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FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

December 17, 2024

The Finance Committee of Wheeling City Council met on the above date at 5:00 p.m. Committee Members present: Member Sklavounakis, Vice Chair Thorngate and Chair Palmer. Others present: Councilors Cain, Assaro, Mayor Magruder, City Manager Robert Herron, City Clerk Jessica Zalenski, and members of the public and press.

Mr. Palmer called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm the following was discussed:

November Financial Report

Mr. Herron presented the November Financial Report. Overall, year continues to balance out with large expenditures front loaded, Mr. Herron noted Police and Fire departments are a little ahead with expenditures and due to Health Insurance cost only being projected for 9% increase ended up being 11% has impacted budget as well. Currently 41% through the year with expenditures slightly ahead of revenues. Mr. Thorngate, seconded by Mr. Sklavounakis moved to accept the November Financial Report. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion on Clay School Building/Site

Mr. Herron presented information regarding costs of demolition versus renovations of the Clay School site. A lengthy discussion ensued with all committee members agreeing demolition is the best path forward. Mr. Herron noted grants will cover costs of asbestos abatement and demolition. Councilor Cain expressed concern over a new building, asking that it be accessible for all. Discussion continued, with all other councilors in agreement demolition of current building and a new recreation facility to be built. Mr. Thorngate, seconded by Mr. Sklavounakis moved to send the discussion on the new recreation facility to the Health and Recreation committee of Council. All in favor. Motion Carried.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Sklavounakis seconded by Mr. Thorngate, moved to adjourn. Motion carried. Time: 5:20p.m.