

## FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

January 10, 2023

6:30pm

PRESENT: Chairperson Rusniak, Members Kohler, Sikora and Fulop

ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Steve Volkert, Chief of Police Scott MacFarlan, City Clerk Lori Hetzel, Parks & Rec Director Randy Wojtasiak

Call to Order – Chairperson Rusniak called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers of Hartford City Hall, 109 North Main Street.

Roll Call – All members were present.

Public Comment Period – None.

Discussion and consideration of denying a bartender's license for Christian Delonget due to past actions – Chief MacFarlan explained that this individual has a history of offenses involving alcohol that would be against the rules set forth for issuing bartender's licenses. The individual is also on probation and being in possession of alcohol would be a violation of that probation order. Both Chief MacFarlan and the individual's probation agent agreed that issuing a bartender's license for this individual would not be in anyone's best interests.

MOTION by Alderperson Kohler, seconded by Alderperson Fulop to deny a bartender's license for Christian Delonget due to past actions.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Discussion and consideration of approving a referendum question, regarding the sharing of county sales tax, to be placed on the 2023 Spring ballot – City Administrator Volkert explained the Mid-Moraine Municipal group is looking to request that the county share a portion of the total sales tax. The group is asking for 20% of the sales tax be shared. The referendum question would ask the residents of the city if they would agree to ask the county to share that portion of the sales tax.

Alderperson Rusniak asked what the city's portion of that shared amount would calculate out to. Administrator Volkert advised, based on 2021 numbers, the amount would come out to roughly \$301,000. He further explained that the question would be proposed to use the funds for road projects, as the city is very behind on road improvements.

Alderperson Kohler asked how the funds would be divided amongst all of the communities. Administrator Volkert explained an equation is used which takes into consideration the population and equalized value of each community. Alderperson Kohler also clarified that the referendum is just advisory. The County Board would make the decision as to whether or not the funds would be shared.

Alderperson Fulop asked if this is a tax that is going to continue and Administrator Volkert advised there are no plans for the county to end the sales tax.

MOTION by Alderperson Fulop, seconded by Alderperson Kohler approving a referendum question, regarding the sharing of county sales tax, to be placed on the 2023 Spring ballot.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Discussion and consideration of ratification of the 2023-2025 WPPA Contract – Administrator Volkert explained negotiations began in October for this contract, which included provisions to make sure minimum patrols were being met and that the sworn patrol officers were receiving competitive wages.

MOTION by Alderperson Sikora, seconded by Alderperson Fulop approving the ratification of the 2023-2205 WPPA Contract.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Discussion and consideration of approving a proposal from Ramaker for a preliminary design study for the Signicast Indoor Aquatic Center waterslide tower for a cost of \$15,000 – Director Wojtasiak explained this is a 2022 CIP project that was initially budgeted \$14,000 for. The steps going up to the slide at the indoor pool are starting to corrode and the concrete is beginning to crack. This is a study that will give direction and design as to how to repair the steps.

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Aldersperson Fulop asked if the entire slide needed to be replaced. Director Wojtasiak explained that the slide just needs to be refinished, and when the structure for the slide tower is repaired, the slide will be taken out to complete the refinishing at the same time.

Aldersperson Kohler asked if the city could go back to Ramaker and ask them to lower the price to what was originally budgeted for the project. Administrator Volkert explained the city could do that, but what is before the committee tonight is allowing for the additional \$1,000 if the total project cost does not come under budget.

MOTION by Aldersperson Kohler, seconded by Aldersperson Fulop approving the proposal from Ramaker for a preliminary design study for the Signicast Indoor Aquatic Center waterslide tower for a cost of \$15,000, unless negotiated for a lower amount.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Adjournment – MOTION by Aldersperson Fulop, seconded by Aldersperson Sikora for adjournment at 6:49 p.m. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lori Hetzel, City Clerk

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