

CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS

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**CITY COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024, 8:30 AM**

Huntsville City Hall, 1220 11th Street, Huntsville, Texas, 77340

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and may need auxiliary aids or services are requested to contact the City Secretary's office (936.291.5413) two working days prior to the meeting for appropriate arrangements.

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**1 CALL TO ORDER**

**2 DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION**

The Finance Committee will hear presentations, discuss, and may consider recommendations to the City Council on the following items.

- a** Approve the minutes of the October 1, 2024 Finance Committee meeting.
- b** Discussion of proposed budget amendments  
Steve Ritter, Finance Director
- c** Discussion of possible purchase of a new Ladder Fire Truck and possible use of Fund Balance of the Equipment Replacement Fund to make the purchase  
Greg Mathis, Fire Chief  
Steve Ritter, Finance Director  
Sam Masiel, Assistant City Manager
- d** Drainage Projects Discussion  
Kathlie Jeng-Bulloch, City Engineer

**3 ADJOURNMENT**

**CERTIFICATE**

I do hereby certify that the above notice was posted on the City Hall bulletin board, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and to the City's website, [www.HuntsvilleTX.gov](http://www.HuntsvilleTX.gov), in compliance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

DATE OF POSTING: November 1, 2024

*Kristy Doll*

Kristy Doll, City Secretary

TIME OF POSTING: 11:00 a.m.

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## CITY COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA

11/5/2024

**Agenda Item Number:** 2.a.

**Agenda Item:** Approve the minutes of the October 1, 2024 Finance Committee meeting.

**Initiating Department/Presenter:** Finance

**Presenter:**

**Discussion:**

**Financial Implications:**

**Associated Information:**

1. Fin Comm Minutes 10.01.2024

## Finance Committee Minutes

October 1, 2024

Members Present: Jon Strong, Karen Denman, Vicki McKenzie, and Pat Granham

Staff Present: Aron Kulhavy, Steve Ritter

The agenda items discussed were:

- Approved the minutes from the September 17, 2024, meeting.
- Steve discussed the budget amendment that will be presented to the full City Council at tonight's meeting on 10.01.2024.



## CITY COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA

11/5/2024

**Agenda Item Number:** 2.b.

**Agenda Item:** Discussion of proposed budget amendments

**Initiating Department/Presenter:** Finance

**Presenter:**  
Steve Ritter, Finance Director

**Discussion:** Discussion of proposed budget amendments

**Financial Implications:**

**Associated Information:**

1. BAs - PEB Trust for retiree RHS funding
2. Carry Overs from FY 2024 to FY 2025 FINAL
3. BA - FEMA grant funds requisition assistance
4. BA- Disaster Funds
5. BA-Public Works Sewer Line Project
6. BA - Solid Waste - Hazardous Waste grant

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| <p><b>Budget Amendments FY 23-24</b></p> <p><b>Finance Committee - November 5, 2024</b></p> |
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**Exhibit A**

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| Increase: General Fund - Streets - Salaries & Benefits              | \$ 1,765  |
| Increase: General Fund - Building Maintenance - Salaries & Benefits | \$ 7,269  |
| Increase: General Fund - Police Dept - Salaries & Benefits          | \$ 1,116  |
| Increase: General Fund - Transfer from PEB Trust                    | \$ 10,150 |
| Increase: PEB Trust Fund - Payment to RHS                           | \$ 10,150 |
| Increase: PEB Trust Fund - Transfer to General Fund                 | \$ 10,150 |

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| Explanation: | <p>City Policy includes provision for paying 2/3 of unused Sick Leave into a Retiree Health Savings account for an employee who is retiring and will be receiving TMRS retirement payments and who is less than 65 years of age at their retirement date. The policy was implemented in the 17-18 fiscal year effective January 1, 2018. There were 3 employees in the 23-24 fiscal year that qualified to receive this benefit. Intent of the Policy is to use PEB Trust funds to pay for this retirement benefit of paying 2/3 of unused Sick Leave into an RHS for qualifying employees retiring. The PEB Trust was created to offset OPEB Liability and eventually pay for various retiree benefits such as this 2/3 Sick Leave.</p> |
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## Budget Amendments FY 24-25

