

Treasurer

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FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - FINANCE January 13th, 2026 AT 10:30AM

ATTENDANCE:

Legislators: Monell, Ciotoli, Rose, Cantella, Brown, Aronstam, Bunce, Flesher, Standing

Staff: Roberts, Chandler, DeWind, Freyvogel, Haskell, Holbrook

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of December 9th, 2025, Finance Committee were read and a motion to approve by Legislator Ciotoli, seconded by Legislator Brown and unanimously carried.

FINANCIAL: Treasurer Roberts shared the year to date budget report for 12/2025, expense and revenue both tracked well for the year.

OLD BUSINESS: The Treasurer's Office audit for 2025 has begun. The new auditors from Drescher & Malecki are on site this week.

NEW BUSINESS: 2024 Foreclosure advertising has been published in the paper.

: Treasurer Roberts reviewed the Occupancy Tax Trend chart and noted that 2025 revenue came in at \$364K, up 6% over 2024. This is attributed increased registration and remittance from short term rental sites.

: The 2025 College Chargeback data was shared. A discussion was held about what chargebacks are and how they work. Payments to community college in 2025 were down 190K from 2024. Treasurer Roberts will investigate why the billings were down and look at adding more detail to the website to inform taxpayers about community college chargebacks.

PERSONNEL: Treasurer Roberts shared the Treasurer's Office is examining adding a new payroll position for backup and succession purposes.

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

A15- AUTHORIZE CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE- AUDITING SERVICES

A16- AUTHORIZE CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE- CONSULTING

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: 11:30am