



Minutes approved by Budget Committee on April 30, 2020.

1. CALLED TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

Chair David Andersen called the Budget Committee meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: David Andersen, Jeff Boivin, Tom Cook, Wolanda Groombridge (arrived 7:06), Thomas Johnston, David Maisel, Timothy Rippe, Debby Roth, Dale Smith, Ron Thompson (arrived 6:43), Peter Truax, Elena Uhing, Adolph "Val" Valfre and Malynda Wenzl. **ABSENT:** None.

STAFF PRESENT: Jesse VanderZanden, City Manager; Paul Downey, Administrative Services Director; Bryce Baker, Assistant Finance Director; Gregory Robertson, Public Works Director; Keith Hormann, Light & Power Director; and Beverly Maughan, Executive Assistant to City Manager.

2. FOLLOW UP FROM PRIOR MEETING: Non-Profit Funding follow up included as Item #4 and Economic Development budget will be discussed in the Light & Power Department budget.

3. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF 2019-20 PROPOSED BUDGET:

Downey continued the review of the highlights for the remaining proposed budget funds as noted in the PowerPoint summary and answered questions from the committee. **Recessed until 7:45 pm.**

4. DISCUSSION ON NON-PROFIT FUNDING:

In response to the Budget Committee's request during discussion at the prior meeting, Downey presented the City's history of funding non-profits and gave examples of how other local cities fund non-profits. Staff proposed discussion items to help inform the development of the policy and process such as should City provide non-profit funding from the General Fund in addition to non-profit funding (NPF) from the Community Enhancement Program (CEP) and what is the goal or objective of the funding.

Discussion by members:

Wenzl: CEP is the funding process for NPF and any requests for funds should be directed to the CEP process; however, she felt the Family Justice Center should be given the benefit of the doubt and kept in the FY 2019-20 budget with the directions that further funding would need to be requested during the CEP process.

Uhing: Content with CEP process but not with out-of-cycle requests; felt FJC should have known 2017-18 funds were a one-time donation and applied for CEP grant instead of sending an invoice to the City; requested Council review of CEP and a policy be in place prior to next CEP cycle.

Maisel: City should give clear message to NP and educate that they need to apply

through CEP and supports the need for a clear policy.

Johnston: Recommended that TLT funds could be used when advertising City tourism opportunities exist such as Fiesta of Hope sponsorship request.

Rippe: Does not feel that CEP funds should be given for ongoing operations.

Groombridge: Described experience with City of Albany's NPF funded by businesses advertising at major events May through September.

Boivin: Concurred with Wenzl in funding FJC in FY 2019-20 budget if there was any kind of confusion in the communication at all.

Andersen: Believes CEP process allows adequate funding for NPF and there should not be additional money in the budget for out of cycle requests.

Valfre: Concurred with Wenzl but is concerned that the CEP is connected to a funding source that is diminishing and there is a need for the City to provide a source for NPF in addition to the CEP.

Truax: Stated that the CEP process has changed and expanded since its inception and cautioned that there will continue to be the unique and individual request that may not fit the matrix so sometimes there may be a need to make decisions outside of a policy.

Johnston moved, seconded by Uhing, the recommendation from the Budget Committee is that all future NPF requests follow CEP process.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: David Andersen, Jeff Boivin, Tom Cook, Wolanda Groombridge, Tom Johnston, David Maisel, Dale Smith, Elena Uhing. NOES: Peter Truax, Timothy Rippe, Debby Roth, Ron Thompson, Adolph "Val" Valfre. Abstained: Malynda Wenzl. Motion passed 8 to 5.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED BUDGET:** Andersen asked for public comment on the proposed budget. None.

6. **DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF BUDGET:**

Approval of Capital Improvements Program

Wenzl moved, seconded by Roth, to approve the Capital Improvements Program for FY 2019-24. DISCUSSION: None. VOICE VOTE: With all those present voting in favor, the motion passed 14-0.

Approval of Fire Department Funding

Johnston declared a conflict of interest on this line item and did not participate in discussion or vote.

Wenzl moved, seconded by Maisel, to approve expenditures for FY 2019-20 in the amount of \$4,949,795 for the Fire Department expenditures in the General Fund.

DISCUSSION: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: David Andersen, Jeff Boivin, Tom Cook, Wolanda Groombridge, David Maisel, Timothy Rippe, Debby Roth, Dale Smith, Ron Thompson, Peter Truax, Elena Uhing, Adolph "Val" Valfre and Malynda Wenzl. NOES: None. Motion passed 13-0.

Approval of Proposed FY 2019-20 Budget

Wenzl moved, seconded by Smith, to approve expenditures for FY 2019-20 Proposed Budget in the amount of \$120,237,091 and to establish the maximum expenditures for each fund as shown on FY 2019-20 Approved Budget Expenditure Summary by Fund.

DISCUSSION:

Amendments to Proposed Budget

Uhing moved, seconded by Valfre, to include expenditure from the CIP Excise Tax Fund of \$6,000 for signage in the Parks Department.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: David Andersen, Jeff Boivin, Tom Cook, Wolanda Groombridge, Tom Johnston, David Maisel, Timothy Rippe, Debby Roth, Dale Smith, Ron Thompson, Elena Uhing, and Adolph "Val" Valfre. NOES: Peter Truax and Malynda Wenzl. Motion passed 12-2.

Approval of Amended Proposed Budget:

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: David Andersen, Jeff Boivin, Tom Cook, Wolanda Groombridge, Tom Johnston, David Maisel, Timothy Rippe, Debby Roth, Dale Smith, Ron Thompson, Peter Truax, Elena Uhing, Adolph "Val" Valfre and Malynda Wenzl. NOES: None. Motion passed 14-0.

Approval of Property Tax Rate

Wenzl moved, seconded by Roth, to approve, for fiscal year 2019-20, a property tax rate of \$3.9554 per \$1,000 of assessed value for General Fund property taxes for taxes levied by the City's permanent rate, and a property tax rate of \$1.60 per \$1,000 of assessed value for General Fund property taxes for the second year of the five-year Local Option Levy expiring on June 30, 2023. DISCUSSION: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: David Andersen, Jeff Boivin, Tom Cook, Wolanda Groombridge, Tom Johnston, David Maisel, Timothy Rippe, Debby Roth, Dale Smith, Ron Thompson, Peter Truax, Elena Uhing, Adolph "Val" Valfre and Malynda Wenzl. NOES: None. Motion passed 14-0.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Andersen adjourned the meeting at 8:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Beverly Maughan, Executive Assistant