

Subject: Tech funds for non-approved budget items

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Good morning sir,

It was good hearing your perspective during yesterday's budget discussion. I appreciate the effort being put into moving things forward.

I have a follow-up question regarding something that was mentioned.

During the discussion, it was stated that grant-related funds are currently being used for legal expenses. As you are aware, Council has previously reviewed and rejected proposed increases to legal-related budget items.

With that in mind, can you clarify whether Council has approved any amendment or other authorization that would allow for these expenditures? If not, I am trying to understand how the DDA is able to proceed with spending in this area outside of what has been approved.

It is my understanding that all funds received, including grant funds, are subject to the same budgetary and appropriation controls once received. Funds immediately become public funds once received. If there is a different process or authority being relied upon here, I would appreciate clarification.

Equally important, and one item that I have failed to mention previously (though staff has), is the village purchasing policy, which is codified and does apply to village multiple member bodies as well, per prior court cases.

Thank you for your time,

Jim Koskela