



City of Pensacola

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Meeting Minutes

August 2, 2017

9:00 A.M.

Hagler/Mason Conference Room

Council President Spencer called the meeting to order at 9:07 A.M. **for the purpose of reviewing the Fiscal Year 2018 Proposed Budget.**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Council Members Present: Brian Spencer, Gerald Wingate, Sherri Myers, P.C. Wu

Council Members Absent: Jewel Cannada-Wynn, Larry Johnson, Andy Terhaar

SELECTION OF CHAIR

Continuing with Council President Spencer as Chair for the workshop session.

DISCUSSION

1. 17-00441 2017 BUDGET WORKSHOP

Council President Spencer made opening remarks suggesting, if necessary (based on discussion), a special meeting may be called in order to effectuate changes to the proposed budget.

9:09 – 9:33 a.m. ***Pensacola Energy*** – Don Suarez, Director

Council Members asked questions regarding infrastructure replacement; homeowner contracting for repairs; zeroing out of rebates; sufficient budget for growth; military base projects; acceleration of infrastructure recovery with bond funding in the amount of \$15 million; user fees; meter replacement; CNG program; and marketing efforts.

9:33 – 9:59 a.m. ***Airport*** – Daniel Flynn, Director

Council Member inquired of budget impacts of Frontier Airlines; construction of the VT MAE Facility; fire and law enforcement services; and Commerce Park.

9:59 – 10:30 a.m. ***Port*** – Amy Miller, Director

Discussion focused on current port operations such as CEMEX and Offshore Inland Marine, as well as lack of operation; impacts on revenues such as dockage and wharfage; lack of a study; short term goals; traffic impacts on downtown.

10:30 – 10:38 a.m. ***Recess***

10:38 – 11:11 a.m. ***Financial Services*** – Richard Barker, Jr., Chief Financial Officer

Some discussion took place regarding the number of employees and if there any areas to reduce positions and it was explained that Technology Resources is now a division of Financial Services, which no longer has a “chief” but a manager of the division. Purchasing Division has new assistant position; functions of risk management/claims and payroll. Reductions in postage; outside legal fees; group insurance, liability insurance, and workers’ compensation; reserve fund; internal service fund. Council Member Myers requested copies of departmental budget preparation manuals.

11:11 – 11:28 a.m. ***General Discussion***

Council Member Wingate inquired of the reduction of staff within the City Clerk’s office and expressed concerns in reducing from three (3) full time employees to two (2) full time employees, with Council Member Spencer also expressing his concerns. City Administrator Olson responded to his reasoning for the elimination of the position and referenced a study conducted. Council Member Spencer made follow-up remarks indicating this does not seem typical and he would like to meet with City Administrator Olson to discuss further.

Council Member Myers inquired of the Community Maritime Park related to ownership of the various improvements (stadium, amphitheater) in light of the Community Maritime Park Associates, Inc. – Board of Trustees being dissolved earlier this year and the City absorbing the budget. She also indicated she would like an update on the marketing of the vacant parcels for development.

Council Member Wingate again raised the issue of how Council may (procedurally) effectuate making changes to the proposed budget. City Administrator indicated the budget before Council is proposed by the Mayor and any changes will require a vote of four (4) Council Members. Discussion ensued with comments from other Council Members and input from Council Executive Kraher.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion or public input, the workshop was adjourned.

WHEREUPON the meeting was adjourned at 11:28 A.M.

Attached:

- 1) Agenda outline

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COUNCIL MEMORANDUM



BUDGET WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Wednesday August 2, 2017 (Assuming a continuation with the same Chair & Process)

9:00 – Pensacola Energy

9:45 – Airport

10:30 – Port of Pensacola

11:15 – Financial Services

12:00 – General Discussion (Discussion of need for special meeting if Council desires changes within Budget Document prior to First Public Hearing on September 13, 2017)

Adjournment