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## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT July 18, 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, and Member Thalman. Others present: Mayor Elliott, Councilors Ketchum, Seidler, City Manager Robert Herron, City Clerk Jessica Zalenski, and members of the public and press.

Mr. Palmer called the meeting to order at 4:45pm:  
The following matters were discussed:

### A. June Financial Report and B. End of Year Fiscal Review

Mr. Herron presented the June Report and End of Year Financials for the committee to review. Mr. Herron stated that the City ended at 92% of expenditure budget, noting the Police Department was under due to staffing issues coming in at only 87% of budget. B&O under budget, and after revenue stabilization the city was right at 98.5% of budget. Mr. Palmer had previously requested revenue amounts generated by building permits; Mr. Herron stated the building permits came out to be just under \$200,000 for the year. There is a carryover amount of \$1,060,000.00 that will need to be appropriated by council, Mr. Herron suggested the money be used on equipment, pay raises and paving. Mr. Herron recommended a 3% pay raise for city employees, using the remaining \$800,000 for paving projects. Mr. Thalman asked for at least half of the paving be on alleys. Mr. Thalman requested a list from Mr. Lanham of priority alleys to be paved. Mr. Elliott asked City Manager for a list of all ARPA funding spent so far and to whom and what was funded. Mr. Palmer congratulated Mr. Herron and City Management on being fiscally responsible, and asked for Operations department to be involved in paving lists before going out to bid. Mr. Thalman motioned, seconded by Mr. Thorngate to forward a 3% raise for city employees and the rest of the cash carry over be spent on paving projects. All in favor. Motion Carried.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Thalman, seconded by Mr. Thorngate, moved to adjourn. Motion carried. Time: 5:02 p.m.