

**VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
2024-3-26**

ATTENDANCE

Erica Nikolic, President	Gary V Gottschalk, Mayor
Johnnie Warren, President Pro-Tem*	Brian Thompson, Finance Director
Taunya Scruggs, Ward 1*	James Climer, Law Director
Eloise Hardin, Ward 2	Carlean Perez – Recreation Director*
Paggie Matlock, Ward 3	
Mary Davis, Ward 4	
Candace Williams, Ward 5*	

ABSENT

Ross Cirincione, Prosecutor	
Dave Tapp, Fire Department	Tom Haba, Service Director
Mark Garratt, Police Department	Daniel Marinucci, Chief Bldg. Official
Matt Jones, Village Engineer	

*Arrived after roll call

*Chairman of Finance Committee

Council as a whole are members of the Finance Committee

Meeting opened at 6:05pm by Williams

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call taken

Williams: All right, we will start with the Mayor's budget this evening. Is that correct?

Thompson: Yes, the Mayor should report on that. Mayor: (inaudible) Climer. **Williams:** Do you need him here to present? **Gottschalk:** I think there has to be some clarification on some things said yesterday. **Williams:** Are you clarifying something, do you know what he's talking about?

Climer: I will clarify when asked. **Williams:** Mayor, is there something you want him to clarify? **Gottschalk:** Yeah, with what we discussed regarding the submission of the budget.

Climer: All right, and I think everybody received the email I sent to Ms. Nikolic. I emphasized it (inaudible), and I responded to the person who asked. All right, with that said, I revised code 5705.38, it requires, permits a temporary budget prior to the first day in April. And then a permanent budget has to be passed. In this case, it appears the Council intends to pass a 50% budget. They call it permanent, and they can modify that in the future. My suggestion is that this probably doesn't meet the requirements of the revised code. Case specifically, but I'll attempt to... **Gottschalk:** Speak a little louder, I can't even hear you. **Climer:** All intentions seem to be to pass that 50% budget. And modify it later on, which seems to me to be the definition temporary budget. My suggestion would be past a realistic permanent budget that needs to be modified later on. I think you'll have more solid legal grounds. **Williams:** What do you mean by realistic?

Climer: Well, I think everybody knows a 50% budget isn't going to last a years. **Williams:** But there's no O.R.C language for realistic. **Climer:** You're required to pass a budget. **Williams:** A permanent? **Climer:** Permanent. **Williams:** That's the language that's used, permanent? **Climer:** Yes. **Williams:** Okay, our permanent budget will be the 50% budget that will take us through June 30th, 2024. **Climer:** I am not going to endorse that point of view. I don't know how it would be viewed by the Auditors. **Williams:** Okay, we don't technically need your endorsement.

Climer: I know you don't. **Gottschalk:** I want to make clear that any liability will be on the Council. Considering the fact the County looks at this and doesn't like it. **Williams:** We are fully liable for the budget as we have always been, and we will continue to be. **Gottschalk:** No, we're talking about, again, if they're not satisfied with the way this is submitted. There's a liability involved, and Council is going to be charged with it. **Williams:** There's no satisfaction here, the O.R.C. says we need to pass a permanent budget by March 31st. We are passing a permanent budget at 50%, that will take us through June 30th. **Gottschalk:** But how can be permanent when it's 50%? **Williams:** Because we're making it permanent. **Gottschalk:** And that's what I'm saying. You're making it permanent and I'm saying that if in fact there's any liability in the part of the County, Council is going to be charged. **Williams:** Okay, we're the legislative authority. So, we have the authority to make that the permanent budget. We could make it a \$2 budget if we wanted to. We could take us through May 31st if we wanted to. We could restrict it even further, this Council's authority to do just that. **Gottschalk:** It's Council authority to be following what was asked by the County in terms of submitting a full budget. **Williams:** Yes, and are you going to be ready to submit that by March 29th? **Thompson:** What I did provide tonight was the 50% that you asked for. **Williams:** All right, so there we are, we're good. March 29th it'll be into the County, 50%, take us through June 30th. **Gottschalk:** Included in that budget will be the road projects. Because there's road projects that have to be paid. There's Tryon Rd, Forbes Rd, Fair Oaks, Oak Leaf Rd. You have, Tryon Road, phase one, and you have first place. There's a number of projects that are going on that have to be paid for or we lose the grant. **Williams:** Included in that budget are the same numbers that you just saw for the first quarter of the year times two. That's what's included in that budget. **Gottschalk:** The times two doesn't cover in fact there might be some payments in the third quarter of the year. Or there could be some payments, in fact, I have one or two of them might actually be paid before the second quarter is over. **Williams:** This is where we're at and also, we asked the Engineer to get us a summary of all projects. So, no changes have... **Gottschalk:** Did he give it to them? **Thompson:** Not yet he's working on it. **Gottschalk:** I just don't want to lose these grants. **Williams:** We can have a special meeting for anything at any time, for any emergency amendments. Council are we aware of that? **Gottschalk:** Okay, I think we went over this last night. The one change that was made, I took out the Dance Learning Center. And obviously the reason for that is trying to attract fifteen to seventeen million dollars. I would like to have had a little bit of... besides a phone call and some written correspondence, something more than that. But at the same time, I don't need to be going through last night. Seeing that any member of Council is going to try to or are not happy over the organization of the Advanced Learning Center and the additional directors. You said that's not going to happen, so I took it off so there's no interference at all. The Advanced Learning Center is independent as part of the Oakwood Village. At the same time, it's not a Charter School and it should be quite exciting. As they say, particularly with some of the electives. The way this works is, the first year is just going to be thirty 11th graders. The second year is going to be about ninety 10th and 12th graders. The third year will be 120, and obviously, that's not all Oakwood. Some of the people will be coming from Bedford. To take advantage of these electives in the second half of the day. The first half of the day, they are in Bedford taking the courses are required for them to help get you to graduate. But just to give you an example of a few of the electives that are going to be at the Advanced Learning Center. Exploring careers in health and medicine via UH Ahuja Medical Center, Constitution 101 (meaning history), Rembrandts cleaning up canvas and sculpting with clay, history of the Civil War until present, and entrepreneurship (how to start your own business). So, those are some of the electives we

