



Report of the Finance and Property Committee

Matt Zacher, Chairperson

Dean Veneman, Vice-Chairperson

Jay Bemke

Date of Meeting: January 2, 2024

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The Finance and Property Committee met at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was LIVE on Wisconsin Rapids Community Media (WRCM) Spectrum Channel 985 and Solarus Channel 3, online at www.wr-cm.org or via WRCM's Roku app and was streamed LIVE on the City of Wisconsin Rapids Facebook page.

All members of the Finance and Property Committee were present.

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Zacher called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Consider a request from the Fire Department to apply to the Assistance to Firefighters grant (AFG) to replace all of the monitors in the ambulances for approximately \$130,000 total for the grant. This would be a 95/5 split: FEMA pays 95%; the City would pay 5%.

It was moved by Veneman, seconded by Bemke to approve a request from the Fire Department to apply to the Assistance to Firefighters grant (AFG) to replace all of the monitors in the ambulances for approximately \$130,000 total for the grant. This would be a 95/5 split: FEMA pays 95%; the City would pay 5%.

Motion carried, 3-0.

3. Consider a recommendation from Statewide Services to deny a claim from Kian Carter for alleged vehicle damage resulting from an open manhole on the Expressway on October 11, 2023.

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Veneman to deny a claim from Kian Carter for alleged vehicle damage resulting from an open manhole on the Expressway on October 11, 2023. Motion carried, 3-0.

4. Consider a request from the Community Development Department to release a request for proposals for the downtown master plan project.

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Veneman to approve a request from the Community Development Department to release a request for proposals for the downtown master plan project. Motion carried, 3-0.

5. Audit of the bills

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Veneman to approve check numbers 19376-19883. Motion carried, 3-0.

6. Set next meeting date

The next regular meeting of the Finance and Property Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

7. In open session, the committee may vote to go into closed session under Section 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes, which reads: "Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session".

It was moved by Veneman, seconded by Bemke to go into closed session. Roll call vote was taken. All members voted in the affirmative. Motion carried, 3-0, and the Committee went into closed session.

In closed session, the committee may discuss negotiations and strategy involving offers to purchase property for right-of-way acquisition and temporary limited easements, as prescribed by the Lincoln Street Transportation Project Plat 2022-14, and may give staff direction regarding said acquisitions.

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8. The Committee will return to open session and may take action regarding said offers and acquisitions.

It was moved by Zacher, seconded by Veneman to return to open session. Motion carried, 3-0, and the meeting returned to open session.

9. Consider for approval the dedication of City property for the right-of-way prescribed by the Lincoln Street Transportation Project Plat 2022-14. (This item will also be considered by the Planning Commission per state law and City ordinance).

It was moved by Veneman, seconded by Bemke to approve the dedication of City property for the right-of-way prescribed by the Lincoln Street Transportation Project Plat 2022-14. Motion carried, 3-0.

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It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Veneman to go into closed session. Roll call vote was taken. All members voted in the affirmative. Motion carried, 3-0, and the Committee went into closed session.

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11. Adjournment - The Committee will adjourn in closed session.

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Veneman to adjourn in closed session. Motion carried, 3-0, and the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.