

**Finance Committee of the Salem City Council and the Urban Renewal
Agency of the City of Salem
Minutes**

DATE: January 24, 2022

CHAIRPERSON: Tom Andersen

PLACE: Zoom

STAFF LIAISON:

Josh Eggleston

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Members Present:

Chair Andersen
Councilor Stapleton
Councilor Phillips
Councilor Gonzalez

Members Absent:

Alternate-Councilor Leung

Staff Present:

Dan Atchison, City Attorney
Josh Eggleston, AIC Chief Financial Officer
Jenny Mattechek, Chief Accountant
Jeremy Morgan, Accounting Supervisor (Joined at 4:27 PM)
Kelli Blechschmidt, Management Analyst I
Shengnan Thomas, Administrative Analyst I

Guest Present:

Ryan Pasquarella (from Grove, Mueller, Swank, PC)

1. CALL TO ORDER: 4:01 PM / Quorum

2. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

a. December 13, 2021

Motion was moved by Member Stapleton, seconded by Member Phillips and carried by the following vote:

Aye: Unanimous
Nay: None
Abstentions: None

3. MANAGEMENT UPDATE / INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Ryan Pasquarella from Grove, Mueller and Swank walked members through the fiscal year end audit June 30, 2021 including the letter to management, the URA report and the City CAFR. The Federal Grant Compliance audit is in process, filing is due March 31, 2022.

Questions or comments by: Chair Andersen, Member Stapleton, Member Phillips

Responses by: Josh Eggleston, AIC Chief Financial Officer and Ryan Pasquarella from Grove, Mueller, Swank, PC

4. CONTINUED BUSINESS

a. Each topic the committee brought up below will be discussed in future meetings.

- Chair Andersen offered to provide feedback for the bond measure and have the Finance Committee work with the Infrastructure Bond Steering Committee.

- Member Phillips would like to discuss marijuana tax increase for use toward a sobering center.
 - Member Stapleton would like to look at the Forecast with an aim toward aiding the unhoused population, climate action, and ways to save money.
 - Member Gonzalez would like to discuss City operation changes since COVID and if there have been any cost reductions as a result.
- b. The reintroduced marijuana bill in the Legislature will be forwarded to the Legislative Committee.

5. ADJOURNMENT: 4:47 PM

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 28, 2022 at 4:00PM.