will offer to our students at the Advanced Learning Center. **Williams:** Are you in the Mayor's budget right now? **Gottschalk:** Yeah, I'm just saying that was what... I didn't want to have any of that interfered with. So, I eliminated the \$13,000. I took out the Advanced learning center, that \$13,000. **Williams:** So, it's not in the budget? **Gottschalk:** It's not in the budget. **Williams:** Okay, can you go to your Mayor's office budget for us? **Gottschalk:** Well, other than that, nothing else has changed. **Williams:** Can you talk to us about what the Mount Zion activities are and why they're called Mount Zion activities? **Gottschalk:** Because there at Mount Zion. **Williams:** Are they Mount Zion activities and not ours? **Gottschalk:** You've never been to one of these so you can't understand. These are very simple; we've been doing this for 30 years. Where we have breakfast for our residents. Because there were too many people, we couldn't do it any more at Sam's Club. So, we did it at Mount Zion. And there's two breakfasts, one this one in the late spring and one in the fall at Mount Zion. **Williams:** We've asked them to retitle that to whatever the event is called. And if you want to put at Mount Zion, but it shouldn't say Mount Zion Activities. **Gottschalk:** The reason is, there will be a Mount Zion Pharmacist there. At the same time, we'll be giving out about thirty \$20 certificates to the shopping (inaudible). **Williams:** Did you say pharmacist? **Gottschalk:** Yeah, one of the pharmacists will be there to just talk about nutrition and about health. **Williams:** Mount Zion pharmacist? **Gottschalk:** No, Sam's Club. **Williams:** Okay, that's not what you said. We're asking that to be retitled, it's misleading. **Gottschalk:** It's okay, it's not the end of the world. **Thompson:** First it was events at Mount Zion, but we put today Mount Zion. **Williams:** Yeah, events at Mount Zion, it just needs to be clear. **Gottschalk:** You'd hate to be making changes much, though. Only because people are so used to hearing that other title, but it's all right. **Williams:** Yeah, but it doesn't look appropriate for us, as a government, with several churches in our Village. To be looking like we're paying for activities for Mount Zion. That's our concern, we have other churches in the Village. **Gottschalk:** Yeah, but they can't handle... you can't be having a hundred people coming in anywhere else in terms of parking. Anyway, it's very successful and you don't change things that are successful. But anyway, so that's that, so we made the name change. **Williams:** Any other questions on this? **Nikolic:** I do, thank you Mayor for your presentation. About the executive screenings, could you tell us a little bit more about it. Are they at UH or do they take place here? **Gottschalk:** Oh, yes, that'll be happening this year, and it includes a number of various examinations. **Nikolic:** That take place here? **Gottschalk:** It will take place at Ahuja. **Nikolic:** Okay. **Gottschalk:** And the seniors that will want to take advantage. I think I might have mentioned last night that, in fact Mary's mom about four, five, six, seven years ago. Took the calcium scoring test, which shows the, the blockage leading to the heart. And there was clearly a problem, and it was taken care of. It could have saved her life. **Nikolic:** How many people participated last year? **Gottschalk:** We haven't done it for the last two years. **Nikolic:** You haven't done it, so what was the \$410? **Gottschalk:** That was what we were spending up until then. **Nikolic:** Okay, so \$410, was that just for miscellaneous expenses or? **Gottschalk:** Well, no, your tying up their staff, and this isn't 1 or 2 tests. We're talking about 7 or 8 tests that are involved, for the seniors to go through. **Thompson:** So, I think they charged about four to five thousand dollars like you got. But we only have like \$410 last year. She was asking what that was. **Gottschalk:** It should be what we spent, what we're going to spend. Which we had in the past, so go back to 2019 or 2020. **Nikolic:** Okay, so then it should be thirty-five. **Gottschalk:** Oh yeah I see, well they did have the 2023 projected appropriations, which is \$5500. And that's what is basically there right now for this year \$5000. **Williams:** Do you know what the \$410... she's asking what the \$410 was spent on if there was no program? **Gottschalk:** I have no idea

what that could have been. **Thompson:** Dee had mentioned something minimal but, I just have to read the details and see. **Nikolic:** So, it looks like the 2021 expenses. This was the last time you actually had people participating in the program, in 2021? **Gottschalk:** Yeah, and by the way, these are some of the tests. You're looking at prostate, for the specific antigen, carotid artery exam, abdominal aortic exam, bone density exam, pulmonary function test, and finally, the coronary calcium score test. Which is used to determine the future risk of heart attacks and other noninvasive, low dose CT scans. So, there's a lot that goes on here. **Nikolic:** And how many people can participate at this amount? **Gottschalk:** Well, you know, when we get to about 70 or 80. We then have to see what their staffing is. Because we can only handle... this will be on a Saturday. So, you know, what they can handle. **Nikolic:** So, it's a one-day event. **Gottschalk:** It's a morning event, you start in the morning about 8:30a.m., and we'll finish at about 11:30am. **Nikolic:** Okay, and I just wanted to, I know we talked about the concerts. Since your concerts are so very popular and they have such great traction. The \$15,000 that you have here, the possibility of getting a corporate sponsor to cover that. The likelihood that you could get a corporate sponsor to cover that is high. Giving the participation and the level of interest. I think it would be maybe worth exploring to see if this is something that you could get a corporate sponsor to. Because it is the stage right? So, they have their banners on the stage, something of that matter. This this may be a good... **Gottschalk:** Thursday nights are really sort of... well these are these are national acts. We're looking at over \$60,000 but you're only going to get \$50,000. But at the same time, I've paid last year for two events that were local that were on Friday nights. And actually, I probably like to see that as part of the Council's expected expenditure than mines. By coming out of the 501 C3, but these were local acts through 1490. And they will do the same thing this year. And what it'll be is this staging, which is \$1700. And then they then bring their own equipment and their own lighting. **Nikolic:** Right, I'm asking, do you think there's a possibility to get. Have you sought corporate sponsorship for your event? **Gottschalk:** I had to in order to be able to get, \$55,000/ \$60,000. **Nikolic:** Okay, do you think this \$15,000, could you get another sponsor to carry that? **Gottschalk:** Oh absolutely, that with what else I get that totals every... In fact, Live Nation just it just took a (inaudible) over at the MGM. Which I don't know whether, you know, by the way, that's up for sale right now. **Nikolic:** Oh yeah, someone mentioned that, yeah. **Gottschalk:** But, in the past year, we've got a number of acts (inaudible) the hard rock. And at the same time, we (inaudible) these are national acts. And that's why we have such a such popularity. We call this concert at Oakwood the Blossum two. It's also very, very good for some of our businesses that come in and with some of their families and, just as a nice promotion for their own company. **Nikolic:** So, you're saying you can get sponsorship for this, yes? **Gottschalk:** If there's other sponsors that you think might be interested, you give me a call. **Nikolic:** Right, I mean, I know before you mentioned that it was a mayor function to do that. The corporate sponsorship and reaching out to companies. **Gottschalk:** These would be now non-Oakwood sponsors. **Nikolic:** Okay, we could explore that. **Gottschalk:** But as I say in fact, when 1490 gets back. We may suggest to them one or two acts. Last year they had Shawn Booker and somebody else here for area acts. And this year they're opened to suggestions if you have. That would be on Friday night. **Nikolic:** Okay, so you're open to suggestions for entertainment? **Gottschalk:** Yeah, for the area entertainment rather than that. **Nikolic:** Okay. **Hardin:** Maybe I missed it, the difference in the miscellaneous contractual Mayor, big difference. What was that? **Gottschalk:** Well, there's only the three things now, right? We only have now those two items, and that's it. We took everything else out. **Hardin:** Oh, gotcha, okay starting with the school. **Gottschalk:** Yeah. **Hardin:** Okay. **Nikolic:** Brian just like to flag just

under miscellaneous contract. In the actual budget, you have \$2,000 instead of \$1,000.

