

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro Tempore Joe Barrentine called the special meeting to order at 6:01 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers David M. Viafore, Shannon Reynolds, Brett L. Wittner, Hunter T. George, Nikki Bufford, and Jim Andrews were present.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were none.

PRELIMINARY 2023 BUDGET

Interim City Manager Corcoran presented the Preliminary 2023 Budget, which included Street Fund, Enterprise Funds, and other significant items. Corcoran highlighted pool maintenance and operating cost changes. There was a brief discussion on pool chemical cost. Parks changes include an increase in public utilities, tree maintenance, and operating supplies. There was a brief discussion on the Fircrest Christmas Tree and maintaining park structures.

Corcoran highlighted the Park Bond Debt Service Fund and Park Bond Capital Fund changes. The cumulative reserve fund will receive its second of three loan payments and the interest will go into General Fund. There was a discussion on Cumulative Reserve Street, Water, and Sewer Funds. Viafore requested a consensus to transfer the Cumulative Reserve Street, Water, and Sewer Funds out into their respective funds. There was a consensus to transfer Cumulative Reserve Street, Water, and Sewer Funds out into their respective funds.

Corcoran stated that the 2023 Real Estate Excise Tax Fund included revenue for REET-I and REET-II estimated at \$168,000 each and a transfer to Street Fund of \$100,000 for capital projects. Corcoran presented the Street Fund overview, which included City goals and capital projects to include Capital Fund revenues and expenditures.

Corcoran presented the Storm Drain Fund, Water Fund, and Sewer Fund operating goals, revenues, and expenses to include Capital Fund revenues and expenditures. Corcoran reported that the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan has been paid in full, which is reflected in the City's debt service. There was a brief discussion on the City bid policy and procedures, and legal counsel advice on increased sewer treatment costs.

Public Works Director Bemis presented two alternatives for a proposed water, sewer, and storm rate increase, which detailed a two and a four percent proposed increase for utility customers. Discussions included manageable increases for households, residential tier statistics, sewer treatment increases, and the sewer treatment ordinance. Corcoran stated that she will discuss the sewer treatment ordinance and cost with legal counsel.

Corcoran stated that the Council has three remaining study sessions scheduled for October 17th, 24th, and 31st, 2022 to discuss the 2023 preliminary budget. The public hearings are scheduled for October 25, 2022, for the first reading of the 2023 preliminary budget, and November 8, 2022, for the second reading of the 2023 preliminary budget. Viafore commented on budget discussions and staff-provided written commentary.

ADJOURNMENT

George MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 P.M., seconded by Bufford. The Motion Carried (7-0).



Joe Barrentine, Mayor Pro Tempore



Jayne Westman, City Clerk