

**Joint Finance Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 11, 2012**

Attendees: Chairman Anton, Councilor Coyne, Councilor Dusen, Councilor Mavodones. *School Board Members:* Caron, Costa, Mike Wilson, Superintendent Caulk, Mayor Brennan, Ellen Sanborn, Mike Murray, Mike Bobinsky and Rick Blackburn. PWD: Chris Crovo and Jay Hewett

Chair Anton called meeting to order.

1. Approve minutes from September 13, 2012.

Motion made to approve minutes from September 13, 2012 by Councilor Coyne, seconded by Councilor Dusen. Motion passed 3-0.

2. PWD Agreement for Peaks Island Sewer Extension

This is a proposed modification of an item that came before the Finance Committee last year. Bobinsky explained that it became apparent that there was a need to expand the scope of the project to incorporate more properties than originally planned. The expanded scope of work will increase the cost of the project by \$512,000. Bobinsky explained this will be coming to council as an order to amend agreement with the PWD.

Public comment was taken. One person spoke. Public comment was closed.

Councilor Dusen was glad to see this going forward and accommodating additional residences on Peaks Island. Chair Anton thanked Bobinsky and asked for a motion to recommend this to the full council

Motion made to recommend this to full council by Councilor Dusen, seconded by Chair Anton. Motion passed 3-0.

3. Preliminary FY2012 financial results

Sanborn provided schedules showing preliminary year-end budgetary results and a summary of general fund balance. She explained that reference to the tax stabilization is listed in footnotes as this is the first year this will get allocated.

Chair Anton said an area of concern with him is school fund balance versus the overall fund balance and how the State views this. He said this still seems to be unresolved. Sanborn said that State law is not

clear. He asked staff to report back on what the rule is and determine that the City/School is within State law.

4. **Discussion of Payment in Lieu of Taxes Program**

Sanborn provided information on how this has been handled in the past along with a listing of tax-exempt properties. She also provided a study by the Lincoln Institute on Pilots that was implemented in Boston. Chair Anton asked that staff and the mayor come back to the Finance Committee with a recommended plan and how it would be implemented.

Discussion was held on the agenda items for the next meeting, and Chair Anton asked about having audit results presented to Finance Committee in November. Sanborn said they usually do it in January but that she would check to see if we can set it up in November.

Meeting adjourned.