Thompson: You talking about the 2024 projection \$2000. **Nikolic:** Yeah. **Thompson:** You

know, what's the question? **Nikolic:** No question, down here it says \$1,000, and up here you

have \$2,000. So, it's a correction that needs to be made. **Thompson:** Okay, got it. **Nikolic:** So,

who all are technically in your department. Is it just Dee or who's... **Gottschalk:** Just Dee and

me. **Nikolic:** So, the \$163k covers you and Dee's salaries? **Gottschalk:** Yes. **Nikolic:** Okay.

Davis: The cell phone is just your cell phone, right? Does Dee have a cellphone or is it just yours

in the budget, do you know? **Thompson:** She doesn't have one, just the Mayor. **Davis:** Okay,

thank you. **Williams:** Are there any other questions on this budget? **Davis:** You have on your

Mount Zion activities listed at the bottom. You've got \$3,000 for use of building. Why are we

paying? **Gottschalk:** Because we're using the building twice for breakfast for. It's now no longer

at Sam's Club, we're calling it, sunrise. At the same time, we're using the basketball courts twice

a week for Carlean's aerobic activities. She's had about 40, and we're hoping to get the maybe, 70

or 80 within a month. So, we're using that at the same time, in cases of rain out. Usually there's

one rain out of the five concerts that we have, and we use the sanctuary. So, for the use of all

that, that's what the \$3,000. **Davis:** But when we talked to Carlene, she said she was going to

move it back to our community center. **Gottschalk:** But there's not enough parking space for

having the sunrise. **Davis:** Not the breakfast, I'm just talking about the Carlean's exercise. I'm

just saying that Carlean, when she gave her... **Gottschalk:** I don't know how you're going to have

80 or 90 people in the community center. **Davis:** What she had when I was there, that was about

40 something. **Gottschalk:** Yeah, but she's now working on having 70 or 80 at least. **Davis:**

From Oakwood Village? **Gottschalk:** Yeah, well, there could be some from the church as well.

But it doesn't matter, I mean, all we're wanting to do is get people more interested in doing some

exercise. Doesn't guarantee you're going to live any longer. But you're going to feel better while

you are living, that's the key. So, that's what we want to promote. **Williams:** If you're saying

those additional... **Gottschalk:** Nobody is being charged for this. But we can touch on that again

with recreation. **Williams:** Is there a contract for how much they're getting per hour? How are

we being invoiced for the use of this building? Is there a contract? Because if Carlene doesn't use

a building or we actually don't have a rainout day. How do we... **Gottschalk:** If we're going to

use the building then it can always be amended. As I say, there's no way that she's not going to

be using that building twice a week. **Williams:** Well, what happens is that if we put this \$3,000

in the budget. Somehow, it always magically gets used. So, what I'm asking you... **Gottschalk:**

That's just the difference between here and Washington. Look at our appropriations, we never

spend what was appropriated. We've always spend less. **Williams:** What is Washington?

Gottschalk: They'll spend not only what they've appropriated, but more, okay. **Williams:** Who

is they? **Gottschalk:** And look at our appropriations and check the appropriations for what was

spent. In nearly all cases it is less. **Williams:** What are you talking about? I'm sorry...

Gottschalk: We're just talking about, again, just because it's appropriated, we don't spend it.

Williams: Well, that's what we've done historically. What I'm asking you, though, is very

simple. Where is that contract for us to pay Mount Zion? So, we know how much we're paying

per hour when we actually do. **Gottschalk:** We're not getting into that, oh please. If we are using

this building for as much as we use it for; this is cheap. **Williams:** Mayor, if you don't have a

contract with them for hourly usage or something. **Gottschalk:** No, we don't. **Williams:** Then

we are going to have to take it out of the budget. We can't not have a contract... **Gottschalk:**

