



Summary

Finance Committee Budget Workshop

Room 239, City Hall

Thursday, June 4, 2020

4:00 PM

Committee Room 239, City Hall

Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Clark called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. He stated due to the Declaration of the State-of-Emergency, the meeting is being conducted virtually. He noted that all votes by the Committee Members will be a roll call vote.

Present:

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

Additional Attendees:

Mayor Allen Joines
Council Member Besse
Council Member John Larson
Council member Annette Scippio

1. Review of Responses to Questions from Mayor and Council Members.

Patrice Toney, Budget Director, proved a brief report for this item.

Council Member Scippio suggested staff review the funding policies for non-profit agencies.

Council Member Clark stated he would like the funding policy for non-profits be placed on a future Finance agenda and would also like a report of the agencies that are funded by departments, such as the Police Department.

2. Finance Committee Changes to the Proposed Budget.

Chair Clark stated he has no changes to the budget and commended staff for their hard work.

Vice Chair Adams stated there would be no salary increases for anyone for the City of Winston-Salem. She said that if the County funding is received, and if it can be used in such a manner, she would like those employees that are currently making \$13.00 an hour to be increased to \$14.00 an hour.

Chair Clark stated a MOU would come before the Council regarding the County funding and that would let Council know how the funding could be used.

Council Member MacIntosh noted his concerns about the projection of future revenues.

Council Member Larson stated his concerns about projected revenues and the reserves.

Council Member Scippio stated she was concerned about reserves and asked that consideration be made for a bonus for employees instead of a pay raise if the funding allows.

Council Member Besse stated he is concerned about reserves and would like to commit to a pay raise for Public Safety Personnel.

Chair Clark asked Morticia "Tee-Tee" Parmon, Council Member Elect for the Northeast Ward, her thoughts regarding the budget. Ms. Parmon stated the City needs to be mindful of how it supports the non-profit organizations so Winston-Salem can continue to grow and not hinder growth.

Mayor Allen Joines stated he was very pleased with the City's AAA Bond rating. He noted that there could be some restraints regarding the County funding.

Chair Clark asked Lisa Saunders, Chief Financial Officer, to give a report on the AAA Bond Rating and asked her to provide a detailed report to the Council Members.

Lee Garrity, City Manager, noted Budget would provide a monthly financial report regarding revenues to the Finance Committee.

Consideration of a Recommended Budget and Property Tax Rate.

3.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, seconded by Council Member MacIntosh, that the Budget and Property Tax Rate be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Council Member Clark, Council Member Adams, Council Member Taylor, and Council Member MacIntosh

4. Consideration of Recommended Budget Items to be Included in the City Council Agenda for June 15, 2020:

a. Resolution Approving The Capital Plan For Fiscal Years 2020-2021 Through 2025-2026 As A Financial Planning Guide.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, seconded by Council Member MacIntosh, that the Resolution Approving The Capital Plan For Fiscal Years 2020-2021 Through 2025-2026 As A Financial Planning Guide be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Council Member Clark, Council Member Adams, Council Member Taylor, and Council Member MacIntosh

b. Resolution Authorizing An Interlocal Agreement Between The City Of Winston-Salem And Forsyth County For Grant Funds To Support The District Attorney's Domestic Violence Unit.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, seconded by Council Member MacIntosh, that the Resolution Authorizing An Interlocal Agreement Between The City Of Winston-Salem And Forsyth County For Grant Funds To Support The District Attorney's Domestic Violence Unit be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Council Member Clark, Council Member Adams, Council Member Taylor, and Council Member MacIntosh

c. Resolution Making Certain Changes To The Personnel Resolution.

Ben Rowe, Assistant City Manager, provided a report on this item.

Chair Clark requested the positions be listed on the agenda for the June 15th meeting.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, seconded by Council Member MacIntosh, that the Resolution Making Certain Changes To The Personnel Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Council Member Clark, Council Member Adams, Council Member Taylor, and Council Member MacIntosh

d. Resolution Prioritizing Uses Of Potential Federal And State Coronavirus Relief Funding.

Ben Rowe, Assistant City Manager, provided information regarding this item.

Mayor Pro Tempore Adams provided information regarding possible Federal and State funds for Corona-virus relief.

A motion was made by Adams, seconded by MacIntosh, that this Resolution be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Council Member Clark, Council Member Adams, Council Member Taylor, and Council Member MacIntosh

e. Resolution Establishing Austerity Measures To Manage The Fy 2020-2021 Budget.

Ben Rowe, Assistant City Manager, provided information for this item.

Mayor Pro Tempore Adams requested staff review future processes for providing critical services and affordable housing en-light of the current economic status and the use of City's reserves.

Council Member MacIntosh requested the City continue with efforts for economic development and affordable housing funding.

A motion was made by Adams, seconded by MacIntosh, that this Resolution be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Council Member Clark, Council Member Adams, and Council Member MacIntosh

Nay: 1 - Council Member Taylor

9. NEXT STEPS

Chair Clark announced the Public Hearing on the Budget will be at 7:00 p.m. at the Benton Convention Center on Monday, June 15th.

a. City Council Meeting Public Hearing and Budget Adoption, June 15, 7:00 P.M., Benton Convention Center.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.