

CITY OF FRONTENAC



MINUTES OF THE CITY OF FRONTENAC WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FRONTENAC CITY HALL MONDAY, JULY 11, 2017

A. CALL TO ORDER

The July 11, 2017 meeting of the Ways and Means Committee of the City of Frontenac was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

B. ROLL CALL

The following Committee members were present:

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| ✓ Chairman Warren Winer | ✓ Mark Kiehl |
| ✓ Amy Boltzman | ✓ John O'Connell |
| ✓ Ken Crawford | |

Also in attendance were City Administrator Bob Shelton; Finance Officer Lea Ann Layden, Mayor Margot Martin, Alderman David Bray, Alderman Tom O'Brien and Administrative Clerk, Shari Cooper.

Ms. Cooper noted that there was a quorum.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Chairman Winer requested approval of the July 11, 2017 Agenda as amended.

MOTION: Mr. Kiehl motioned and Mr. O'Connell seconded approval of the agenda as amended. All voting members present voted in the affirmative.
MOTION PASSED.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman Winer requested approval of the June 13, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: Mr. Kiehl motioned and Mr. Crawford seconded approval of the minutes. All voting members present voted in the affirmative. **MOTION PASSED.**

E. PUBLIC FORUM (PRESENTATION OF REMARKS AND/OR PETITIONS):

No comments were made at this time.

F. COMMENTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

No comments were made at this time.

G. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS:

No comments were made at this time.

H. REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REPORTS:

July, 2017:

Mrs. Layden stated we are down \$446,000 year to date compared to budget. We haven't made the final payment on the Fire Pumper, \$350,454. Mr. Kiehl asked if this was a big part of the expense savings variance this month. Mrs. Layden stated that with that in mind we will be pretty close to even on expenses.

Mrs. Layden stated we are down \$15,000 in sale of surplus assets due to only one sale of a police car since we did not replace another one. Revenue variances for the month are not that significant. Year to date for use tax was \$73,700. Utility tax is down about \$63,000. Frontenac Grove is completely caught up to date and building permits are down around \$48,000 year to date.

I. OLD BUSINESS:

Sales Tax Trends:

Mrs. Layden reported that two of our anchor stores have not reported for this month. One of them is two months behind. Mr. Kiehl asked regarding the adjustment at the end of the year how this might impact. Mrs. Layden stated we will find out what exactly we will receive and hopefully they will catch up. And we are allowed to estimate a number for accruals. Brief discussion took place between members regarding the prior year budget and sales tax deficit year to date. Mr. Kiehl stated it always seems that someone is one

month behind. Mrs. Layden stated we can consider our anchor stores as material and estimate them.

Status of cell phone tax:

Mr. Shelton explained that this is a class action lawsuit and we were one of the first to sign on for this so there have been no updates. He stated he will be checking with our attorney for an update.

J. NEW BUSINESS:

Joint Task Force Update:

Chairman Winer explained that things are moving forward. Mr. Shelton stated that we have included the entire Board of Aldermen and Ways & Means Committee members in the distributions. Chairman Winer stated we have data and assumptions are 50% increase and takes us to fairly competitive numbers with other cities. Chairman Winer stated that this is looking at the property tax for Frontenac compared to other cities. Discussion took place between members on how the task force went.

Chairman Winer stated that communication must be well handled to complete this increase to the residents. Mrs. Boltzman stated that we have a big argument of not having an increase since 1992. Chairman Winer stated reality is reality and a change needs to be made. There are so many unknowns currently but we need to make an effort on change. He stated that the Mayor had a great recommendation to meet with the Trustees of each subdivision to explain and give a heads up to residents of what is occurring.

Redevelopment Updates

Mr. Shelton stated that the Desco project (former Shriner's site) has been recommended by the Planning and Zoning Committee to the Board of Aldermen with a list of conditions. Mr. Kiehl asked if the conditions looked reasonable. Mr. Shelton stated he didn't want to speak for the residents, but for the most part the developer has addressed and handled most of the requests by residents. The Board will be reviewing at the upcoming meeting.

Mr. Shelton stated there were no current updates on the LECC property. The elected officials named in the lawsuit have been responding and it is a very time consuming project on the part of the City staff and individuals. First responses are due tomorrow.

Chairman Winer asked if there was potential room for rethinking of the zoning of the LECC property not necessarily to what was turned down but to something that has retail elements or generating revenue. This is one of the last big properties that would have this opportunity. Mr. Shelton stated that the current zoning on the property is an R-3 which is residential zoning only and which would not allow any assisted living or really anything that would generate a Pilot. Nothing commercial would be allowed there.

K. SCHEDULE DATES FOR NEXT MEETINGS:

Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. has been cancelled.

Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Winer requested approval for adjournment of the July 11, 2017 meeting.

MOTION: Mrs. Boltzman motioned and Mr. O'Connell seconded that the meeting be adjourned. All voting members present voted in the affirmative.
MOTION PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.