

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

June 14, 2023 10:00 AM – 10:45 AM Zoom Meeting

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MINUTES

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am. Finance Committee members participating were Finance Committee Chair Sharon Robinson, Michael Mitchell, Patrick Seiter and Dr. William Clark. A quorum was determined.

Also participating was Charlotte Claiborne of the Bridge Center for Hope.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Robinson asked if any member of the public wished to comment. After hearing none, Ms. Robinson proceeded with the agenda as written.

III. FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

A. For Approval: Finance Committee Minutes Meeting held February 20, 2023

Ms. Robinson reviewed the minutes of the February 20, 2023, Finance Committee, and upon a motion by Michael Mitchell and a second by Dr. William Clark, the minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. FOR DISCUSSION: Finance Committee Update

Ms. Robinson asked Ms. Claiborne to give the Finance Committee update. Ms. Claiborne presented a financial overview of the budget and mentioned that the IRS Form 990 had been filed, and the 2022 audit had been submitted to City-Parish. Additionally, Ms. Claiborne reported that the Bridge Center had received a \$15,000 grant to fund medication and transportation for indigent guests after their discharge from the facility.

V. FOR DISCUSSION: 2024 City-Parish Budget Request

Ms. Robinson deferred to Ms. Claiborne to discuss the 2024 City-Parish Budget Request. Ms. Claiborne reported that the City-Parish Finance Department requested budget submissions earlier than normal due to a planned computer upgrade. Ms. Claiborne reviewed historical trends, comparing the suggested budget amounts from the City-Parish, the actual requests made by the Bridge Center, and the final amounts received each year since 2020. Ms. Claiborne reported that the 2024 suggested amount from the City-Parish is \$7.1 million. After discussion, upon a motion by Michael Mitchell and a second by Patrick Seiter, the Finance Committee recommends requesting the suggested amount of \$7,147,680, with a portion allocated for a potential mobile crisis response unit listed under the 'Other Services Special Projects' category, and present to the Board of Directors.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ms. Robinson asked if there was any unfinished business that required discussion. Upon hearing none, Ms. Robinson proceeded with the agenda as written.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Robinson asked if there was any new business that required discussion. Upon hearing none, Ms. Robinson proceeded with the agenda as written.

VIII. ADJOURN

With no further business to conduct and on a motion by Dr. William Clark and a second by Patrick Seiter, the Finance Committee meeting adjourned at 10:47 am.