



Minutes

Finance Committee Budget Public Hearing

Thursday, May 28, 2020

4:00 PM

Council Chamber Room 230, City Hall

Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Clark called the virtual meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present:

*Council Member Robert Clark, Chair
Council Member Denise Adams, Vice Chair
Council Member Jeff MacIntosh
Council Member James Taylor, Jr.*

Others Present:

*Mayor Allen Joines
Council Member John Larson
Council Member Annette Scippio
Council Member Dan Besse (arrived late)*

1. Review of Responses to Council Questions.

Patrice Toney, Budget and Evaluation Director, gave the staff report.

Council Member Larson requested information on City funding regarding the City's budget versus the Public Utilities budget in the form of a pie chart.

Council Member Taylor stated that he is not in support of pay raises for senior staff or elected officials.

Chair Clark reminded everyone that the City would be renegotiating our recycling contract next year, and it is anticipated to be a seven figure increase.

Chair Clark requested information pertaining to Police vacancies, and asked that staff adjust the number by taking in to consideration the elimination of SROs and the current Police training classes.

Vice Chair Adams noted that she would be advocating for the City's minimum wage to increase to \$14/hour.

2. Community Agency Funding Recommendations.

Patrice Toney, Budget and Evaluation Director, gave the presentation.

Vice Chair Adams stated that the non-profits should become sustainable, and requested a report on how many years we have been giving money to some of these agencies.

Council Member Scippio stated the process of selecting agencies who receive funding should be reviewed.

Mayor Joines stated this has been a tough year for the budget and applauded staff for keeping the budget steady.

Council Member Larson stated that Council and Staff need to be mindful of what federal officials will do.

Vice Chair Adams discussed having a compliance auditing team to help audit some of the non-profits that receive funding.

3. Public Hearing on Proposed City of Winston-Salem Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Chair Clark opened the Public Hearing.

Speakers:

Margaret Collins - 5215 Cedarwood Creek; Center for Creative Economy

Twana Roebuck - 3480 Dominion Street; Experiment in Self Reliance

Sam Matthews - 1700 Ebert Street; Shepherd's Center of Greater Winston-Salem

Katura Jackson - 500 W 4th Street; Childcare Resource Center

Dothula Baron - PO Box 773; My FACE (Males and Females Acting in Confidence and Empowerment)

Randy Eaddy - 101 N Avalon Road; Arts Council

Chair Clark closed the Public Hearing.

4. Other Topics for Discussion.

5. NEXT STEPS

- a. Finance Committee Meeting Workshop, Thursday, June 4, 4:00 P.M., WebEx
- b. City Council Meeting Public Hearing and Budget Adoption, Monday, June 15, 7:00 P.M., WebEx

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.