

**MINUTES: FEBRUARY 22, 2021**  
**FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**  
**7:00 p.m.**

Members in Attendance via Videoconference: Sam Crowl, Chair  
Jeff Risner, Vice-Chair  
Peter Kotses, Member  
Arian Smedley, Member

Administrators and/or

Other Elected Officials via Videoconference: President Knisely  
Mayor Patterson  
Interim Service-Safety Director Pyle

**ITEMS DISCUSSED:**

- Staff Vacancies

- Crowl – the Administration would like to fill the following vacant positions:

- Assistant Director of EPW – aside from being Interim Director, Jessica Adine is serving as the Interim Engineer, Assistant Engineer, and Assistant Director – the City has an excellent candidate with institutional knowledge, having worked as Street Supervisor for many years, and is interested in returning – is recommending that the position be filled at this time

- Firefighter – Chief Rymer is requesting to fill this position – the Fire Department is currently down two firefighters (for 1 ½ years) – in the next couple of years there are at least a half dozen firefighters who will be eligible to retire, and he would like to be prepared – this position will have a July 1 start date, with licensure training in August

- Kotses – believes these are both very important positions to staff

- Risner – agrees these positions need to be filled as soon as possible

# **MINUTES**

## **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

### **FEBRUARY 22, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.**

Members in Attendance via Videoconference: Peter Kotses, Chair  
Sam Crowl, Vice-Chair  
Beth Clodfelter, Member

Administrators and/or

Other Elected Officials via Videoconference: President Knisely  
Mayor Patterson

#### **ITEMS DISCUSSED:**

- Richland Avenue Pedestrian Passageway Project (amend 0-29-20)
  - Kotses – this project exceeded the authorized expenditure by almost \$60,000 – need to keep in mind that this was a multi-year, approximately \$4 million complicated project – a number of factors contributed to the increased cost, including the contractor had to remove (unknown) abandoned utilities; install additional drainage to ensure storm water would not enter the passageway; and additional asphalt was needed to transition between the old/new section of Richland Avenue for evenness – the funds were encumbered, but inadvertently exceeded the authorization for the project – EPW will seek additional recommended steps to ensuring this doesn't happen again
  - Crowl – questioned why Council is just now being made aware of this, noting that the project has been completed for some time now
  - Kotses – understands this was an error that was just discovered when closing out the project
  - Risner – asked whether the changes adding to the increased cost, cited earlier, happened under the former Director of EPW or during the transition
  - Kotses – is not sure, but can check with Interim Director Adine – adding, that a Project Specialist was hired to oversee this project

#### **ITEMS NEEDED ON AN UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL AGENDA:**

1. Amend 0-29-20