Joint Finance Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 22, 2012

Attendees: Chair Anton, Councilor Coyne, Councilor Mavodones, Councilor Duson, Mark Rees, Ellen Sanborn, Anita Lachance, Suzanne Knight, Mike Bobinsky, Ryan Scott, and Gene Pierotti. Members of the public.

Chair Anton called meeting to order.

1. **Approve minutes from February 9, 2012 meeting.**
   Motion made by Councilor Coyne to approve minutes from February 9, 2012 meeting, seconded by Chair Anton. Motion passed 2-0.

2. **Recommendation on appointment of Audit Firm.**
   Ms. Knight explained that the City did an RFP process and that Runyon, Kersteen & Ouellette was the only firm that submitted a proposal. Their proposal came in lower than what the City paid in FY2011 at $91,175.

   Public comment was taken. One member of the public spoke.

   Motion made by Chair Anton to send Order appointing Independent Auditor to full Council, seconded by Councilor Coyne. Motion passed 3-0.

3. **Golf Course Business Plan update**
   Mr. Bobinsky provided a slideshow presentation outlining the Riverside Golf Course business plan. Chair Anton asked committee members for questions.

   Having no questions by committee members, Chair Anton opened public comment. Public comment was taken, with four members of the public speaking.

   Discussion was held on the location of the new clubhouse. Mr. Bobinsky explained that placement is on the street side of Riverside. The facility is 600 sq. feet with public bathroom and space for staff to work. He said the placement was proposed as it was better for utilities. This project has been designed and is going through the administrative review process. Mr. Bobinsky is hoping to receive Planning Board approval in May.

   Mr. Rees said that management will be hiring an outside consultant to finalize the business plan. Chair Anton asked to include winter operations within the final business plan.

4. School Budget Presentation

Attendees: James Morse, Peter Eglinton, Ed Bryan, Justin Costa, Sarah Thompson, Jaimey Caron, Mike Wilson, David Gayland, Connie Packard, and Chip Weber.

Mr. Costa explained they met on the proposed FY13 Superintendant's budget on March 6th. The Finance Committee has met several times but has not taken any action. They are planning a workshop on Tuesday. Mr. Morse provided notebooks to the City's Finance Committee and provided a summary. Discussion was held on grant funded positions.

Chair Anton opened public comment. Two members of the public spoke.

Councilor Duson would like to have recovery funds tracked that have come into the budget and are now no longer available. Councilor Coyne thanked School Finance committee and appreciates the material and early look. Chair Anton will be looking at the budget based on sustainability.

Mr. Costa said the School's Finance Committee met on the proposed budget yesterday and didn't receive information in enough time to be able to vote. They plan to vote on the budget next week with final action taken on April 10th and public hearing on April 25th. He said they plan to have it to City's Finance Committee on the 12th.

Meeting adjourned.