

FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

HELD ON MAY 23, 2022

204 PULASKI ROAD, CALUMET CITY, ILLINOIS

CALL TO ORDER The Council Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Finance Chairman Alderman Gardner.

PUBLIC COMMENT NONE

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6 **ALDERMEN:** Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Patton, Smith (5:59p.m.).

ABSENT: 1 **ALDERMAN:** Navarrete.

Also present were: City Clerk Nyota Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, and Attorney Samuelson.

Invoice #14242 Item #2 on agenda was determined by discussion that Invoice #14242 was paid in full.

Benford Absent Benford attendance was requested however she was not able to make this meeting.

There was a consensus to request Auditor Benford attendance at the next meeting to answer questions regarding audit.

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner to require Benford to attend committee meetings to discuss invoices in detail.

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Executive Order Aldermen agreed and requested a legal opinion on the executive order was needed. There was detailed discussion regarding questions about the Executive Order. Attorney Samuelson was directed to provide a legal opinion by the next meeting date.

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Scope of Duties

The city council directed city attorney Samuelson to provide a legal opinion of the scope of duties for the auditor.

Ald. Patton
Comments
Re: Audit

“When the Mayor first took office I was in favor of the audit as a new mayor I felt he has the right to order one. However since the audit has taken place I have watched it be used as a tool against certain elected officials. We were told we could ask questions regarding invoices to Benford, however when we contact her she has informed us she cannot comment until the mayor approve the questions. I have spoken to Alderman Navarrete who stated he has asked Benford questions and she has failed to respond. I do question the behaviors and motives of audit. So we either need to vote no or approve the items and my comments are the same for items #3-#9.

Pending
Lawsuit

Aldermen asked when and where is he appropriate time to talk about pending lawsuit with the clerk.

Adjournment

Alderman Williams moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Tillman at 6:07 p.m.

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Nyota T. Figgs
City Clerk

