

1 **Finance Commission**
2 **Meeting Minutes**
3 **September 10, 2024**
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6 **Roll Call/Announcements**
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8 The Finance Commission (FC) meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Chair Bester requested
9 staff call the roll.
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11 **Commissioners Present:** Siafa Barclay, Bruce Bester, Sadiq Dahir, Kevin Davy, Dan
12 Sagisser, Joe Tupy, and Anna Vervoort
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14 **Commissioners Absent:** None.
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16 **Staff Present:** Finance Director Michelle Pietrick
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19 **Receive Public Comments**
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21 There being no one present wishing to speak to the Commission on an item not on the agenda,
22 the Chair moved to the next agenda item.
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24 **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
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26 Commissioner Barclay moved, seconded by Commissioner Tupy to approve the July 9, 2024,
27 and August 22, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
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29 **Receive Finance Commission Recommendations Tracking Report**
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31 Chair Bester reviewed the Finance Commission Tracking Report.
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33 Ms. Pietrick reviewed the topic that was covered at the last meeting regarding the staff
34 vacancy/turnover recovery factor. She noted she did not think this would materially impact the
35 budget.
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37 Commissioner Sagisser indicated it is only useful if counting the lost time in hiring that all of the
38 other staff are doing. He did not think there were any real savings, and it was probably an extra
39 cost because employees are taking on other work that is below their pay grade, which is a huge
40 extra cost. He explained he would only be interested in doing this if it would take all of those
41 extra costs into account.
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43 The Commission discussed the topic and the recommendations that the Commissioners made
44 who were at the August 22, 2024, meeting.
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The Commission discussed and rescinded the Finance Department staff calculating a staff vacancy/turnover recovery factor.

Establish Recommendations on the 2025 Budget & Tax Levy & 2025-2044 CIP

Finance Director Pietrick presented the 2025 Budget & Tax Levy & 2025-2044 CIP.

Commissioner Vervoort indicated the 2024 versus 2025 taxable market values are very similar but the calculation is different. She wondered what the intent was.

Ms. Pietrick indicated that is because the State legislature increased the market value exclusion and changed low income multi-family housing class rate for 4d properties. If the City were even to be able to do a zero percent levy increase, which would be impossible because costs are going up, taxes would have still gone up because the market value of the home increased, and the two legislative changes occurred.

Commissioner Sagisser thought it was fascinating to learn how the tax rate was determined.

Ms. Pietrick discussed with the Commission the license center and passport center staffing and the new design when rebuilt with the Campus Master Plan. There was also discussion related to the Police Department and their use of mental health workers, funding for them, and ending of ARPA dollars.

Ms. Pietrick explained City Manager Trudgeon presented this to the City Council who made some potential requests including increasing Council Pay, adding the HR Manager position and providing funding for a non-profit that provides services in Roseville.

The Commission discussed the City Council's considerations and noted that any recommendation to the City Council would not include those recommendations made by the City Council because the Finance Commission does not have any budget to review.

Chair Bester thought the Commission was in favor of recommending the City Council approve the 2025 budget as presented.

Commissioner Sagisser made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Tupy to recommend to the City Council approval of the 2025 budget as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Fiscal Disparities Discussion

Finance Director Pietrick presented an informational memo from the League of Minnesota Cities regarding Fiscal Disparities.

Identify Discussion Items for the Future Meeting

90 Chair Bester stated the next agenda would include discussions on the Council-adopted 2025
91 preliminary Budget and Tax Levy and the Commission will also review and adopt a
92 recommendation on the 2025 property utility rates.
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94 **Adjourn**

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96 Commissioner Davy made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dahir to adjourn. The motion
97 passed unanimously.
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99 The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.