember Reishman asked for unanimous consent to dispense with the reading of the minutes for the January 4, 2021 meeting and that they be approved as distributed. There was no objection and the minutes were approved.

II. RESOLUTIONS:

- a. Resolution No. 414-21 – Authorizing the Finance Director to amend the 2019 Community Development Block Grant CV budget as indicated on the accounts listed below.

Be it Resolved by the Council of the City of Charleston, West Virginia:

That the Finance Director is hereby authorized and directed to amend the 2019 Community Development Block Grant CV budget as indicated on the accounts listed below:

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>INCREASE/(DECREASE)</u>	
009-019-01-011-0-999	MOECD Public Service	\$44,600.00	Decrease
009-019-01-199-0-999	Unprogrammed Funds	\$44,600.00	Increase
009-019-01-199-0-999	Unprogrammed Funds	\$44,600.00	Decrease
009-019-01-011-0-999	Kanawha Valley Collective	\$35,000.00	Increase
009-019-01-011-0-999	Keep Your Faith Corporation	\$9,600.00	Increase

MOECD proposes to allocate CDBG-CV funds to Kanawha Valley Collective for Covid-19 Isolation and Quarantine and Keep Your Faith Corporation Behavioral Health Outreach Project.

Amy Clark, representing the MOECD, added that the resolution is for two projects for Keep Your Faith Corporation, a behavioral health clinic outreach project, and Kanawha Valley Collective for isolation in quarantine. She added that they are both urgent-need, Covid-19 related projects. She added that the KVC quarantines homeless individuals in hotels that test positive for Covid-19. Clark added that the funds are for meals, shelter, cleaning and mileage. The Keep Your Faith Corporation provides a lot of services on the West Side, and works with the Childhood Language Center, Behavioral Health Services, etc.

Mayor Goodwin thanked the MOECD as it is not easy to get these funds, which are important to the City.

Councilmember Jenkins confirmed with Clark that the isolation described for the KVC funds is for hotel stays for a couple of weeks. Additionally, funds are used to house individuals that are unable to get into shelters due to a large number of positive cases.

Councilmember Reishman moved to approve the Resolution. With a majority of members present recorded thereon as voting in the affirmative, Chairperson Jenkins declared Resolution No. 414-21 approved.

- b. Resolution No. 417-21 - Authorizing and directing the Finance Director to establish propriety fund 428, *Coliseum and Convention Center Grant Fund*, a fund that accounts for revenues received from various granting agencies for the benefit of the Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center for the operation, maintenance, repair, capital renovation and equipment needs of the facility, and including, but not limited to, any expenses or actions necessary as a result of the significant revenue reduction caused by COVID-19 pandemic.

Now, therefore, be it Resolved by the Council of the City of Charleston, West Virginia:

That the Finance Director is authorized and directed to establish propriety fund 428, *Coliseum and Convention Center Grant Fund*, a fund that accounts for revenues received from various granting agencies for the benefit of the Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center for the operation, maintenance, repair, capital renovation and equipment needs of the facility, and including, but not limited to, any expenses or actions necessary as a result of the significant revenue reduction caused by COVID-19 pandemic.

City Manager, Jonathan Storage, added that the proposed special fund is intended to initially be the depository for a \$500,000 State grant dedicated for the Coliseum & Convention Center. On December 18th, Governor Justice announced that he would be distributing \$500,000 to each of the State's largest convention centers. The use of the funds does come with stipulations, which track the general U.S. Treasury Department guidelines for how CARES Act funding can be used. The money must be spent by December 31, 2021. In consultation with the CCCCC staff, our finance and legal team, and others within the Administration, we are confident that this money will be used well before that deadline. The resolution establishing the proposed special fund is written in broad terms to allow for the future receipt of any additional grant funds to support the ongoing operation of the facility.

Councilmember Reishman moved to approve the Resolution. With a majority of members present recorded thereon as voting in the affirmative, Chairperson Jenkins declared Resolution No. 417-21 approved.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

Councilmember Reishman informed the Committee that the Spring Hill Cemetery has to have approval of Council for any increase in rates. To maintain the Cemetery in the manner it requires, a rate increase is being proposed. Councilmember Jenkins confirmed that the document provided to Committee members contained the proposed new prices as well as current prices and the prices of other cemeteries. Storage added that the Spring Hill Cemetery Commission must seek Council approval before any rates are changed.

Councilmember Reishman motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned.