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Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held October 5, 2026, at 7:00 P.M. Present in Council Chambers were Chairman Dembinski, Mr. Nahorn, Mr. Wachholz, Mr. Janik, Ms. Harmych, Mr. Mowcomber, Mr. Winiarski, Council President Wasilk, Mayor Costilow, Auditor Phillips, Treasurer Miller, Law Director Pecora - absent, Assistant Law Director Rachel Reinbolt, and Safety Service Director Jeffreys. Also present were Mr. Brad Lako and Income Tax Office Clerk Craig Molnar

A-26-39 Transfer funds from account 500-7010-52710 Special Assessments Transfers-out to account 100-1900-41910 General Fund Transfers-in of $148,255.87 and transfer funds from account 840-6001-53000 Street Openings to account 201-1900-41910 Street Transfers – in the amount of $8342.12

The Special Assessments fund has been dormant since 1998 and no information is available on the assessments that were collected. The Street Openings fund has been dormant since 2016 and no information is available from the Utilities Department regarding the Street Openings. Per the State Auditors, Council can pass an ordinance stating these funds can be transferred back to General Fund and Street Fund.

Auditor Phillips confirmed this is something we are allowed to do. Mr. Janik motioned to take this to the floor of Council, seconded by Mr. Nahorn. Voice vote 7-0 to take to the floor of Council.

A-26-40 Professional Services Agreement – Allow Insource Services to collect Income taxes and returns for the city of Amherst – emergency

Treasurer Miller explained that this is an updated agreement for collecting Income Tax. Mr. Winiarski asked about the attached exhibits. Mr. Molnar explained what Exhibit A was. Mr. Winiarski what information we get from them and Mr. Molnar answered that it was related to W-2's and Federal returns. Auditor Phillips asked if this helped us find tax filers who have not filed with the City and Mr. Molnar answered "yes." Mr. Winiarski asked why we would go to Franklin to discuss any disputes and Mr. Pecora said we could change it to Lorain County or Franklin County. Mr. Janik asked for information from previous years for how much money we have previously collected and Mrs. Miller said we can get that information. Mrs. Wasilk expounded on the services provided by this company.

Mr. Winiarski motioned to send this to the floor of council with emergency. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Voice vote 7-0 to send to the floor of Council with emergency.

A-26-41 **Retainer agreement with Keith D. Weiner and Associates Co. L. P. A.- Approve changes to the agreement to allow Keith D. Weiner & Assoc. to continue collecting unpaid income taxes for the city of Amherst – emergency.**

Mrs. Miller explained that this is an updated contract to a company we've been using since about 2013

Mr. Winiarski motioned to pass this to the floor of council. Seconded by Mr. Janik. Vote 7-0 to send to the floor of council

Mr. Wachholz motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Nahorn. Vote 7-0 to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Brian Dembinski, Chairman
Finance Committee