

FINANCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

December 2, 2021

To:

Ken Suer, Chairman

Financial Planning Committee of City Council

From:

Brian K. Riblet, City Manager

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Subject: Financial Planning Committee Meeting- December 6, 2021

As a reminder, the Financial Planning Committee is scheduled to meet on Monday, December 6 at 4:30 p.m. in City Hall. The agenda for this meeting is as follows:

- November 2021 Income Tax Reports Please see attached correspondence from Katie Smiddy, Finance Director, regarding the November Income Tax Report. Staff will be prepared to answer any questions on this report at Monday's meeting.
- 2. Supplemental Appropriations to the 2021 Budget Please see the attached correspondence Katie Smiddy, Finance Director requesting year-end supplemental appropriations to the 2021 Budget. The year-end supplemental appropriations are necessary to reconcile various accounts either needing additional appropriations or which are required to be reduced for budgetary compliance purposes. The aggregate effect of the supplemental appropriations which staff will be available to present this information and explain the rationale behind the changes.
- 3. Other Business-The purpose of this agenda item is to provide an opportunity to discuss any issue or ask questions that may be on your mind.

Also attached are the minutes from the November 1, 2021, meeting of the Financial Planning Committee for review and approval at Monday's meeting.

Should you have questions or concerns regarding the above agenda items or have additional items to be discussed at the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me.

c: Financial Planning Committee Members (2)
Mayor and City Council Members (4)
Katie Smiddy, Finance Director
Connie Gaylor, Administrative Coordinator
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FINANCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF CITY COUNCIL

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AGENDA

December 6, 2021

4:30 P.M.

City Hall

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Guests and Residents
- 3. Communications
- 4. New Business
 - a. November 2021 Income Tax Report
 - b. Supplemental Appropriations to the 2021 Budget
 - c. Update on Gerri Harbison Memorial Project
- 5. Approval of Minutes: November 1, 2021
- 6. Other Business
- 7. Executive Session
- 8. Adjournment





December 2, 2021

TO:

Brian K. Riblet, City Manager

FROM:

Katie Smiddy, Finance Director & M

SUBJECT:

Legislation Request Amending the Current Year Appropriations

Request

It is necessary for City Council to amend the 2021 Appropriation Ordinance to appropriate and reduce appropriations in various funds.

Financial Impact

The aggregate effect of the supplemental appropriations is to increase total appropriations by \$4,163,098 as a result of increased obligations in comparison to total appropriations. Under Ohio Revised Code, appropriations cannot be exceeded by expenditures and appropriations cannot be made when there are no monies available in the fund balance.

Background

The year-end supplemental appropriations are necessary to reconcile various accounts which have been overdrawn for various reasons. A brief recap of the proposed appropriations is detailed on the attached page.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council place this item on the agenda which amends the 2021 Appropriation Ordinance which increases appropriations in various funds for the year.

ORDINANCE NO. , 2021

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020

WHEREAS, the 2020 Appropriation Ordinance No. 18, 2020 passed December 4, 2020, appropriated a total of \$44,922,056.00 for the year 2021; and

WHEREAS, appropriations within a certain fund are insufficient to meet the obligations of the City;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Montgomery, Ohio, that the appropriation ordinance be amended as below:

SECTION 1. There be an increase of \$453,520 in the appropriation balance of the following accounts of the General Fund 101:

Account Number 101.317.5310	Utilities	+	\$ 4,500
Account Number 101.317.5365	Contract Services	+	\$ 5,000
Account Number 101.407.5365	Contract Services	+	\$ 364,000
Account Number 101.407.5401	Special Projects	+	\$ 80,000
Account Number 101.407.5404	Operating Equip	+	\$ 20

SECTION 2. There be an increase of \$1,735 in the appropriation balance in the Memorial Fund 209 to:

Account Number 209.000.5326	Memorials	+	\$ 1,000
Account Number 209.000.5345	Facilities Maintenance	+	\$ 735

SECTION 3. There be an increase of \$100,000 in the appropriation balance in the Coronavirus Relief Fund 221 to:

Account Number 221.000.5401 Special Projects + \$ 100,000

State Highway Fund 265 to:

Section 4. There be an increase of \$7,000 in the appropriation balance in the

Account Number 265.000.5380 Operating Supplies + \$ 7,000

SECTION 5. There be an increase of \$179,528 in the appropriation balance in the Special Assessment Fund 322 to:

Account Number 322.000.5474 Transfer Out (101) + \$ 179,528

General Bond	SECTION 6. There be an increase difference Fund 324 to:	of \$28,448 in the appropria	ation	bala	ance in the
	Account Number 324.000.5335	Professional Services	+	\$	28,448
Montgomery	SECTION 7. There be an increase Quarter TIF Fund 329 to:	of \$179,528 in the appropr	riatio	n ba	lance in the
	Account Number 329.000.5503 Account Number 329.000.5504	Interest Bond Cost of Issuance	+	\$ \$	625,167 492,435
Vintage Club	SECTION 8. There be an increase TIF Fund 331 to:	of \$500,000 in the appropr	riatio	n ba	lance in the
	Account Number 331.000.5474	Transfer Out (480)	+	\$	500,000
Capital Impro	SECTION 9. There be a, increase vement Fund 410 to:	of \$57,958 in the appropr	iatio	n ba	lance in the
	Account Number 410.000.5350 Account Number 410.321.5470	Refunds Capital Projects	+	\$	35,000 356
	Account Number 410.702.5405	Capital Equipment Fin	+	\$	22,602
the Downtown	SECTION 10. There be an increas Improvement Fund 480 to:	e of \$1,702,307 in the app	ropri	iatio	n balance in
	Account Number: 480.000.5365 Account Number: 480.000.5401	Contractual Services Special Projects	+ +	\$ \$	31,057 402,000
	Account Number: 480.000.5470	Capital Projects			1,269,250
State Fees Fu	SECTION 11. There be an increase and 601 to:	e of \$15,000 in the appropi	riatio	n ba	lance in the
	Account Number: 601.000.5350	Refunds	+	\$	15,000
This Ordinanc	e shall be in full force and effect from	and after the earliest perio	d all	owe	d by law.
PASSED:					
ATTEST:	nie Gaylor, Clerk of Council	Oi- MII-i- M			
		Craig Margolis, Mayor			
APPROVED A	AS TO FORM				
Terrence M. D	onnellon, Law Director				

2021 Year end Supplemental Appropriations Draft

GENERAL FUND						
From:	Unappropriated Gen	eral Fund 101			4	53,520.00
То:						
	101.317.5310 101.317.5365	Utilities Contract Services	\$	4,500		
	101.407.5365	Contract Services Contract Services	\$ \$	5,000 364,000		
	101.407.5401	Special Projects	\$	80,000		
	101.407.5404	Operating Equipment	\$	20		
Total:	101.407.5404	Operating Equipment	Ψ	20	\$ 4	153,520.00
Memorial Fund						
From: Unappropriate	d Memorial Fund				\$	1,735.00
To:	209.000.5326	Memorials	\$	1,000		
	209.000.5345	Facilities Maintenance	\$	735		
Total:					\$	1,735.00
Coronavirus Relief	Fund					
From:	Unappropriated Core	onavirus Relief Fund			1	00.000.00
To:	221.000.5401	Special Projects	\$	100,000		
Total:					•	100,000.00
State Highway Fund	d					
From:	Unappropriated Stat	e Highway Fund				7,000.00
To:	265.000.5380	Operating Supplies/Materials	\$	7,000		
Total:						7,000.00
Special Assessmen	nt Bond Retirement F	Fund				179,528.00
From:		cial Assessment Bond Retirement Fund				
To:	322.000.5474	Transfer Out (101)	1	79,528.00		
Total:				•		179,528.00
General Bond Retir	rement Fund					
From:		neral Bond Retirement				28,448.00
To:	324.000.5335	Professional Service	\$	28,448		20, 110.00
Total:			•	,		28,448.00
Montgomery Quart	er TIF Fund					
From:		ntgomery Quarter TIF Fund			1,	117,602.00
To:	329.000.5503	Interest	\$	625,167		
	329.000.5504	Bond Cost of Issuance	\$	492,435		
Total:					1,	117,602.00
Vintage Club TIF F	und					
From:	Unappropriated Vin	tage Club TIF Fund				500,000.00
To:	331.000.5474	Transfer Out (480)	\$	500,000		
Total:						500,000.00
Capital Improveme	nt Fund					
From:	Unappropriated Cap	pital Improvement Fund				57,958.00
To:	410.000.5350	Refunds and Reimbursements		35,000		
	410.321.5470	Capital Projectes Special Events	\$	356		
	410.702.5405	Capital Equipment Finance	\$	22,602		
Total:						57,958.00
Downtown Improv	ements Fund					
From:	Unappropriated Do	wnTo:wn Improvement Fund			1,	702,307.00
	480.000.5365	Contractual Services	\$	31,057		
To:	480.000.5401	Special Projects	\$	402,000		
	480.000.5470	Capital Projects	\$	1,269,250		
Total:					1	,702,307.00
State Fees Fund						
From:	Unappropriated Sta	ate Fees Fund				15,000.00
To:	601.000.5350	Refunds and Reimbursements	\$	15,000		
Total:						15,000.00



FINANCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

December 2, 2021

To:

Brian Riblet, City Manager

From:

Katie Smiddy, Finance Director

Subject: 2021 November Income Tax Variance Report

Year to Date

For the month of November, the City's total income tax receipts were \$682,548, which is a decrease of \$23,635 or (3.35) % compared to the 2020 November collections of \$706,183. Although collections were down slightly in November, year-to-date revenue is up 5.24%.

	2021	2020	% Change
MTD November Actuals	682,548	706,183	(3.35)%
YTD Collections	9,966,265	9,469,958	5.24%
	YTD Actual	YTD Estimate	% Change
2021 Estimated Collections	9,966,265	8,633,747	15.0%

A breakdown by category for November 2021 is as follows:

Withholding- November 2021 withholding collections were \$638,614; a decrease of \$17,736 or (2.71) % when compared to November 2020 collections of \$656,377. Despite the slight decrease in November collections, the year-to-date withholding revenue is 4.68% higher than 2020.

Business- In November 2021, net profits from businesses located within or doing business within Montgomery were \$15,110. This is a decrease of \$381.00 or (2.46) % when compared to November 2020 collections of \$15,491. Year-to-date business collections are down 3.35%.

Resident- Revenues of \$28,824 were collected in November 2021 from residents living in Montgomery, which is a decrease of \$5,491 or (16) % when compared to November 2020 collections of \$34,315. Since all individual returns were posted prior to the end of October, most of the income was included in October totals. Year-to-date revenue is up 10.07%.

The following schedule breaks down collections by source and provides a graph comparing actual and estimated income tax revenues for 2020 and 2021. There is also an End of Month report attached showing the comparison between month-to-date and year-to-date.

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	MTD TWO YRS AGO	MTD LAST YR	MTD	THIS YR VS LAST YR	YTD TWO YRS AGO	YTD LAST YR	YTD	THIS YR VS LAST YEAR
BUSINESS	23,361.43	28,439.59	22,114.25	(22.24%)	23,361.43	28,439.59	22,114.25	(22.24%)
INDIVIDUAL	177,516.53	128,068.27	272,632.66	112.88%	177,516.53	128,068.27	272,632.66	112.88%
WITHHOLDING	681,087.45	759,371.18	754,152.23	(0.69%)	681,087.45	759,371.18	754,152.23	(0.69%)
01 JANUARY	881,965.41	915,879.04	1,048,899.14	14.52%	881,965.41	915,879.04	1,048,899.14	14.52%
BUSINESS	14,646.24	12,992.01	14,944.67	15.03%	38,007.67	41,431.60	37,058.92	(10.55%)
INDIVIDUAL	50,905.46	60,206.99	20,729.39	(65.57%)	228,421.99	188,275.26	293,362.05	55.82%
WITHHOLDING	539,389.55	709,427.46	658,419.74	(7.19%)	1,220,477.00	1,468,798.64	1,412,571.97	(3.83%)
02 FEBRUARY	604,941.25	782,626.46	694,093.80	(11.31%)	1,486,906.66	1,698,505.50	1,742,992.94	2.62%
BUSINESS	49,446.15	47,700.67	53,010.61	11.13%	87,453.82	89,132.27	90,069.53	1.05%
INDIVIDUAL	103,396.76	44,426.18	126,857.39	185.55%	331,818.75	232,701.44	420,219.44	80.58%
WITHHOLDING	478,539.70	737,930.53	627,421.17	(14.98%)	1,699,016.70	2,206,729.17	2,039,993.14	(7.56%)
03 MARCH	631,382.61	830,057.38	807,289.17	(2.74%)	2,118,289.27	2,528,562.88	2,550,282.11	0.86%
BUSINESS	288,685.64	87,593.71	215,061.10	145.52%	376,139.46	176,725.98	305,130.63	72.66%
INDIVIDUAL	669,423.26	192,504.10	368,989.92	91.68%	1,001,242.01	425,205.54	789,209.36	85.61%
WITHHOLDING	875,056.70	616,697.91	706,378.28	14.54%	2,574,073.40	2,823,427.08	2,746,371.42	(2.73%)
04 APRIL	1,833,165.60	896,795.72	1,290,429.30	43.89%	3,951,454.87	3,425,358.60	3,840,711.41	12.13%
BUSINESS	14,709.15	40,919.24	64,003.47	56.41%	390,848.61	217,645.22	369,134.10	%09.69
INDIVIDUAL	178,477.93	86,096.86	496,275.64	476.42%	1,179,719.94	511,302.40	1,285,485.00	151.41%
WITHHOLDING	585,896.33	580,622.96	727,813.14	25.35%	3,159,969.73	3,404,050.04	3,474,184.56	2.06%

