Purpose of Finance & Administrative Services Committee:
To enable the City Council to discuss and evaluate in greater detail these specific issues that directly impact the financial and organizational strength of the City of Cedar Rapids.

City Council Committee Members:
Council member Scott Overland, Chair
Council member Ann Poe
Council member Scott Olson
Phil Wasta
Brent Schlotfeldt
  • Mayor Brad Hart is an ex-officio member of all Council Committees per City Charter Section 2.06.

Agenda – meeting called to order at 4:00pm

1. Approve Minutes from Last Meeting (October 2019) – minutes were approved as distributed.
2. Board and Commission Presentation – Medical SSMID (presented by Phil Wasta) – Discussed the Medical District concept and historical highlights, celebrating the 8th year anniversary as a district. In 2018, the Master Improvement Parkway plan was created. Currently working on a feasibility Study for a MedQ childcare center.
3. Ice Arena Capital Improvements (presented by Brent Schlotfeldt) – The Ice Arena opened in 1999. Mechanical, electrical, and plumbing are all-original and hitting the end of life stage. There are two ways to handle the upgrades needed - a one-time large project or a staged 5-year project. Brent’s facilities management recommendation is to do the project as a whole to maintain operations with minimal interruptions and receive energy savings immediately. Funding would come from the FY21 budget with an internal loan from the City with repayment for 15 years from the Hotel Motel funding.
   Overland asked if solar has been researched for this property. Brent reported that it is not feasible right now due to cost and rates, but he is continually monitoring this with Alliant’s rate changes, equipment cost drops, etc. It was asked by the Committee if Facilities had priced...
Capital Improvement updates and leasing fixtures instead of owning. Brent responded that this has not been explored yet, but he will look into it. The Committee showed interest in looking at a proposal, which will be prepared for the 2021 budget meetings.

4. Items for Future Agendas

Public Comment: (2 minutes per person, total maximum of 10 minutes per meeting)

Meeting adjourned at 4:42pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Megan Snitkey, Administrative Assistant II
Finance

Outstanding Items Update:
None

Future Topics:

Any discussion, feedback or recommendation by Committee member(s) should not be construed or understood to be an action or decision by or for the Cedar Rapids City Council. Further, any recommendation(s) the Committee may make to the City Council is based on information possessed by the Committee at that point and time.

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