

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2021 9:00 A.M.**

Present: Committee Members: Chairperson, Aaron Banks; Vice Chair, Ashby Foote, Kenneth Stokes (via Teleconference), Brian Grizzell (via Teleconference), Vernon Hartley and Virgi Lindsay, Council President. Directors: Dr. Safiya Omari, Chief of Staff; Louis Wright, CAO, Monica Allen, City Attorney, Shanekia Jordan, Clerk of Council, and Denise Fortner, Chief Deputy Clerk of Council.

Absent: Angelique Lee.

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The meeting was called to order by **Chairperson Aaron Banks**.

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DELIBERATIONS:

Council Members asked questions regarding:

- 1.3 million being put toward maintenance and facilities repair
- Available funds to be used for cleaning streets and curbs
- Competitive pay for Police, Fire, LDOs, and dispatchers
- SEIMENS money
- Vacant positions in Public Works, Water/Sewer, and Sanitation

The Administration answered all questions posed to them by the City Council. **LaaWanda Horton, Director of Finance**, gave a brief overview of COVID funds spent to date. **Safiya Omari, Chief of Staff**, spoke about COVID-19 Reimbursements and stated that Tyrone James was contracted to handle reimbursements.

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The meeting was recessed for 20 minutes at 10:13am.

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Chairperson Banks called the meeting back to order at 10:40 am.

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Council Members asked questions in regard to raising pay for Corporals to \$45,000.00, Sergeants to \$51,000.00, Lieutenants to \$45,000.00 and Captains to \$51,000.00. If Public Works could work with Finance and HR to restructure what would the impact be? Could some vacant positions be deleted to provide funding for other areas?

Request was made to amend the Special Council Meeting on September 9th to Deliberations.

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There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.