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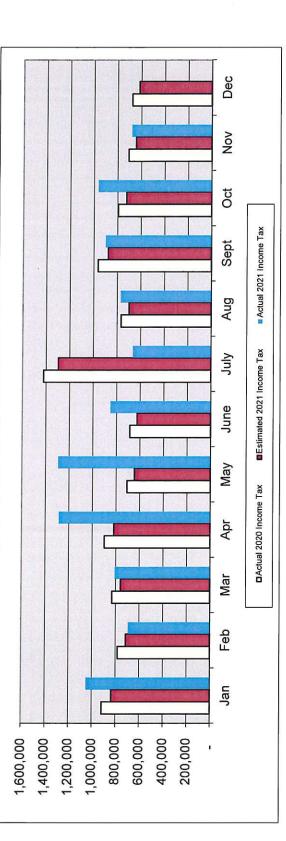
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05 MAY	779,083.41	707,639.06	1,288,092.25	82.03%	4,730,538.28	4,132,997.66	5,128,803.66	24.09%
BUSINESS	65,634.06	82,209.98	61,638.95	(25.02%)	456,482.67	299,855.20	430,773.05	43.66%
INDIVIDUAL	212,175.51	116,457.51	294,465.69	152.85%	1,391,895.45	627,759.91	1,579,950.69	151.68%
WITHHOLDING	564,697.64	487,086.54	496,220.60	1.88%	3,724,667.37	3,891,136.58	3,970,405.16	2.04%
06 JUNE	842,507.21	685,754.03	852,325.24	24.29%	5,573,045.49	4,818,751.69	5,981,128.90	24.12%
BUSINESS	23,226.76	119,339.82	13,905.44	(88.35%)	479,709.43	419,195.02	444,678.49	%80.9
INDIVIDUAL	51,475.67	779,989.39	43,207.80	(94.46%)	1,443,371.12	1,407,749.30	1,623,158.49	15.30%
WITHHOLDING	705,914.06	522,443.24	609,130.69	16.59%	4,430,581.43	4,413,579.82	4,579,535.85	3.76%
07 JULY	780,616.49	1,421,772.45	666,243.93	(53.14%)	6,353,661.98	6,240,524.14	6,647,372.83	6.52%
BUSINESS	7,883.66	15,371.57	15,163.58	(1.35%)	487,593.09	434,566.59	459,842.07	5.82%
INDIVIDUAL	39,051.69	74,312.99	44,606.38	(39.97%)	1,482,422.81	1,482,062.29	1,667,764.87	12.53%
WITHHOLDING	511,278.89	675,636.40	711,115.45	5.25%	4,941,860.32	5,089,216.22	5,290,651.30	3.96%
08 AUGUST	558,214,24	765,320.96	770,885.41	0.73%	6,911,876.22	7,005,845.10	7,418,258.24	5.89%
BUSINESS	68,875.01	149,021.75	74,070.41	(20.30%)	556,468.10	583,588.34	533,912.48	(8.51%)
INDIVIDUAL	215,210.69	253,568.65	249,154.53	(1.74%)	1,697,633.50	1,735,630.94	1,916,919.40	10.45%
WITHHOLDING	596,316.68	560,997.16	577,699.78	2.98%	5,538,177.00	5,650,213.38	5,868,351.08	3.86%
09 SEPTEMBER	880,402.38	963,587.56	900,924.72	(6.50%)	7,792,278.60	7,969,432.66	8,319,182.96	4.39%

