



FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

July 1, 2024
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
Zoom Meeting

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MINUTES

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 PM. Finance Committee members in attendance were Chair Sharon Robinson, Patrick Seiter, Charles Abboud, and Dr. William Clark. A quorum was determined.

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

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Robinson opened the meeting and asked if any members 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 June 14, 2023

Ms. Robinson reviewed the June 14, 2023, Finance Committee meeting minutes. On a motion by Patrick Seiter and a second by Charles Abboud, the minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. FOR DISCUSSION: Financial Overview

Ms. Robinson reviewed the financial overview and provided a summary of the current finances, including the interest from investments. Ms. Robinson noted that the report would be reformatted to separate cash from revenue.

V. FOR ACTION: Approval of 2025 City-Parish Budget Request

Ms. Robinson deferred to Ms. Claiborne to discuss the 2025 City-Parish Budget Request. Ms. Claiborne reported that the Bridge Center would request the total amount suggested by the City-Parish Finance Department and reviewed the preliminary budget line items. After due discussion,

the Finance Committee recommends presenting the 2025 City-Parish Budget Request to the Board for approval.

VI. FOR DISCUSSION: BRPD Justice Mental Health Grant

Ms. Robinson deferred to Ms. Claiborne to discuss the BRPD Justice Mental Health Grant. Ms. Claiborne reported that BRPD has requested that the Bridge Center for Hope assist them with operating a mobile crisis response team. Ms. Claiborne reported that the grant would allow the Bridge Center to expand its current mobile response program days and hours of operations if approved. Ms. Claiborne reported that additional information is required to understand the grant requirements fully. After further discussion, the Finance Committee recommended including legal counsel in further conversations with BRPD.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Robinson asked if there was any new business that required discussion. Ms. Claiborne reported that 2024 was a reassessment year, and all taxing districts are legally required to roll back to the adjusted millage determined by the Assessor's Office. Ms. Claiborne reported that each taxing district must notify the governing authority whether it wishes to remain at the rollback millage, roll forward, or levy a millage that is reduced further than the rollback. Ms. Claiborne reported that the rollback millage for the Bridge Center was 1.33, which would generate the same revenue for the 2025 budget after the assessment. After further discussion, the Finance Committee, on a motion by Dr. William Clark and a second by Charles Abboud, approved the 1.33 rollback millage. Ms. Claiborne reported that she would submit the necessary documentation ahead of the deadline.

IX. ADJOURN

With no further business to conduct, the Finance Committee meeting was adjourned at 12:57 PM on a motion by Dr. William Clark and a second by Charles Abboud.