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JOINT FINANCE AND FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FERUARY 22, 2022

Vice Mayor/Chairwoman Michele Weiss called the meeting at 6:15 pm. Present were: Councilwomen Barbara Blankfeld and Sheri Sax. Also present were Mayor Michael Brennan; Finance Director Dennis Kennedy; Law Director Luke McConville, and Advisory Committee member Stephen Wertheim.

Chairwoman Weiss stated that this committee approved appropriation of the initial ARPA funds to go toward sewer repairs and a donation to the food bank. Since then, however, the Cedar Road Resurfacing Project costs have increased dramatically. There have been discussions about reallocating those dollars which have not been spent to the Cedar Road Resurfacing project.

Mrs. Weiss stated that she wanted to make sure the correct process was followed. She opened the floor for discussion.

There were comments regarding the ARPA funds, whether there would be additional monies received and how the City would submit funds for the Cedar Road project. Finance Director Dennis Kennedy explained that funds from the City of South Euclid and the County will reimburse the City. He also noted that there would be an additional amount of \$670,000 coming from ARPA in addition to the first distribution received last year. It was noted that the total amount of the project is \$1.2 million for Cedar Road.

Various sewer issues were discussed involving Traymore, Saybrook and Meadowbrook Roads. Vice Mayor Weiss commented that residents had been assured that work would be done in those specific areas needed and she would like to keep that commitment. Mr. Kennedy noted that funds had been received last year for the Traymore sewer project, but the work had not been done last year but should commence this year.

Chairwoman Weiss suggested that the sewer issues could be revisited in a couple of months.

A motion by Chairwoman Weiss, second by Mr. Gould to change the allocation of the ARPA funds and assign those funds to the Cedar Road Resurfacing Project, and to donate \$20,000 to the food bank. All agreed and the motion passed.

There being no further business to consider, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Submitted by "Jeune Drayton Assistant Clerk of Council

Michele Weiss, Vice Mayor/Chair