

# **FINANCE/NEIGHBORHOODS SC MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE – JUNE 1, 2023**

**TIME – 6:00 PM**

**PLACE - MAYOR’S RECEPTION ROOM**

## **1. Roll Call**

Present on Roll Call:

Finance SC - C. Scott; C. Gitschier; C. Robinson.

Neighborhoods SC - C. Mercier; C. Gitschier; C. Jenness.

Others Present – Austin Ball (Asst. CFO); Yovani Baez-Rose (DPD); Dylan Ricker (Planning); Terry Ryan (Parking) and Kelly Oakes (Auditor).

## **2. Meeting Called To Order**

C. Mercier opened the meeting introducing members and City employees.

## **3. Order Of Business**

Ms. Baez-Rose outlined the recommendations of the Community Preservation Act Commission for approved funding. Projects outlined where O’Donnell Park (Open Space/Recreation); Hadley House (Community Housing); and the remaining under Historic Preservation – Girls Inc., James Boyle Building, and St. George’s Church. The following speakers addressed the body regarding different projects; Richard Hupper (Boyle Building), Stella McAuliffe (St. George’s Church) Ex. Director Chan and Laura Watts (LHA – Hadley House). C. Robinson commented on Boyle Building noting approval of project and questioned ADA

accessibility. C. Gitschier commented on location of building in the vicinity of the Boy's Club. C. Mercier commented on the floor plan of the building. C. Scott noted project was needed in area. C. Mercier commented on application process regarding St. George's Church. Ms. Baez-Rose noted that there are no time constraints regarding Hadley House project. C. Gitschier expressed concern with water main near the Hadley House. C. Robinson noted Hadley House would be for veterans. C. Robinson questioned if Girls Inc. had any prior funding. Ms. Baez-Rose noted it was a multi-phase project that did not receive prior funding. **Motion** by C. Scott, seconded by C. Mercier to accept recommendations for funding for all five projects presented this meeting. Adopted per Roll Call vote, 5 yeas. So voted.

C. Mercier introduced the second item on agenda, Parking Placard Program. Mr. Ryan began presentation. C. Gitschier noted recommendation that fee should increase more than the recommendation to ensure costs are covered. C. Scott noted costs should be covered but stricter enforcement needs to happen. C. Gitschier noted many expired signs that should be attended to during neighborhood tours. The body discussed raising the fee and attaching to it to a yearly CPI increase. Motion by C. Robinson, seconded by C. Jenness to raise fee to \$120 per year and tied to a CPI increase yearly. So voted. C. Jenness noted need for fee to cover costs and that it should be reviewed and adjusted accordingly. C. Gitschier noted the fee is applied to property owner and not tenant. C. Mercier noted meeting is to gather this information to develop updated program. C. Scott noted signs should be voided if out of date. C. Jenness indicated better practice is to do one billing per year and not on a rotating basis. C. Robinson noted that new fee would only be \$10 per month. C. Mercier suggested age discount. C. Gitschier noted there should be no discounts as the fee just covers costs. C.

Jeness indicated that Law Department should review if fees can be applied differently to different groupings.

#### **4. Adjournment**

**Motion** by C. Gitschier, seconded by C. Scott to adjourn and recess meeting. So voted.

Respectfully submitted:

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Michael Q. Geary, City Clerk