

Finance Committee Report

Re: FY21 2nd Quarter Treasurer's Report

Date: January 28, 2021

Committee Members Present: Etori, Davis, Depoy, Gorruso, Humphrey

Other Aldermen Present: Clifford, Gillam, Talbott

Others Present: Treasurer Mary Markowski

The meeting began at 5:32 pm to review the treasurer's report for the 2nd Quarter of FY21. The treasurer started by reviewing her summary. She noted the pooled cash account is lower than this time last year primarily because of expenses in sewer projects. The money will be reimbursed as the requisitions are filed. The treasurer noted that our funds are placed in safe investments during this uncertain time.

The treasurer noted that delinquencies are higher than we would like although collections are steady and in line with last year. She noted that the program through the state to help people pay their water & sewer utility bills during COVID was a huge help to keeping people current.

Looking at the general fund income summary, the treasurer noted that the RME budget was reduced significantly for FY21 due to COVID and we received \$233,753, or about 59% of that budgeted amount. However, this is about \$49,000 less than last year at this time indicating that while it is better than projected, the impact of COVID is still significant. Revenue for the Rec Department programs at \$188K is holding strong to budgeted amounts but significantly less than the \$294K from last year. It was noted that the Rec Department is bringing in significant grant funding for the essential care and other programs they are offering. Overall non-tax revenues are doing better than budgeted which is a good sign for ending the fiscal year in a strong position.

Next the treasurer discussed the general fund expense summary. Of important note here are comparing the expenses to the rescissions. Expenses are keeping in line with the rescissions at ~50%. One note to watch in the coming reports will be the health care expenses. The expenses were budgeted at a 10% increase for FY21 but health care costs have gone up 18% for Calendar Year 21.

Looking at the proprietary funds, water and sewer are in line for revenue and expenses. The parking fund is down as expected giving COVID and the transit center fund is also showing lower revenues than expected.

The committee also discussed the debt schedules. The treasurer has developed a new way to report the information to help the board see the impact of the various bonds and how they change over time. The chair noted his appreciation for the work of the treasurer in providing this information in a very accessible format which will help future boards understand the impacts of current and future bonds.

The meeting concluded at 6:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher Etori, Chair