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BUSINESS	36,110.51	27,610.66	56,672.48	105.26%	592,578.61	611,199.00	590,584.96	(3.37%)
INDIVIDUAL	131,038.24	146,112.59	163,223.09	11.71%	1,828,671.74	1,881,743.53	2,080,142.49	10.54%
WITHHOLDING	575,792.82	620,619.06	744,639.05	19.98%	6,113,969.82	6,270,832.44	6,612,990.13	5.46%
10 OCTOBER	742,941.57	794,342.31	964,534.62	21.43%	8,535,220.17	8,763,774.97	9,283,717.58	5.93%
BUSINESS	2,487.05	15,490.83	15,109.72	(2.46%)	595,065.66	626,689.83	605,694.68	(3.35%)
INDIVIDUAL	38,315.30	34,315.08	28,823.95	(16.00%)	1,866,987.04	1,916,058.61	2,108,966.44	10.07%
WITHHOLDING	602,392.68	656,377.41	638,614.13	(2.71%)	6,716,362.50	6,927,209.85	7,251,604.26	4.68%
11 NOVEMBER	643,195.03	706,183.32	682,547.80	(3.35%)	9,178,415.20	9,469,958.29	9,966,265.38	5.24%
BUSINESS	56,735.48	59,566.52	0.00	(100.00%)	651,801.14	686,256.35	605,694.68	(11.74%)
INDIVIDUAL	156,156.64	107,472.62	0.00	(100.00%)	2,023,143.68	2,023,531.23	2,108,966.44	4.22%
WITHHOLDING	520,259.35	509,621.67	0.00	(100.00%)	7,236,621.85	7,436,831.52	7,251,604.26	(2.49%)
12 DECEMBER	733,151.47	676,660.81	0.00	(100.00%)	9,911,566.67	10,146,619.10	9,966,265.38	(1.78%)
	9,911,566.67	10,146,619.10	9,966,265.38	(1.78%)	67,425,218.82	67,116,209.63	71,893,880.53	7.12%

Schedule of Income Tax Collections by Source Actual 2020 Compared to 2021 Estimate & Actual

%	14.52%	-11.31%	-2.73%	43.34%	82.73%	24 30%	-53 14%	0.73%	-6.50%	21 43%	-3 35%	200	5.2%	
Actual Variance	133,020	(88,532)	(22,619)	388.635	585,451	166,617	(755 528)	5.564	(62,663)	170 192	(23,635)	(50,000)	496,503	
%	25.61%	-2.72%	%69.9	57.22%	100.43%	36.33%	-48.60%	10.48%	2.55%	33 18%	6.01%	2	15.4%	
Estimate Variance	213,876	(19,439)	50,647	467,807	647,923	227.153	(630,010)	73,129	22.406	240,318	38 708		1,332,519	
2021 Estimate	835,023	713,534	756,642	817,624	645,167	625,173	1,296,254	697,756	878,519	724.216	643,840	616,253	9,250,000	
Total	1,048,899	694,094	807,289	1,285,431	1,293,090	852,326	666,244	770,885	900,925	964,534	682.548	•	9,966,266	
Withholding	754,152	658,420	627,421	706,378	727,813	496,221	609,131	711,115	577,700	744,639	638,614		7,251,604	
Actual 2021 Resident	272,633	20,729	126,857	364,009	501,273	294,466	43,208	44,606	249,155	163,223	28,824		2,108,983	
	22,114	14,945	53,011	215,044	64,004	61,639	13,905	15,164	74,070	56,672	15,110		605,679	
Total	915,879	782,626	829,908	896,796	707,639	685,709	1,421,772	765,321	963,588	794,342	706,183	675,926	10,145,688	
Withholding	759,371	709,427	737,931	616,698	580,623	487,087	522,443	675,636	260,997	620,619	656,377	509,622	7,436,831	
0	128,068	60,207	44,276	192,504	86,097	116,413	779,989	74,313	253,569	146,113	34,315	106,737	2,022,600	
Business	28,440	12,992	10/,/4	87,594	40,919	82,210	119,340	15,372	149,022	27,611	15,491	29,567	686,257	
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These minutes are a draft of the proposed minutes from the Financial Planning Committee of the City Council meeting. They do not represent the official record of proceedings until formally adopted by the Financial Planning Committee of City Council. Formal adoption is noted by signature of the Chair within the minutes.

City of Montgomery Financial Planning Committee Meeting November 1, 2021

Present

Brian Riblet, City Manager Tracy Henao, Asst. City Manager Katie Smiddy, Finance Director Connie Gaylor, Clerk of Council Council Committee Members Present

Ken Suer, Chair Mike Cappel

Council Committee Member Absent

Lee Ann Bissmeyer

The Financial Planning Committee of Council meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Chairman Suer.

