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## **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **November 21, 2023**

The Finance Committee of Wheeling City Council met on the above date at 4:45 p.m. Committee Members present: Chair Palmer, Vice Chair Thorngate Others present: Mayor Elliott, Councilor Ketchum City Manager Robert Herron, City Clerk Jessica Zalenski, and members of the public and press. Absent: Member Thorngate

Mr. Palmer called the meeting to order at 4:45 pm the following was discussed:

#### **October Financial Report:**

Mr. Herron presented the October Financial Report to the committee. Currently budget is at 33% expended and 33% through the Fiscal Year. Parks and Recreation Department is at 60% of their budget due to multiple projects that are dependent on weather/seasons. All other areas on track and balanced, general fund has approximately \$2.91 million which is light due to timing issues of some projects compared to years past. Mr. Palmer moved, seconded by Mr. Thalman to accept October Financial Report. All in favor. Motion Carried.

#### **Audit Scoring:**

Mr. Herron presented two proposals for audit scoring to the committee. Finance department and City Management recommends going with the higher scoring company which is Perry & Associates located out of Marietta, OH, same company that handled last year's audit. Mr. Palmer moved, seconded by Mr. Thalman to approve Perry & Associates to conduct yearly audit. All in favor. Motion Carried.

#### **Request for ARPA Funding- Temple Child Care Centre:**

Pastor Darrell Cummings presented request for ARPA funding in the amount of \$100,000 to open Temple Child Care Centre in North Wheeling. A lengthy discussion ensued, regarding condition of the building, where a playground could be built and how the money will be spent to open the facility. Mr. Thalman moved, seconded by Mr. Palmer to forward the ARPA request for up to \$100,000 for Temple Child Care Centre be sent to council. All in favor. Motion Carried.

#### **Discussion on ARPA Funds Request- LifeHub**

Mr. Palmer asked Melissa Adams, executive director for the LifeHub to explain in detail how the ARPA funding will support the opening of the LifeHub. Ms. Adams explained in detail how the funding will be spent, a lengthy discussion continued. Mr. Palmer asked Ms. Adams to please be available during next council meeting when funding is to be voted on if any more questions arise.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Thalman, seconded by Mr. Thorngate, moved to adjourn. Motion carried. Time: 5:24 p.m.