

KIRTLAND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

FINANCE COMMITTEE / WORK SESSION

March 3, 2025

The Kirtland City Council Finance Committee (Council as a Whole) / Work Session meeting commenced at 6:35 p.m. Council members present were Ronald Fenstermaker, Joseph Smolic, Suzanne Grazia, Scott Haymer, Matthew Schulz, Julie Symonds, and Eric Ziegler.

Also in attendance were Mayor Kevin Potter, Finance Director Louis Slapnicker, City Engineer Douglas Courtney, Service Director Joseph Fornaro, Fire Chief Anthony Hutton and Senior Center Coordinator Julia DeWolf.

Mr. Slapnicker informed that since the last meeting on February 18, 2025, he updated the 2025 budget packet and has distributed it to Council and posted it on the city's website. Noting the updates/changes include adding page numbers, some percent changes to the graphs and a new graph (page 27) of the packet.

Mr. Slapnicker reviewed the new graph on new page 27. He stated the graph shows the total cumulative net change between 2020 and 2025. Noting that there was an approximate \$2.6 increase in operating revenue. Also noting that the graphs displays where this money has been invested. Noting that approximately \$2.8M was reinvested in capital outlay, debt service, and gross wages. Further noting that the \$887,141 in gross wages includes the three new firefighters hired in 2023, and that the revenue dollars do not reflect the reimbursement for the firefighters' salaries.

Mr. Slapnicker asked if there were any questions at this point. There were none and he continued reviewing the budget packet.

Mr. Slapnicker stated the 2025 estimated budgeted income tax revenue is \$5,751,000 2025 noting that shows a slight trend downwards from last year. We will continue monitoring. \$150,000 from last year to this year. Noting that this may be as simple as the timing of payments.

Mr. Slapnicker continued through the 2025 Budget packet reviewing the revenue data.

Mr. Slapnicker referred to page twelve which provides a complete summary of the 2025 Expenditure Budget relating to the appropriation ordinance. Noting that the 25-O-12 is summarized in four categories including: Personnel Service (wages), Service & Supplies Capital Outlay and Transfers.

Mr. Schulz requested Mr. Slapnicker add information to the graph that illustrates the percentages relating to overtime hours for both police and fire. Also, Mr. Fenstermaker requested Mr. Slapnicker add data percentage changes regarding staffing year-to-year.

Mr. Slapnicker reviewed the Capital Request Combined Summary 2025 (page 18) going through the summary department by department.

Mr. Schulz requested that Mr. Slapnicker add yearly percent changes on any and all graphs contained in the packet.

Mr. Fenstermaker asked if anyone had any questions regarding debt summary or the additional graph added (page 27). There were no questions.

A review of Ordinances and Resolutions on the Agenda was held. Mr. Slapnicker stated that Ordinance Nos. 25-O-11, 25-O-12 and 25-R-13 will all go to third reading. Further noting that both ordinances and the resolution coincide with each other. Noting too that these ordinances/resolution will require passage at the March 18, 2025 meeting. He requested that 25-R-14 be considered for passage this evening.

In summary Mr. Slapnicker stated the entire 2025 City of Kirtland Budget Packet can be found online on the City of Kirtland website and that if anyone had any questions, he encouraged them to contact him directly via email or telephone.

There was no further discussion, and the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. upon the unanimous consent of Council.

President of Council

Clerk of Council