

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2021
Community Auditorium /ZOOM

Approved as Presented by the Budget Committee 04.19.2022.

1. CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Andersen called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL MEMBERS ATTENDED BY ZOOM WEBINAR: David Andersen, Tom Cook, Wolanda Groombridge, Donna Gustafson, Kristy Kottkey, David Maisel, Robert Moats, Timothy Rippe, Debby Roth, Heidi Ruby, Elena Uhing, Mariana Valenzuela, Malynda Wenzl, and Peter Truax, Mayor.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT ATTENDED BY ZOOM WEBINAR:: Jesse VanderZanden, City Manager; Paul Downey, Administrative Services Director; Beverly Maughan, Executive Assistant to City Manager; Colleen Winters, Library Director; Keith Hormann, Light & Power Director; Anne Lane, Parks & Recreation Director); Greg Robertson, Public Works Director; Rich Blackmun, Engineering Project Manager; and Patrick Fale, Interim Fire Chief. Attendees (2).

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Approve Budget Committee Meeting Minutes April 20, 2021.

MOTION: Uhing moved, seconded by Gustafson, to approve the minutes as presented. With all those present voting in favor, motion passed unanimously. In response to Andersen's inquiry about the status of Council compensation, Downey noted staff will clarify with City Attorney that Council can direct the community members on the Budget Committee to reconvene and study the comparative data from other cities and make a recommendation to Council.

4. FOLLOW UP FROM PRIOR MEETING:

Downey reviewed information requested at the June 1 meeting and sent to the Committee, i.e. the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) document and a memo from Police Chief Reimann with more information on the Mental Health Response Team and response data.

ARP Subcommittee Report: Downey reviewed the discussion and recommendations from the ARP Subcommittee meeting on June 7, 2021. The subcommittee voted unanimously to recommend 1) 20% of the funds be allocated for programs to support public health expenditures, address negative economic impacts caused by COVID and provide premium pay for essential works; 2) 80% of the funds be allocated for projects using lost public sector revenue and to invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure; and 3) the subcommittee continue to meet to develop programs on how the funds would be spent. In response to

Gustafson's inquiry, Downey confirmed the allocations can be flexible and changed as more information is gathered.

5. REVIEW OF FY 2021-22 PROPOSED BUDGET (Continued)

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.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED BUDGET: None.

7. DISCUSSION & APPROVAL OF BUDGET:

Approval of Capital Improvements Program

Truax moved, seconded by Uhing, to approve the Capital Improvements Program for FY 2021-26. DISCUSSION: None. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES David Andersen, Tom Cook, Wolanda Groombridge, Donna Gustafson, Kristy Kottkey, David Maisel, Robert Moats, Timothy Rippe, Debby Roth, Heidi Ruby, Elena Uhing, Mariana Valenzuela, Malynda Wenzl, and Peter Truax. NOES: None. Motion passed 14-0.

Approval of Proposed Budget

Rippe moved, seconded by Maisel, to approve expenditures for the FY 2021-22 Proposed Budget in the amount of \$143,982,570 and to establish the maximum expenditures for each fund as shown on the FY 2021-22 Approved Budget Expenditure Summary by Fund.

Staff Changes: Downey reviewed staff changes showing the adjustments to the ARP allocations which moved funds in categories but did not change the total expenditures.

Committee amendments: Gustafson moved, seconded by Kottkey, to increase the 20% allocation in ARP to 30% for programs and decrease the allocation for projects from 80% to 70%. Discussion: Points of discussion included needing more information on the need in the community and that it would be possible to amend the allocation after the budget is passed if it is determined that more funds are needed as well as investment into the infrastructure benefits the community as a full-service city. Kottkey noted she would support a higher allocation if it included homeless funds. ROLL CALL VOTE ON AMENDMENT: AYES: Donna Gustafson and Kristy Kottkey. NOES: David Andersen, Tom Cook, Wolanda Groombridge, David Maisel, Robert Moats, Timothy Rippe, Debby Roth, Heidi Ruby, Elena Uhing, Mariana Valenzuela, Malynda Wenzl, and Peter Truax. None. Motion failed 2-12. There were no other amendments to the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION: AYES David Andersen, Tom Cook, Wolanda Groombridge, Donna Gustafson, Kristy Kottkey, David Maisel, Robert Moats, Timothy Rippe, Debby Roth, Heidi Ruby, Elena Uhing, Mariana Valenzuela, Malynda Wenzl, and Peter Truax. NOES: None. Motion passed 14-0.

Approval of Property Tax Rates

Wenzl moved, seconded by Rippe, to approve for fiscal year 2021-22 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 fourth year of the five-year Local Option Levy expiring on June 30, 2023. DISCUSSION: None. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES David Andersen, Tom Cook, Wolanda Groombridge, Donna Gustafson, Kristy Kottkey, David Maisel, Robert Moats, Timothy Rippe, Debby Roth, Heidi Ruby, Elena Uhing, Mariana Valenzuela, Malynda Wenzl, and Peter Truax. NOES: None. Motion passed 14-0.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**: Chair Andersen adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Beverly Maughan, Exec. Assistant to the City Manager