### Fin. Comm. - November 5,2024

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| Explanation: | Supply chain issues and shortages of all kinds of inventories in general have impacted the City being able to complete purchases of all kinds of goods and services. Due to these issues that the City has no control over there are various purchases of goods and services in FY 23-24 that could not be completed. The following purchases listed which were budgeted for in FY 23-24 are being requested to be "rolled" to the FY 24-25 Budget. The "source" of funds for these "rolled" purchases is Unallocated Reserves/Fund Balances of the applicable Funds. In that the purchases were budgeted for in FY 23-24 but were not able to be fully completed this will have generated Unallocated Reserves/Fund Balance. |              |
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| Increase:    | General Fund -Numerus Divisions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | \$ 1,299,562 |
| Decrease:    | General Fund -Unallocated Reserve                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | \$ 1,299,562 |
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| Increase:    | Utility Fund -numerus Divisions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | \$ 265,032   |
| Decrease:    | Utility Fund -Unallocated Reserve                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | \$ 265,032   |
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| Increase:    | Solid Waste Fund- Public Works                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | \$ 58,140    |
| Decrease:    | Solid Waste Fund -Unallocated Reserve                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | \$ 58,140    |
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| Increase:    | Arts &Visitor Center -SRF                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | \$ 22,100    |
| Decrease:    | Arts & Visitios Center SRF-Fund Balance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | \$ 22,100    |
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| Increase:    | Capital Equipment Fund -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | \$ 923,313   |
| Decrease:    | Capital Equipment Fund-Fund Balance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | \$ 923,313   |
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| Increase:    | Computer Equipment Fund -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | \$ 24,316    |
| Decrease:    | Computer Equipment Fund-Fund Balance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | \$ 24,316    |

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| <p align="center"> <b>Budget Amendments FY 24-25</b><br/> <b>Finance Committee - November 5, 2024</b> </p> |
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**Exhibit A**

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|----------------------------------------------------|----|---------|
| Increase: Utility Fund-Disaster Materials/Supplies | \$ | 100,000 |
| Increase: Utility Fund - Grant Revenues            | \$ | 75,000  |
| Decrease Utility Fund - Future Appropriations      | \$ | 25,000  |

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| Explanation: | <p>The Contract with Stuart Consulting was approved on September 3rd, to assist with DR-4781 FEMA Public Assistance Coordination and Grant Management. The amount approved was a not to exceed amount of \$100,000. These expenditures may reimbursable by FEMA. This amount was not budgeted during the 2024-2025 budget process.</p> |
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**Exhibit A**

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| Increase: Utility Fund-Disaster Materials/Supplies | \$ | 235,000 |
| Increase: Utility Fund - Grant Revenues            | \$ | 235,000 |

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| Explanation: | <p>The City experienced damage to our infrastructure due to storm events that occurred in April and May of 2024. Some of the repair damages to the infrastructure that occurred did not completed in FY 2024. That said, FEMA will reimburse the City for 75% of the damages directly related to storm damage. This amount was not budgeted during the 2024-2025 budget process.</p> |
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# Budget Amendments FY 24-25

## Finance Committee -November 5, 2024

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| <b>Exhibit A</b> | Increase WasteWater Collection -Purchased Services/Contract | \$ | 210,000 |
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| Explanation: | <p>This sewer line project will extend from the Corner of Normal Park (near Peach Tree Street) to Mize Street, then to the end of Paul Knox Road. We will be pipe bursting approximately 719' of 8" sewer line upsizing it to 12" . We will also have a 36' section of 10" that will also be upsized to 12". We will be replacing two brick manholes and one fiberglass manhole with concrete manholes lined with an epoxy or polymeric coating. This will increase the downstream capacity for the Peach Tree area as well as the line that connects to Roadhouse. The Utility Fund's unallocated reserves on September 30, 2024, total approximately \$9.2 million, while the required minimum balance for the Utility Fund is \$8,539,000. The Utility Fund's Unallocated Reserves balance after this proposed use (if approved) will be approximately \$491,00 over the 25% required reserve balance of \$8,539,000. A budget amendment is needed for FY 24-25 to make the purchase</p> |
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| <b>Exhibit A</b> | Increase:    | Solid Waste - Grant Revenue                                                                                                                                  | \$ | 24,700 |
|                  | Increase:    | Solid Waste - Recycling -Purchase Services and Contracts                                                                                                     | \$ | 24,700 |
|                  | Explanation: | Solid Waste was awarded a grant from H-GAC in the amount of \$24,700 to hold a collection event for the City residents to collect household hazardous waste. |    |        |



## CITY COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA

11/5/2024

**Agenda Item Number:** 2.c.

**Agenda Item:** Discussion of possible purchase of a new Ladder Fire Truck and possible use of Fund Balance of the Equipment Replacement Fund to make the purchase

**Initiating Department/Presenter:** Finance

**Presenter:**

Greg Mathis, Fire Chief

Steve Ritter, Finance Director

Sam Masiel, Assistant City Manager

**Discussion:** Discussion of possible purchase of a new Ladder Fire Truck and possible use of Fund Balance of the Equipment Replacement Fund to make the purchase.

**Financial Implications:**

**Associated Information:**



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| <b>Agenda Item Number:</b> 2.d. |
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| <b>Agenda Item:</b> Drainage Projects Discussion |
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| <b>Initiating Department/Presenter:</b> Engineering |
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| <b>Presenter:</b><br>Kathlie Jeng-Bullock, City Engineer |
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| <b>Discussion:</b> Drainage Projects Discussion |
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| <b>Financial Implications:</b> |
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