You're not taking it out my budget. Don't get started with me on this. As I say, we're using the

facility there for the gym twice a week. We're using two breakfasts there, and we're using in

cases of rain out there. **Williams:** Somebody needs to create a contract. We just wrote a check to Mount Zion last month in February for like \$1,295 for taxes or something of the sort. We have just blank checks going to Mount Zion for reasons that we don't know. We need a contract that stipulates... **Gottschalk:** I don't have a contract. **Williams:** And we need it before going like this in the budget. **Gottschalk:** I won't have it in the next couple days, so I have it within a week. **Williams:** Okay, any more questions on the budget? **Gottschalk:** Well, I don't see Carlean, she's supposed to be here at six to touch on... there's not going to be much changes made to either, community center or recreation. And, first, Brian, do they have the community center? **Thompson:** Yeah. **Gottschalk:** That's the only thing I can say about this one again, is this is going to be, as I say this, amended five times in the next month. If there are any questions on any major item regarding... We have Cleveland Orchestra at Severance Hall, we have the murder mystery wine tour, we have the black and white formal ball, and the movies at Cinemark, and it's based on the wellness and education. The vitamin D program, she's going to have a computer instructors for seniors for twice a week. I think you'd be interested to know that. We had about 100 people take the Vitamin D test. And about 20 were significantly deficient in vitamin D. Then there were another ten who were insufficient. So, you're looking at 30, that were clearly low in vitamin D. Particularly the 20 that were significantly deficient, this is huge. Not having enough vitamin D with magnesium really leaves you open to all kinds of presbytery diseases, etc.. And this is huge, and that's the reason. Like I said we have about 100 people take advantage of it. **Williams:** What are the costs attributed to the Vitamin D program? Like what are the detailed expenses? **Gottschalk:** We don't pay UH, all we do is pay for the pills. **Williams:** We paid \$11,000 for 100 pills? **Gottschalk:** No, no, this is for the entire year, those pills only last two months. That was \$11,000, I think that included when people were hugely deficient. And so, we were getting something from Houston as well. Which is basically all coming out of Purity. And so, we're looking at about 80... what do we have? I thought it was about \$8500. **Thompson:** No, it was \$11,000. **Gottschalk:** Well, as I said, whatever it is. You can't have a better deal than for our seniors taking advantage of this program. **Matlock:** Question, and this might be to Brian. Brian for vitamin D, who are we buying these pills through, amazon? **Thompson:** No purity product. **Matlock:** So, you're going strictly to the manufacturer for these products? **Thompson:** Yeah. **Matlock:** And they're giving you a reasonable rate for vitamin D, right? Per container? **Thompson:** Yes. **Matlock:** Have you checked to see if you're actually getting a savings for vitamin D? Meaning this if you go into a Walmart or CVS off the shelf, how much would a bottle of vitamin D cost you? **Thompson:** We haven't done that comparison. **Gottschalk:** Regarding the vitamin D, it's a lot of things to consider in vitamin D. One is magnesium, and most of the supplies at a Walmart don't have magnesium. Second routine, a D3 level also isn't nearly as what you're getting here. So, it's a very different product. And they found out that it's essential to have magnesium with your Vitamin D. And that's where we're getting it from Purity. **Matlock:** Okay, all I'm saying is, in your vitamin D, if you really check the label of your vitamin D. There are different components inside Vitamin D that you should have. Have you checked the label to compare it to Purity? Purity is really just a marketing name or a company that you can buy from. It's a high marketing name, if you could reduce that name or take it to another name perhaps. I'm going to tell you, you can have Purity, and you can have a regular, clean brand come across the same assembly line. It marks one Purity, one the generic brand. And they mark that one down because it's generic. And mark it up since it's Purity. I'm just saying have we done our research on this. Because \$11,000 is a lot for vitamin D. When we probably can do a cost savings and check it out to see if we can save money on that. **Gottschalk:** Well, I have a check

on that. But again, particularly getting something from Walmart or Costco isn't what you're getting. **Matlock:** That's not what I'm saying. What I'm saying is to check the brand out, see what it is. Because again, Purity is a name, and the name with Purity can run your price up. It's just like Starkist tuna and Kroger tuna. Kroger and Starkist run off the same line. Mark one Kroger, one Starkist, mark Starkist up \$2 a can, Kroger .69 cents a can. Do you see what I'm saying? That's basically your marketing comparison on that. That is just something that you need to check into. Because you're doing a brand name. **Gottschalk:** But again, you're not understanding. The bottle lasts no more than two months, if not only a month. So, you're getting a lot, there's a lot to maintain the D level. But at the same time, this is D3 and D as well. But most of these things don't even have magnesium. They might have some potassium, but not magnesium. **Matlock:** Just check it out and see because with the price comparison. You can probably find something with the magnesium in it. And the other one you stated that's in there. You could probably find that. **Davis:** Just a question, the Rose Center for aging, you went from 14 to 0. How did we get... **Gottschalk:** They're no longer in business. So, that's money we could be using now for other events. **Davis:** Okay. **Gottschalk:** So that's I think it was about like \$13,000. So, that now can be converted to something else. But, we don't have to spend it all. But the point is, they aren't going to be there on these other days. So, we're going to have some at the center and some of the other days as well. For some meals and at that expense. **Davis:** Okay, so when did this happen? I didn't know it was closed. **Gottschalk:** They just started servicing a number of communities. **Davis:** So, this is the County? stopped paying for... **Gottschalk:** (inaudible), it has affected them and they've had to cut back. Like you've seen, many other businesses here are cutting back. **Davis:** So, now Oakwood is... or were we always responsible for the community center? **Gottschalk:** Right, well no, normally it's the CMHA, during the days and we have it in the evenings. **Davis:** Okay. **Gottschalk:** But now we've been sort of taking over more of that, as time has gone. Particularly now that the House of Roses is not going to be there. So, we're looking at that as where we're going to have some computer space for the seniors there. And other things to keep seniors busy. And probably some other types of, I think we're going to have nutrition every other week. As well for the seniors for about 20 minutes on the screen. **Nikolic:** Quick question, could we get the detail on the miscellaneous contractual like we have for the Mayor's budget? That was very helpful, Brian. Also, with the \$28,000 for lunches, is that just food Mayor? Or does that include the payroll for the lady that works? **Gottschalk:** That was the food, but I'll tell you, it's going to go up. We were averaging now used to be about 25 or 30. We're now averaging like 55, and so the food is going up. **Nikolic:** So, the salaries of those ladies or the people that work in the kitchen. Where is their salary?. **Gottschalk:** There's only two of them there, I and I'm not involved in the details of the actual... **Nikolic:** No, I mean, their salary is charged to which fund? Are they part of the wages, Brian? **Thompson:** Oh, yeah. **Nikolic:** Okay, they're in the wages. So, this is just for two people, the \$7,000? **Thompson:** Yeah. **Nikolic:** And it's for the two people that work the lunches. **Thompson:** Yes. **Nikolic:** Okay, Tuff and who's the other guy? **Thompson:** Eugene. **Nikolic:** Okay, one other question. So, just more information about the computer program. So how many weeks are the computer programs going to be offered? **Gottschalk:** I like to see them twice a week. Carlean's currently working with somebody on that. That's going to be the instructor, I don't know who it is yet. **Nikolic:** Okay, but the \$4300 is for twice a week. **Gottschalk:** Yeah, twice a week... **Nikolic:** Okay. **Gottschalk:** That would have been for the entire year. **Nikolic:** For the entire year. **Gottschalk:** Yes. **Nikolic:** Okay, and what's God's Ministry? **Gottschalk:** That's, revival, with (inaudible). And he'll come in maybe once every month and a half, with praise, worship, and

then healing. Some of our residents have a really good testimony of what has happened to them. And, in fact, even our own, former Chief of fire (inaudible), she had cancer, he has blood issues. And, as I say, praise and worship and walking in faith can be very helpful, very enriching. And so that's what we have for that. **Nikolic:** So, the \$2,100 is for the year? **Gottschalk:** That would be for the entire year, and about once every three weeks. **Nikolic:** Okay, just another, typo. You have \$17,400 for wellness education. And then up top you have \$14,800. **Thompson:** Yeah, Dee kind of complied that. But, yeah, I know I seen it myself, it should just say miscellaneous contractual. **Gottschalk:** But this one particularly as well as recreation. I would expect us to really keep watching and see what's going on. And amending it as we change, as the programs changes. **Nikolic:** And as, as the recreation director submits her monthly reports with attendance. We can also review which programs are heavily attended so we can stay up to date with that. **Hardin:** Wellness education, Mayor, what did you say that was? **Gottschalk:** Oh, the wellness is for going to UH. **Hardin:** And this is where you get those tests. Is that what you're talking? **Gottschalk:** Yes, yes, yes, these are executive level testing and it's being done. For just our own seniors at a much more reasonable price. **Nikolic:** We're in senior center funds. So, do you have that in this budget as well as your budget? So, she's referring to wellness and education. Which is itemized at the bottom of the sheet, Vitamin D, and computer. **Gottschalk:** Yeah, that's the Vitamin D and the computer instructor. That's the \$17,400. **Hardin:** Is that where the two figures don't match? **Nikolic:** Right. **Hardin:** Okay, and so which one should it be? **Gottschalk:** It should be the \$17,400. **Nikolic:** It should be the \$17,400 instead of the \$14,800. **Gottschalk:** Yeah, but as I said, these two and particularly when we get to camp as well. These things are going to be amended. So, we'll keep working on this stuff as the weeks go by and as things start getting more framed. Because at this point, as I said, I don't even know who you have as a computer instructor. And how we're going to work that, and that will all start working actually within a month. **Hardin:** This isn't the first time you had computer instruction? **Gottschalk:** No, it was very popular. **Davis:** The senior center, we only have repairs and maintenance for \$1,000. **Gottschalk:** Yeah, we basically done most of the work down there. The bathroom's really needed repair at the time. And the kitchen, changing of appliances in there. But all of that is sort of done now. **Davis:** And Mr. Tutt and Mr. Eugene, they get PERS and everything, Brian? Also, how many hours do they work a day? Or is it Monday to Friday? **Perez:** Eugene doesn't get paid at all; he volunteers. **Davis:** So, the other one is Tubbs? **Perez:** Yeah, she gets paid. **Davis:** So... **Thompson:** If they are on payroll they get PERS. **Nikolic:** So, is it two people or nah? **Perez:** It's Gene and Tubbs, but Gene does not get paid anything. **Williams:** So, then he's not in the wages. **Perez:** He's not in the report. **Williams:** So, it's for one person, is that correct? **Thompson:** It would be just Tubbs. **Williams:** Thank you. **Gottschalk:** But she's there from, what, about 9:30 in the morning? So, we misstated earlier, cause I have two people here. Mrs. Davis, it would be PERS. **Davis:** For five hours? **Thompson:** Yeah. **Davis:** Okay, thank you. **Williams:** Council, any additional questions on this budget? **Hardin:** Question based on Councilperson Matlock's suggestion. Mayor, are you going to get back to us to verify the price of these vitamins? We would expect that... **Gottschalk:** Yeah, and so I guess, we're on recreation. The one explanation here, \$4000. That'll be for the use of the basketball court on Sundays from 2:30, for our youth. And we'll have, I think the plans are going to be to use this calendar for the ladies. Not on just basketball development, but also as a team game as well. I mean, I don't know yet, but, what we're looking for is eventually having a league with Nordonia. And, where we have teams play against us. But that'll be for our youth every Sunday. And it's from the Spring, Summer, Winter every Sunday. **Nikolic:** So, like an open gym? **Gottschalk:** Yeah. **Nikolic:**

