

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Hunter T. George called the study session to order at 6:03 P.M. and led the pledge of allegiance. Councilmembers David M. Viafore, Shannon Reynolds, Brett Wittner, Joe Barrentine, Denny Waltier, and Jaime Nixon were present

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were none.

COVID-19 BUDGET IMPACTS DISCUSSION

Pingel provided an overview of the agenda summary and provided insight into potential budget shortfalls and budget savings. Pingel expressed that there will be a delay in knowing the full impact of sales tax until July or August when the reports are available. Pingel reiterated that these figures are preliminary, and staff will continue to monitor and forecast throughout the year.

Councilmember Viafore commented that he liked the proposal; however, believes that unless the economy takes a nosedive, the presented numbers are worst case scenario. Viafore inquired about the court amnesty program and Court Administrator Perry confirmed that the program is currently on hold. Lastly, Viafore commented that he believed that cutting the emphasis patrol could be a mistake and it is worth the cost of \$15,000 to protect the City.

Mayor George commented that he too believes that the proposal is a worst-case scenario and asked about cash-flow issues with regard to delayed property taxes. Pingel reported that if they delay the second-half property taxes, then that would have a significant impact. George inquired about Police overtime budget impacts with reduced officer staffing. Pingel reported that he anticipates there will be overtime paid but no more than usual. George also commented that he is thrilled that staff left the possibility of a pool season in the budget and appreciates that staff is still pushing to make a swim season happen.

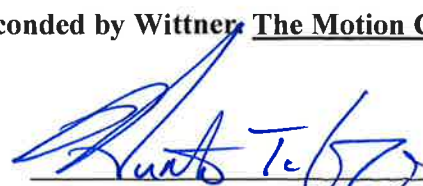
Councilmember Waltier commented about the delay in property taxes and although taxes may be delayed, we will be getting the money eventually. Waltier also commented that he appreciates the proposal staff has laid out but believes that the economy will be picking back up within the next thirty (30) days.

Councilmember Viafore commented that as a procedural item, at the next regular Council meeting the Council will need to have consensus to direct staff to stop the process of transferring the Undesignated Ending Fund Balance to Cumulative reserves for the first reading of the budget amendment. Staff reported that the anticipated first reading of the budget amendment is scheduled for May 12th.

Councilmember Barrentine commented that he appreciates the work put in by staff and appreciates the patience staff has shown to make sound decisions.

ADJOURNMENT

Viafore MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 P.M., seconded by Wittner. The Motion Carried (7-0).



Hunter T. George, Mayor

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Jayne Westman, City Clerk