October 2021 Income Tax Report

Ms. Smiddy explained that for the month of October, the City's total income tax receipts were \$964,535 which is an increase of \$170,193 or 21.43% compared to the 2020 October collections of \$794,342. Staff was able to post most of the payments received in October from returns on extension, which accounts for the increase. Additionally, two large payments were remitted in October: one for a resident's estimated taxes and one for delinquent withholding tax.

Ms. Smiddy reported that withholding collections were \$744,639; an increase of \$124,020 or 19.98% when compared to October 2020 collections of \$620,619. Reports show a 16% higher volume of transactions posted in October 2021 versus 2020; collections from five of our top 10 employers was 40% higher in 2021 vs 2020 (due to a 3-pay month; and staff received a large delinquent remittance from a former Montgomery employer). Year-to-date withholding revenue remains up at 5.46%.

Ms. Smiddy reported that net profits from businesses located within or doing business within Montgomery were \$56,672. This is an increase of \$29,061 or 105.26% when compared to October 2020 collections of \$27,611. Staff posted all business payments received from the extension deadline on October 15; including several large, estimated tax payments, which accounts for this increase. Business income is down 3.37% year-to-date.

Ms. Smiddy explained that revenues of \$163,223 were collected in October 2021 from residents living in Montgomery, which is an increase of \$17,110 or 11.71% when compared to October 2020 collections of \$146,113. A large, estimated tax payment was remitted by one resident, which accounts for some of the increase. Year-to-date revenue has remained up throughout the year and as of the end of October, collections are up 10.54%.

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Appropriations Amendment for the 2022 Budget

Ms. Smiddy explained to the Committee that proposed appropriation revisions are necessary to amend accounts for fiscal year 2022. The aggregate effect of the appropriation amendments is to increase total appropriations by \$21,800.

Ms. Smiddy explained that to eliminate a single point of failure and add resiliency to the City network and telephone system, staff had discussions with Sycamore Community Schools and Cincinnati Bell about moving the current phone system to Cincinnati Bell instead of our current shared system.

Cincinnati Bell proposed a hosted telephone system that will eliminate the need to purchase and maintain capital equipment and to have fiber optic connections installed at Public Works and the Safety Center that would connect to Cincinnati Bell's Fioptics network. In the event of a network failure, our network devices would automatically fail over to the Cincinnati Bell fiber network and reroute the traffic back to City Hall to ensure uninterrupted service.

The total cost of both services is \$24,000 per year, with a one-time charge of \$2,600 in 2022. This amount considers the elimination of \$200 per month to Sycamore for telephone support and \$500 per month to Cincinnati Bell for two PRI circuits. These circuits would no longer be needed since we won't maintain our own on-premises telephone system. Existing City phone numbers would not change.

Ms. Smiddy concluded by recommending that City Council consider amending the 2022 Annual Operating budget by decreasing appropriations in 101.712.5363 from \$17,000 to \$14,600 for the reduction in monthly costs to the Sycamore School District and increasing the appropriations in (101.715.5305) from \$30,000 to \$54,000 for the proposed telephone service and fiber optic connection for network resiliency.

Mr. Suer stated that while it may cost more to go with Cincinnati Bell, he felt it is important to not have disruption in service. He stated that sometimes shared services cause a loss of autonomy. He added that it also sounds like a more updated system.

Mr. Cappel moved to support the amendment to the 2022 Budget appropriations. Mr. Suer seconded. The Committee unanimously agreed,

<u>Update on Gerri Harbison Memorial Project</u>

Mr. Riblet provided an update on the progress of the fundraising campaign for the Gerri Harbison memorial project. He stated there is currently around \$14,250 in the City fund and approximately \$4,000 at the Chamber of Commerce. He explained that he has received a large number of commitments from businesses and anticipates we will be half-way to our goal of \$40,000 by the end of the year. He stated that the Fundraising Team will be reaching out to previous MCLA Alumni as well.

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<u>Minutes</u>

Mr. Cappel moved to accept the minutes of the September 7, 2021 meeting of the Financial Planning Committee as written. Mr. Suer seconded. The Committee unanimously agreed.

Adjournment

Mr. Cappel moved for adjournment. Mr. Suer seconded. The Committee unanimously agreed.

The Financial Planning Committee of Council was adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

