

**CITY OF WASHINGTON
WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS**

TO: Mayor Manier and City Council
FROM: Finance & Personnel Committee
DATE: July 30, 2015
SUBJECT: Report of Proceedings of Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting Held on Monday, July 6, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brucks at 5:32 p.m.

Present: Chairman Brucks, Mayor Manier, Alderman Butler

Also Present: Controller Baxter, Planning & Development Director Oliphant, Public Works Director Andrews, Treasurer Dingledine, Alderman Brownfield, Steve Stein, Steve Hullcraz, Ron Rentsch

AGENDA

1. Non-member Alderman wishing to be heard on a non-agenda item - None.
2. Citizens wishing to be heard on a non-agenda item - None.
3. Approval of Minutes

Alderman Butler made a motion and Mayor Manier seconded to approve the May 4, 2015 Regular Session Minutes. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Alderman Butler made a motion and Mayor Manier seconded to approve the May 4, 2015 Executive Session Minutes. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

4. Business Items

A. Freedom Parkway/Lakeshore Drive Roadway Extensions Funding Options

Planning & Development Director Oliphant reviewed different funding options with the Committee and indicated that Staff was in need of direction for this project. The idea of a business district has been discussed and businesses in the area are generally agreeable. The project is estimated to be \$6 million total or \$3 million for just Freedom Parkway. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Committee prefers to wait until a developer comes forward willing to share in the project and the Committee was not supportive of going forward with the Special Business District tax at this time.

B. Greater Peoria Area EDC Funding

A request has been made by the Greater Peoria Area EDC for funding in the amount of \$10,000. In the past, the City has generally contributed \$2,500. Mayor Manier indicated that he would like to support the new Director – Jennifer Daly but is not prepared to increase funding that significantly until Washington sees results on this side of the river. Following discussion, Mayor Manier made a motion, seconded by Alderman Butler to recommend the City Council contribute \$5,000 to the Greater Peoria Area EDC. Motion carried.

5. Other Business – Mayor Manier indicated that City Administrator recruitment is well underway and the deadline for applications is July 27, 2015. Public Works Director Andrews also gave a report on the status of the roadway/curb work being done in the tornado impacted area.
6. Executive Session – At 6:03 p.m. the Committee convened in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.
7. At 6:15 p.m. the Committee reconvened in regular session and there being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.