

Finance Commission Minutes

April 12th, 2024

A. Call to Order

The April 12, 2024, Finance Commission Meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m. by Chairperson Jeremy VanEk at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center, Room 301.

B. Roll Order

Jeremy VanEk	Chair	Present
Chris Goodman	Vice-Chair	Absent
Anne Arnold	Commissioner	Absent
Lea Dan	Commissioner	Present
Mike Graham	Commissioner	Present
Leo Hoerdemann	Commissioner	Present
Kevin Moffitt	Commissioner	Present
Brian Niksa	Commissioner	Present
Scott Waldbusser	Commissioner	Present

Also Present:

Village Manager	Mark Franz
Finance Director	Patrick Brankin
Village Trustee	Kelli Christiansen
Fire Chief	Chris Clark

C. Public Comment

None

D. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the March 8, 2024, meeting minutes

Motion to Approve Minutes from March 8, 2024, Finance Commission Meeting Motion by: Commissioner Niksa Seconded by: Commissioner Hoerdemann Result: Unanimous Approval

E. Grocery Tax Update

Finance Director Brankin began the Grocery Tax update by sharing a memorandum that is going to the Village Board and gave background information and the financial impact to the Village of Glen Ellyn on the proposed elimination of the State Grocery Tax. Village Manager Franz summarized the Village's response to the proposal. A brief discussion continued and further explanation was given to the potential ramifications if the State Grocery Tax was eliminated.

F. Revenue Discussions

Chair Van Ek began by stating the goal of the current revenue discussions was to finalize the opinion piece of pros and cons of the previously discussed alternative options to expand revenue. Village Manager Franz stated that this topic would be going back before the Board on 4/29/24 or 5/6/24. The commission went through the six (6) alternative revenue options. Chair Van Ek proposed a debate to rank and prioritize the revenue options so that a recommendation could be given to the Village Board. Discussions ensued on the subject. It was proposed that each commissioner quantitatively rank each of the (6) proposed revenue options. It was agreed that each commissioner give a score to each of the six options. Each option would be scored between -3 and +3 with -3 being the least optimal revenue source and +3 the most optimal. Prior to the poll, Village Manager Franz wanted to clarify communication from the last workshop regarding the Fire Service Fee and that the Village Board wanted the Finance Commission to go through the exercise of recommending alternative revenue sources also as a potential alternative to the Fire Safety Fee. Finance Director Brankin added that his opinion is that the two topics, the potential elimination of the State Grocery Tax and the Fire Safety Fee, should be separate items and discussed as such. Finance Director Brankin stated that he will reiterate with the Village Board at the next meeting. The results of the quantitative ranking are below:

Potential Revenue Sources	If State Grocery Tax Eliminated	As Add'l Revenue Source Regardless of Status of State Grocery Tax
HRST	+20	-2
Food & Beverage Tax	-4	-2
RETT	-5	+3

Motor Fuel Tax	-9	-5
Hotel Tax	-2	-1
Property Tax	-3	-9

Discussions ensued concerning the potential revenue sources. At the conclusion of all discussions, Finance Director recommended a motion to approve the recommendation so it could go to the Village Board.

Motion to recommend to the Village Board that if the elimination of the state grocery taxes goes into place, the Finance Commission recommends an increase to the HRST by ¼ pt to replace the lost revenue.

Motion by: Commissioner Moffitt

Seconded by: Commissioner Waldbusser

Result: Unanimous Approval

G. Trustee Liaison's Report

Village Trustee Christiansen requested to recuse herself from the Fire Service update and therefore asked to give her report prior to the Fire Service update. Trustee Christiansen updated the commission on the passage of a sidewalk ordinance, progress on construction of the Glen View Station site, the downtown streetscape project, and other ongoing projects. Additionally, Trustee Christiansen gave input to the potential revenue sources and points for the commission to consider. Finance Director Brankin added that he will be bringing an ordinance to approve the issuance of bonds for GWA to the Village Board at their next meeting.

H. Fire Service Fee Update

Finance Director Brankin gave history on the nature of Fire Service Fee and updated projections for the next EMS contract. Discussions ensued on the data that was provided to the commission. Village Manager Franz gave further information on the Fire Service Fee and its requirements. Discussions ensued on the history of the Fire Service Fee and proposals going forward.

Motion to reaffirm recommendation from last fall to increase the Fire Fees

Motion by: Commissioner Graham

Seconded by: Commissioner Niksa Result: Unanimous Approval

I. Staff Report

Finance Director Brankin reported that there is a signed offer letter for the Assistant Finance Director position.

J. Chairperson's Report

None

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K. Other Business

None

L. Reminders

The next meeting is Friday, May 10, 2024, at 7:00 AM

M. Adjourn

Commissioner Moffitt moved to adjourn, and Commissioner Dan seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 a.m.

Submitted By: Colette Ameche, Recording Secretary