

**CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL**

Mayor Hunter T. George called the special meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers Shannon Reynolds, Brett Wittner, Denny Waltier, and Blake Surina were present. Councilmember David M. Viafore and Jamie Nixon were absent and excused.

**AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**

There were none.

**PRELIMINARY 2020 BUDGET**

City Manager Pingel reported on the proposed banking of the 1% property tax levy for 2020, stating although it would reduce impacts, adjustments could be made to ensure budgeted revenues exceeded expenses. After a brief discussion on banking levy capacity, the intent of the state statute, benefits and drawbacks, there were no objections to move forward with banking the 1% of the property tax levy for 2020.

There was a brief discussion on the sewer treatment pass-through, and Pingel indicated the staff recommendation was to maintain the expense in the 2020 budget and make the budget adjustment to account for the revenue in January 2020 after the December 10, 2019 public hearing and possible action in January 2020. There were no objections, and George requested staff to inform residents about the sewer treatment pass-through and Tacoma project via the City's newsletter.

Pingel reported he met with Judge Miller regarding potentially budgeting for a promotion for a lead court clerk and would continue to meet with him to discuss options. After a brief discussion regarding the court administration, Pingel indicated the Ruston contract included a COLA increase for 2020 and that a full analysis would be performed after a full year of service.

Pingel confirmed that the revenues and expenditures reflected conservative estimates regarding the pool 2020 season and an increase in pool room rentals. There was a brief discussion on the temporary accommodations during the community center construction and incorporating the updated rate schedule.

Pingel requested additional feedback:

- Surina requested consideration for a citywide energy audit of its public facilities and to establish a citizen committee to incorporate a pedestrian/bicycle/trail system into neighboring systems.

George requested feedback from Council on whether it would be necessary to hold the October 28, 2019 and November 4, 2019 budget special meetings; Wittner and Waltier indicated in support of canceling those meetings.

Waltier complimented Pingel on his approach regarding the banking level capacity.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Reynolds MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 P.M., seconded by Waltier. The Motion Carried (5-0 with Nixon and Viafore absent).**

  
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Hunter T. George, Mayor

  
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Jessica Nappi, City Clerk