2:30pm until? **Gottschalk:** 6:30pm, or so, then as I said, it depends. I think, as I said, Nordonia is using it, right now, and they have leagues. And I like to compete with them. We first have to get the teams to get developed and obviously get our youths off the streets, and this would be great. And this will start within a month, and we'll go on Spring, Summer, Fall, and Winter.

Hardin: Mayor, at this point, it hasn't even been advertised. So how do we know the level of interest in this? If you're going to pay out \$4,000?

Gottschalk: I think you'll see interest in basketball. And if it doesn't, then we'll stop it.

Hardin: Then who do we pay this \$4,000 to?

Gottschalk: Mount Zion, we'll see as it goes on. That's why we're going to review this stuff every two weeks. We'll see how it is and then we go from there. But I think particularly late Spring and March, particularly in the Fall and in the Wintertime, this is going to be huge.

Williams: Well, as I hear you say that I just want to be make sure we're all on the same page.

And that you are making sure the directors are on the same page. Because what we're going to do is approve this 50% budget. Which means these amounts would not have yet been approved. So, we're still going off of the budget that we had last. So, everybody needs to be clear about that.

Gottschalk: I'll have a contract on that as well.

Nikolic: So, just with the department wages, the \$55,000 is that just for Carlean?

Gottschalk: Carlean can answer that.

Nikolic: Carlean, are you the only one in your department?

Perez: Yes.

Matlock: You're part time, right?

Perez: Yes, well, for a few months out of the year. Then that becomes more full time June, July, and August, due to summer camp. I work 12 to 14 hours a day.

Gottschalk: Here's something that I think you've asked for and we're going to do. Rather than having her get paid for aerobics classes on certain days. And other things on other days, we're combining everything into one wage.

Matlock: No, I mean...

Davis: It says fitness instructors, \$15,000.

Matlock: So, do we combine that together right now? So, right now you're at \$70,420?

Gottschalk: Well, as I say, let's get this thing framed. This is going to be amended again in two weeks again, okay. So, when it all gets together.

Williams: This is not the budget we're passing, are we all clear about that? We are passing the budget that we passed at the end of last year at 50%. This is what we're preparing to look at, to amend, and to if we so choose. So, we're going to have to have further discussion about these numbers. Especially the ones we have concerns about.

Nikolic: What's the additional \$3,000 under miscellaneous?

Thompson: We have the details; we'll have to look and see.

Gottschalk: I'm not aware that there's three.

Thompson: Yes, it's been there consistently when you added the (inaudible).

Gottschalk: Well, I'm not clear on it. Yeah, but as I say, we're going to be re reviewing this thing every two weeks or so until we're satisfied.

Scruggs: Two things, where were you just looking at for the miscellaneous? Where was that at?

Thompson: Oh, she looking at...

Scruggs: At the bottom?

