

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

February 4, 2025 at 5:00 PM

Vice Chairman Terrio called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Terrio, Kantor, Long, Burkush

Absent: Alderman Morgan

1. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$52,176.72 for CIP 412225 Emergency Management Administrative Cost Reimbursement.

*On motion of **Alderman Long**, duly seconded by **Alderman Burkush**, it was voted to approve.*

2. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$0.36 for CIP 610325 Beech Street Programs.

*On motion of **Alderman Burkush**, duly seconded by **Alderman Long**, it was voted to approve.*

3. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorizations providing for the transfer and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$27,143.13 for CIP 711125 Sidewalk Rehab and Expansion.

*On motion of **Alderman Burkush**, duly seconded by **Alderman Long**, it was voted to approve.*

4. Amending Resolution and Budget Authorizations providing for the transfer and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$5,331.39 for CIP 712421 FY21 Roadway Improvement.

*On motion of **Alderman Long**, duly seconded by **Alderman Burkush**, it was voted to approve.*

5. Communication from Matthew Normand, City Clerk, requesting a revised project description for CIP 810024 Election Infrastructure Improvement.

Vice Chairman Terrio asked can you explain this to us. Is this so disabled people can vote?

Matthew Normand, City Clerk, stated the state passed a law in the last session that requires all polling locations have the accessible voting tablet that you see during state elections. We have them in our polling places now. Going forward, we have to use those in municipal elections as well. The law places the burden on the city to pay for those devices. There has been an agreement with the state. They may be buying the tablets but we will have to pay for coding, which will be anywhere from \$6,000 to

\$10,000 per election. This request will allow us to use any surplus in that project to help offset those costs. We shouldn't have any financial exposure in the city for at least a few years.

Vice Chairman Terrio asked how many tablets per polling place do we have.

Clerk Normand answered one tablet per polling place. It is in the tent where a person in a wheelchair could enter.

Vice Chairman Terrio asked why is it \$6,000 to \$10,000 per election.

Clerk Normand stated they haven't given us an explanation for that. There are only a few vendors that do this and I am guessing they have the market cornered on that coding so they can charge what they want.

Vice Chairman Terrio asked we are going to pay for the tablet and then pay a vendor thousands of dollars more per election.

Clerk Normand answered right. Currently, for every election we pay a vendor to code our ballots for the tabulator. This is for the small tablet that sits for accessible voting and we would now have to pay for coding for that. We are in the range of about \$4,000 across the city for coding on the regular tabulators. This is another \$6,000. It is huge.

Vice Chairman Terrio asked it is \$6,000 per election.

Clerk Normand answered it is \$6,000 to \$10,000 per election. Our exposure each election cycle will be upwards of \$20,000 for coding.

*On motion of **Alderman Burkush**, duly seconded by **Alderman Long**, it was voted to approve.*

*There being no further business, on motion of **Alderman Kantor**, duly seconded by **Alderman Long**, it was voted to adjourn.*

A True Record. Attest.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew Normand".

Clerk of Committee