

Finance Committee

Chairman McAteer-Margolis, Tramontozzi,
Conn, Wright, Mortimer
Attending: Brodeur, Forbes, Infurna,
Medeiros, Boisselle
In attendance: City Clerk Mary-Rita
O'Shea

Finance Committee called to order by Chairman McAteer-Margolis at 7:50 p.m.

Order No. 10-35, TRANSFER Amount: \$9,975.00 From: A/C #019111-511000 -
Pensions, Weekly Salaries To: A/C #011622-529000 - Election-Professional Services
This will cover the administrative cost only for the Special Election.

Alderman Mortimer moves to recommend, 2nd by Alderman Wright.

Alderman Wright asks the City Clerk to come forward. He says the Election Administrator's hours were reduced in this year's budget and asks if these funds will cover overtime costs, if any, reviewing nomination papers. Ms. O'Shea says it includes \$1,139.40 in overtime. The total sum calculated is \$52,000, based on other elections. This transfer covers administrative costs only. It should be amended by adding "and supplemental salary for the Election Administrator for the 3 November election." The cost includes extra hours for Linda-Lee. Her hours will be brought up to 30 per week getting closer to the election. Alderman Wright says this order is not only for the special election but also for the general election. Ms. O'Shea says yes.

Alderman Conn says this is just a transfer order; he doesn't think an amendment is necessary or that the ways in which the funds will be spent have to be detailed.

Alderman Wright says it would be good to know what elections cost the City.

Ms. O'Shea says there should be a minimum reimbursement of \$11,000 from the state.

Alderman Wright motions to amend the order by adding "and supplemental salary for the Election Administrator for the November 3, 2009 election", 2nd by Alderman Mortimer.

On discussion Alderman Tramontozzi says the City is paying for the special Congressional election. This has nothing to do with the November election. Ms. O'Shea says Linda-Lee's hours have been cut to 25 per week. This will supplement her salary to 30 hours and she'll take the additional hours as comp time. She says she has to pay her. Alderman Tramontozzi asks if the City will be reimbursed by the state or federal government. Ms. O'Shea says she has a letter from the state auditor which was written to the President of the Clerk's Association and disperses copies to the aldermen.

Alderman Medeiros says she thinks Alderman Wright's amendment is in the right spirit but that it should be more specific and include language that the funds will also be used for the general municipal election, 2nd by Alderman Mortimer.

On the amendment to the amendment adding the words "general municipal", 1 opposed (Conn). Motion carries.

Alderman Tramontozzi asks if there is a breakdown of costs for reimbursement for the special election and the general election. Ms. O'Shea says yes; for reimbursement of all poll workers. Alderman Tramontozzi says he wants to make sure this amendment doesn't jeopardize the City's reimbursement.

Alderman Brodeur says no one should worry about the state reimbursing the City. State revenue has fallen through the floor and 9C cuts are coming.

Alderman Conn says it's an interesting debate but he doesn't think it will have anything to do with getting reimbursed by the state. Nobody is going to look at the language of the order on how this money is going to be spent.

Alderman Mortimer moves to recommend as amended, 2nd by Alderman Tramontozzi. 1 opposed (Conn). Motion carries.

Alderman Mortimer motions to join orders 10-36, 10-33, and 10-34 and waive the reading. There is no second.

Order No. 10-36, TRANSFER Amount: \$1,611.04 From: A/C #012411-511000 - Inspectional Services, Salaries To: A/C #012412-503502 - Inspectional Services, Weights & Measures Supplies

Chairman McAteer-Margolis says this was recommended from the Protection and License Committee.

Alderman Mortimer moves to recommend, 2nd by Alderman Tramontozzi. All in favor.

Order No. 10-33, APPROPRIATION Amount: \$33,000.00 From: Trustees of the Melrose Public Library To: A/C #016112-534200 - Library, Books & Periodicals \$28,000.00; A/C #016112-534100 - Library, A/V Materials \$5,000.00

Chairman McAteer-Margolis says this was recommended from the Health, Education and Welfare Committee.

Alderman Mortimer moves to recommend, 2nd by Alderman Tramontozzi. All in favor.

Order No. 10-34, APPROPRIATION Amount: \$69,000.00 From: A/C # 29032-590000 - Library Fines, Transfer Out \$30,000.00; Account # 28072-590000 - Library Donations, Transfer Out \$39,000.00; To: Account # 016112-534200 - Library, Books & Periodical \$66,000.00; Account # 016112-534100 - Library, A/V Materials \$3,000.00

Chairman McAteer-Margolis says this was recommended from the Health, Education and Welfare Committee.

Alderman Mortimer moves to recommend, 2nd by Alderman Tramontozzi. All in favor.

Alderman Mortimer motions to adjourn, 2nd by Alderman Conn. All in favor.

Finance Committee adjourns at 8:04 p.m.

There are no orders in the Public Service and Legal and Legislative Matters Committees to be acted on.

Maribeth Harrington
Clerk of Committees