

MINUTES

Tuesday, July 12, 2016

5:45 PM

Fiscal Committee Carnegie Town Hall

235 West 10th Street

Members Present: Christine M. Erickson, Rex Rolwing, Michelle Erpenbach, Pat Starr

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Tom Greco, City Clerk; Dave Bixler, Budget Analyst; Jim David, Legislative /Operations Manager

1. Call To Order

Committee Chair Michelle Erpenbach called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

A. Meeting held on July 5, 2016

A motion was made by Rex Rolwing and seconded by Pat Starr to approve the minutes.

Committee Chair Erpenbach called for a voice vote and all members present voted yes.

Motion Passed.

3. Reports and Updates

A. Workforce Development Initiative by Mike Gray, Economic Development Coordinator

Mike Gray, Economic Development Coordinator, provided a presentation that included the 2015 and 2016 Workforce Development Program. Regarding the 2015 program, he discussed the program launch and award process as well as investments and outcomes. For the 2016 program, he discussed grant allocation, the USD Discovery District, and the estimated timeline for the process.

Committee Member Christine Erickson asked for clarification about the use of the \$500,000 appropriated for the 2016 program. Gray explained that \$150,000 would be allocated to the USD Discovery District and \$100,000 to the non-profit, educational, and private sector in an effort to reduce spending in some areas. He further stated that his department was comfortable with the allocation levels.

Erickson asked for insight regarding funding requests in future years given the appropriated funds would not be used this year and about the relationship with Forward Sioux Falls (FSF.) Gray explained that the city values its partnership with FSF particularly in light of the recently-approved agreement. Erpenbach went on to explain that funding will be discussed during the budget process. Discussion followed.

Committee Member Rex Rolfing asked if the Globe University Individual Job Program would be considered during the 2016 application process. Gray explained that the 2016 program includes a new round of applications from throughout the community; all applications will undergo a review process.

Rolfing asked for clarification about the 2015 program outcomes. Discussion followed.

Rolfing asked about efforts to bring potential employees into Sioux Falls from outside the city. Gray explained there are multiple marketing efforts at the state and local levels to attract people to Sioux Falls; one of the key initiatives of FSF in the near future will be a campaign to attract new workers and retain those already in the city.

B. Recommended 2017 City Council Operational Budget by Dave Bixler, Budget Analyst

This agenda item will be reviewed at a future meeting.

4. Open Discussion

Committee Member Pat Starr asked if it would be appropriate to ask the Administration what other spending cuts there may be this year. Erpenbach asked Dave Bixler, Budget Analyst, to let Tracy Turbak, Director of Finance, know that this topic would be raised at the Tuesday, July 19, 2016, Informational Meeting.

5. Adjournment

Committee Chair Michelle Erpenbach adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Thomas M. Greco

City Clerk