

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

September 8, 2020

Due to the ongoing situation with COVID-19 and pursuant to H.B. 197, this Community Center Feasibility Task Force, Facilities & Partnerships Sub-Committee Meeting was convened remotely via video-conference using Zoom.

This meeting was called to order by Chair Rule at 12:00 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Subcommittee Chairperson Matt Rule, Linda Mauger, Brian Perera, Todd Walter

SUBCOMMITTEE

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

TASK FORCE MEMBERS

PRESENT: None

STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Steve Schoeny, Assistant City Manager Dan Ralley, Community Affairs Director Emma Speight, Parks & Recreation Director Debbie McLaughlin, Parks Planning & Development Manager Jeff Anderson

CONSULTANTS

PRESENT: Nan Weir Williams Architects; Leon Younger PROS Consulting

1. Welcome/Opening Remarks

Subcommittee Chair Rule welcomed members of the subcommittee and discussed the purpose of this meeting. He explained that this meeting would focus on discussing an overview of City finances. Dan Ralley offered introductory comments about the role of staff in offering support for the subcommittee. It was agreed that questions from the subcommittee should be routed thru Chairperson Rule and distributed as appropriate. Leon Younger offered introductory comments and indicated that his firm is responsible for the pro-forma, operating costs, and partnership coordination.



2. Overview of City Finances

Brent Lewis offered a presentation overviewing the City's Finances. The presentation included available financial reports, an overview of government accounting standards including a brief discussion of the separate funds that are included in the City's overall budget.

Lewis further discussed the City's revenue sources. Income tax rate of 2.5% with .5% dedicated to City infrastructure following the 2014 passage of Issue 23. Income tax comprises approximately \$30M of the City's revenue whereas property tax comprises approximately \$11M annually via 5.97 in current millage. Lewis further discussed the General Fund 30% reserve policy set by City Council. The City is currently \$7.8M over this 30% reserve standard within the General Fund.

Linda Mauger asked about people working from home in Upper Arlington who normally pay to another jurisdiction where their office is located. Brian Perera noted that there are currently two bills in the State Legislature that would change this legal requirement but that neither is likely to be passed. Lewis noted that give the number of people who normally work outside of Upper Arlington that the City would likely benefit financially if income tax laws were changed, but that the City was not seeking any changes to this Statewide standard.

Todd Walter asked about the growth in income tax and reasons behind it. Lewis indicated that a portion of this was due to the 2015 increase in the income tax rate from 2.0% to 2.5% but that the City had also seen substantial growth in its overall income tax base. Ralley noted that the City had broadened its income tax base thru business growth, particularly in the medical sector, with companies like Ortho One, Ohio State Medical on Zollinger Rd, and others.

3. Public Comment

None

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The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.



Chairperson

ATTEST:



Secretary

