

**WINSTON-SALEM FINANCE COMMITTEE
BUDGET WORKSHOP
Council Chambers
101. No Main Street
May 31, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Clark called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and stated all Committee Members are present.

Present:

Council Member Robert Clark, Chair
Mayor Pro Tempore Denise D. Adams, Vice Chair
Council Member Jeff MacIntosh
Council Member James Taylor, Jr.

Additional Attendees:

Mayor Allen Joines
Council Member John Larson
Council Member Kevin Mundy
Council Member Annette Scippio
Council Member Barbara Hanes Burke

1. Overview of Proposed Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget.

Lee Garrity, City Manager, welcomed everyone and thanked Scott Tesh and the Budget and Performance Management Department for their hard work on this budget. He stated the budget is the most important policy tool for a government body and the biggest priority. He said staff has tried to align the budget with the strategic priorities approved by the Mayor and City Council.

Scott Tesh, Budget and Performance Management Director, recognized the budget staff and thanked them for all their hard work during this budget season.

Mr. Tesh reviewed his presentation on the proposed City of Winston-Salem's Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget.

In response to Council Member Scippio, Mr. Tesh stated he would provide information regarding current and past sales tax growth.

Dr. Marquis Barnett, Human Resources Director, provided information on the merit adjustments and police and fire (sworn and certified) career ladder.

Mayor Pro Tempore Adams requested information regarding the difference in police and fire regarding compression rate and would like a comparison of other cities to be included.

In response to Council Member MacIntosh, Trey Mayo, Fire Chief, stated the application rate for fire fighters has been down 10% each year over the last 5 years, and noted that this is being reflective all over the nation.

Council Member Clark noted his concerns about new positions for Community Development. He requested more information regarding the details of the positions be provided to Council.

In response to Council Member Larson, Mr. Tesh stated information would be provided regarding the Continuum of Care Coordinator position.

Lisa Saunders, Chief Financial Officer, provided an overview on the proposed fund balance policy recommendation and explained why staff is proposing to increase the reserve fund from 14% to 16%.

2. Review of Resident Survey Data.

Mr. Tesh presented information regarding the Resident Survey.

3. Other Topics for Discussion.

Mayor Pro Tempore Adams thanked Mr. Tesh and his staff for all their hard work regarding the budget. She requested information regarding the proposed tax rate for the City of Greensboro.

Council Member Burke requested a breakdown of the resident survey by zip code and income.

Council Member Mundy requested the comparison of Winston-Salem's satisfaction ratings year over year.

Next Steps:

- a. Finance Committee Budget Workshop (Proposed Capital Budget) - Thursday, June 2, 5:00 p.m.
- b. Finance Committee Public Hearing - Thursday, June 2, 7:00 p.m.
- c. Finance Committee Budget Workshop - Thursday, June 9, 4:00 p.m.
- d. City Council Meeting Public Hearing and Budget Adoption - Tuesday, June 21, 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.