

**CITY OF LAKEVILLE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE  
December 9, 2020**

1. Chair Barry Fick called the special meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. via teleconference.

**Members Present:** Chair Barry Fick, Vice Chair Laird Hanson, Stephanie Hunter, Jake Johnston, Bruce Rydeen, John Tuschner, Sharon Zell, and Phil Raines

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff present:** Jerilyn Erickson, Finance Director

**Members of the Public:** None

2. **Approval of Agenda**

No changes. Motion by Hanson to approve. Second by Hunter. Ayes: unanimous

3. **Approval of September 9, 2020 minutes**

Motion by Hunter to approve the September 9, 2020 minutes.

Second by Johnston. Ayes: unanimous

4. **City Council Actions (Verbal)**

Erickson discussed the adopted 2021 tax levy/budget and the 2022 fee schedule that were adopted by the City Council on December 7, 2020 and the G.O. Tax Abatement Bonds, Series 2021A, that are being issued in January, 2021 to fund the energy savings improvement projects at Ames and Hasse arenas.

Members commented on the value of the insert in the 2021 Truth in Taxation (TNT) notice.

5. **Impacts of COVID-19**

Hanson provided an update on the number of COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths in Dakota County.

Erickson discussed the number and amount of grants provided with CARES Act funding. Members discussed the financial impact on restaurants and small businesses, additional assistance being contemplated by the City Council, the Chamber's marketing campaign to support hotels and restaurants, lessons that could be learned from the pandemic, the shift in people working from home, the importance of having the Financial Sustainability and Resiliency Policy in place, the impact on the elections (absentee/mail-in voting), etc.

Will the City be coordinating a pandemic debrief?

6. **Fund Balance Policy**

The committee would like to continue discussions about modifying the fund balance policy to establish a 50-60% target ratio which could address community growth, greater fiscal caution, rating agency metrics, etc. Language would be proposed that articulates the reason and the process (phase-in period) to achieve the new target.

Fick will put together some draft language / changes.

The Committee will continue to discuss the financial impacts from COVID-19 at the next regular meeting.

**7. Follow-up on Workforce Housing Presentation – On Hold**

Will discuss further at a future meeting.

**8. Amazon Warehouse**

Rydeen views the Amazon construction as a gift. Members discussed the possibility of setting aside some of the funds for workforce housing.

Erickson stated that the Amazon permit/valuation would be incorporated into the long-term financial management plan as part of the 2020 actual data. The long-term forecasts would not change.

**9. Long-Term Financial Planning Model Update – No update**

**10. Financial Sustainability and Resiliency Policy (FS&R) Update**

Members emphasized the importance of incorporating language about the sustainability of our natural resources into the FS&R policy. Members discussed the natural resources that are critical to our community, such as the availability of water. The status of Progressive Rail's request to transfer water out of the region was discussed as well as statewide resources that might be available to address threats to our natural resources (i.e. Great Lakes Compact). Members viewed threats to our local and regional natural resources as potential financial threats because of the impacts on real estate development, utility system infrastructure needed, the ability to provide resources to our residents, etc.

Hanson suggested putting together a list of other sustainability threats that pose a threat to our community. FEMA provides a list of threats (i.e. environmental, a community's ability to recover, feeding, housing).

Future discussion: Ratio of commercial and residential tax base. How does commercial development impact the taxes?

**11. Future Meeting Topics**

- CDA & Housing Assistance (vouchers);
- Workforce housing (Amazon);
- Transportation;
- Lyft pilot program with Dakota County (Hunter will send a link to a Youtube video).

**12. Other Business**

None

**13. Announcements**

Renewals for members will be sent out.

**14. Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

**15. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jerilyn Erickson, Finance Director