

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
JANUARY 11, 2021**

ELECTED OFFICIALS/STAFF PHYSICALLY PRESENT:

Mayor Kevin Burns, City Admin. Stephanie Dawkins, Asst. City Admin. Ben McCready

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA REMOTE ATTENDANCE: Ald. Mike Bruno, Ald. Tara Burghart, Ald. Becky Hruby, Ald. Gabe Kaven, Ald. Dean Kilburg, Ald. Brad Kosirog, Ald. Craig Maladra, Ald. Richard Marks, Ald. Jeanne McGowan, Ald. Robert Swanson

STAFF PRESENT VIA REMOTE ATTENDANCE: Dir. of Community Development David DeGroot, Dir. of Economic Development Cathleen Tymoszenko, Police Chief Eric Passarelli, Fire Chief Mike Antenore, Finance Dir. Rita Kruse, Public Works Dir. Rich Babica, Human Resources Generalist Mera Johnson, Deputy Clerk Jeanne Fornari

1. Call to Order

Mayor Burns called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with the recording secretary taking roll call and noting those present physically and remotely. Burns relayed the meeting protocols due to the current Covid 19 restrictions.

2. Presentation and Discussion Regarding FY 2022 Budget and FY 2023 Budget Projections

City Admin. Dawkins presented the details of the draft budget. She summarized the challenges the City has endured during the current pandemic, noting reductions that staff made to the capital budget, savings offered to residents and businesses in the way of fee reductions and payment plans, as well as grant monies received from the Federal CARES Act. Dawkins then provided a review of the recent Strategic Planning Workshop goals and priorities for the coming fiscal year, as well as general and special fund budget details.

Human Resources Generalist Mera Johnson then provided an overview of the current employee benefits and provided comparable community statistics as well.

Discussion from elected officials centered on staffing levels, the downturn in tourism revenues, and additional ways to support local businesses during the pandemic and future recovery, and additional funding for the Cultural Arts Commission and Beautification Commission. Mayor Burns stated he would work Admin. Dawkins and Dir. Tymoszenko to survey businesses on their ideas to further support them for the remainder of the pandemic.

In closing, Admin. Dawkins stated that the budget hearing would take place on February 1 and the committee would have more opportunities to discuss the draft budget before then at subsequent meetings.

3. New Business/Public Comment

None

4. