# CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

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

### AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were none.

## PRELIMINARY 2020 BUDGET

City Manager Pingel presented the Preliminary 2020 Budget General Fund overview, which included personnel changes, capital projects, and transfers. Reynolds departed at 6:04 P.M. and returned at 6:05 P.M. After a brief discussion, Pingel confirmed the budget would note that the sale of the current Police Chief's vehicle would be applied toward the purchase of a new one and that up to \$13,900 would be transferred out of General Fund. Pingel confirmed the existing Police Tough Books had no resale value and were beyond their useful life.

Pingel presented General Fund revenue projections and changes, stating the change in operating revenue was \$4,168. After a brief discussion on the Chick-fil-A tax projections and Utility Tax revenues and sewer treatment pass-through, Pingel presented the General Fund operating budget expenditures and major variances. Pingel confirmed the 1.7% COLA wage increase would apply to all non-represented staff as well as the represented staff since the 1.7% COLA fell within the 1-3% range as prescribed by the collective bargaining agreement. There was a brief discussion on the recent cybersecurity high level assessment, information services, police officer uniforms, voluntary home camera catalog, emphasis patrol to address speed and truck traffic on Regents Boulevard, crime mapping analytics, anticipated condominium construction, and temporary accommodations during the community center construction.

Pingel presented the General Fund capital expenses, which amounted to \$202,700 in judicial, facilities, police, recreation, and parks expenditures. After a brief discussion on tree removal and tot lot swing set replacement, Pingel requested Council consensus on the readerboard replacement; Waltier, Nixon, and Surina commented on their support and Viafore commented on his concern regarding the project and commented on having this project go through the public process to obtain public input. Pingel confirmed there would be a placeholder in the budget for readerboard replacement project and that staff would return to Council with more information about the project.

Pingel briefed the Council on the remaining budget meetings, and the following individual provided comment:

• Charlene Laymon, 550 Berkeley Avenue, inquired on the short- and long-term objectives for the City. There was a brief discussion on the City's mission statement, strategies, and goals.

Viafore requested Council feedback on whether the City should increase the property tax by 1% or to bank the levy capacity for a future date. After a brief discussion, there was a general

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consensus for staff to provide more information about banking levy capacity and the impact to the City.

Pingel briefed the Council on potential adjustments, which included the City's liability insurance and sewer treatment utility tax pass-through. Pingel briefed the Council on the proposal to establish the Park Bond Debt Service and Park Bond Capital funds to account for payments and capital outlay expenses related to the park bond debt. Finance Director Corcoran indicated the final budget would reflect any significant changes to the restricted fund balance, and briefed the Council on the reimbursement to the 44<sup>th</sup>/Alameda fund balance.

Council commented on their appreciation of the budget process and thanked the staff for their efforts.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Viafore MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 P.M., seconded by Reynolds. <u>The Motion</u> <u>Carried (5-0 with George and Wittner absent)</u>.

Waltier, Mayor Pro Tempore

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