

Finance Committee Meeting Monday 02.13.2023

The meeting commenced at 1930 hrs.

Committee members in attendance: Chairman David W. Voss, John Hardig, Lindsey Jones and Brian Smyth.

Other council members in attendance: Kathleen Zech, Amy Richter and President of Council Kerry Smyth.

City officials: Mayor Sam Keller, SSD Tom Braun, Clerk of Council Jenny Eilermann, and Treasurer RaeJean Hardig.

Others: None

Meeting Objectives: To continue the discussion relative increasing revenue for the city. Focus this date was an adjustment in garbage fees to reflect the rising costs of disposal, fuel, labor and equipment to operate garbage collection..

Discussion: The Chair started the meeting with stating a need to focus on the garbage fee during the meeting. The administration provided four spreadsheets to council. These spreadsheets were updated and replaced the ones sent out on 02.09.2023. The first spreadsheet provided information on the current fees, and #2, #3 and #4 provided scenarios utilizing different rates, code information and current collection and proposed fee increase information.

The committee and others present reviewed the four spreadsheets. Lengthy discussion ensued relative the spreadsheets. It was agreed that spreadsheet # 4 would be a good starting point with some adjustments to be made before finalization. The fees for dumpsters was listed at 75% of the commercial rate and it was agreed to change it to 85%. The fees for single family, two family three family and business were accepted as listed. During the meeting, Treasurer Hardig updated the spreadsheets and provided council with the new figures. SSD Braun will provided the updated spreadsheet tomorrow's date to council.

The Greater Cincinnati Water Works handles the collection of the trash fees. They receive 5% of monies collected for administrative fees.

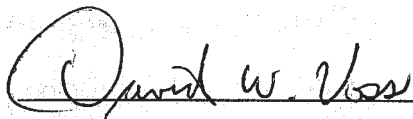
Finance Committee member John Hardig raised the issue of curbside recycling with input from Councilwoman Amy Richter. It was decided to contact a vendor to come to council and present the costs of same, how to implement it and its feasibility.

President of Council Kerry Smith proposed a higher rate for multiple family units where the property owner did not reside in one of the units. After discussion, it was decided that it would be difficult to obtain owner information and it would increase administrative costs. Matter closed.

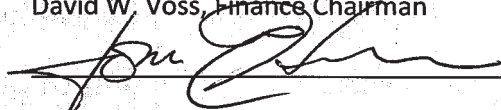
In closing, the next Finance Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 02.21.2023 following the regular council meeting.

The meeting concluded at 2048 hrs.

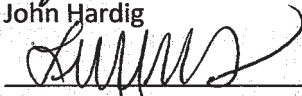
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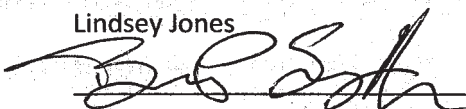
David W. Voss, Finance Chairman



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