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Finance Committee

A meeting of the Finance Committee was called to order by Councilor Zarrella on Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at 6:01 PM in the Legislative Building, 700 Main Street, Fitchburg, MA.

Committee Members present: Councilors Anthony Zarrella, Paul Beauchemin, Derrick Cruz, and Elizabeth Walsh.

Committee Members absent: Councilor Marcus DiNatale

Others Present: Police Captain Matthew LeMay and Liz Murphy, Executive Director of Community Development.

172-24 ORDER: there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of THIRTY-SEVEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$37,800) same to be charged against the FY2025 TAX LEVY and credited to POLICE – MAINTENANCE OF BUILDING – Repair & Care.

Discussion: Captain LeMay stated that these funds will be used to clean the HVA system; a cleaning which is long overdue and necessary to ensure the safety and welfare of staff in the building. In response to councilors' concerns, he stated that the project has gone through the competitive bid process, involves technical equipment outside the scope of routine maintenance, and will extend the life of the system.

Action: (4-0) Be Adopted

173-24 ORDER: the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of grant funds in the approximate amount of EIGHTEEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE AND 57/100 DOLLARS (\$18,963.57), received from Fitchburg State University and originating from Mass Development, to fulfill TDI/InTown commitments made, and to fund programming, marketing and needed repairs at Mill Street.

Discussion: Ms. Murphy explained that Fitchburg State University had a role in the TDI district, but has stopped supporting it as fiscal agent. The funds are expected to be used to fulfill a \$1,000 commitment for the Latino Festival, and then maybe Mill Street repairs (i.e. frames on murals), otherwise there is no specific plan. The group will identify permanent improvements that are consistent with Mass Development's intent. After discussion, and to clarify the intent of ORDER 173-24, a motion was made and approved to amend the wording by inserting a comma and the word "and" after the word "made" (incorporated above.)

Action: (4-0) Be Adopted

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 PM

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jacquelyn Cronin". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jacquelyn Cronin, Clerk