Thompson: So, that lead to the \$4,000 for the basketball season. But she's looking at the actual line item that's up to \$7,000.

Scruggs: So, question, and again this is looking forward with further discussion later. But the \$4,000 for the youth basketball, that you said would go to Mount Zion, is that's a \$4,000 monthly?

Gottschalk: For the year. And is that only for the use of their basketball court?

Gottschalk: Yeah.

Scruggs: Are there more fees that will be needed for the team's forthcoming?

Gottschalk: No, if we can leagues, it's still going to be the same. So, it's going to be interesting to see the development. We're going to have both boys and girls. And with the ladies, as I said, Chris Callender's wife, is a basketball coach. And so, she'll be working with the girls first for development and then, having their own play. And then we put together a team to face Nordonia. It's going to be the same with the boys.

Hardin: What are you going to pay her Mayor? Is it on here?

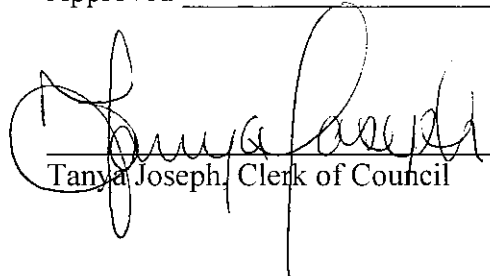
Gottschalk: That is what we'll discuss when we get to that point.

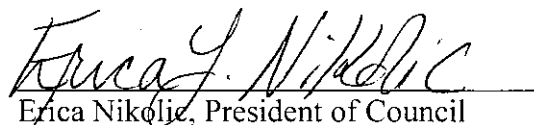
Matlock: Just one more thing, I'm just going to go back one thing. The Direct TV, Cable, and Time Warner internet, can you get that

with direct TV? I mean put it like all on one bill, or is that just normal? **Thompson:** It probably is one service. **Matlock:** I'm just looking at the two services that we have. And I'm just wondering, to be honest, do Direct Tv have internet or do Time Warner have cable? **Thompson:** We can look at combining, probably a lower rate. **Matlock:** Okay. **Williams:** I'm sorry but, who were the fitness instructors that are included in this line? **Gottschalk:** Yeah, because it is jus Carlean's in there. But again, that's something we're working. **Williams:** How many fitness? **Perez:** There were several, right now it is just me at this present moment. But I'm working on (inaudible). **Gottschalk:** What I want to see happen now, is cardio. Because you're finding out that maintaining your muscle mass. Even for the ladies, helps your blood pressure. **Williams:** I'm sorry, let me follow up to that question, please. So, for 2023, the total expenses were only attributed to you as... **Perez:** No, no, no in 2023 a whole team. We had line dancing, Zumba, and we also had, be your best fit. **Williams:** So, in 2023, the \$14,000 was for four instructors? **Perez:** (inaudible). **Williams:** I'm sorry we're in the recreation budget under fitness instructors. The line item, did you see that? In 2022 the total expenses were \$14,000. How many fitness instructors? **Perez:** We had three additional, plus myself. **Davis:** All year long may ask. **Perez:** It kind of ended just before summer began. **Davis:** So, we only have you as of summertime. **Matlock:** So, is each one of them on that department wages? Are we incorporating that in there or is that just to cross? **Thompson:** She's looking to have some fitness instructor. But we're looking to correct a situation where we are paying her miscellaneous contractual. So, we're combining her wages to that \$55,000. **Matlock:** But what I'm saying is this, she said there's four instructors. The instructor's fee is \$14,130 okay. **Thompson:** Yeah. **Matlock:** But up in the department wages part it's \$82,151. So, are the wages for all four of those instructors put into a pot? And then they get an additional fee for fitness instructor if they're on the clock? Are they getting additional fees for fitness instructor? **Thompson:** The \$82K is her staff and camp counselors. **Hardin:** I thought that would be under summer camp. **Matlock:** Right, don't we have one here for summer camp? **Gottschalk:** Yeah, but apparently, finance said that they preferred having the camp counselors as part of the wages of recreation. **Matlock:** So, we need to have that split up. We need to know which one, which individual by name. What was their wages per each person? **Thompson:** Specific, the summer camp, okay. **Matlock:** Exactly, and then who were the fitness instructors by name and how much were they charged per class. **Williams:** I'm sorry, it's 7:02pm and I don't want to go over with the finance meeting. But we can continue our questions during his report time. Can I have a Motion to adjourn?

Motion to adjourn made by Davis seconded by Scruggs
YES VOTE: Nikolic, Warren, Scruggs, Hardin, Matlock, Davis, Williams
MOTION PASSED
Adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Approved 8-27-24


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Erica Nikolic, President of Council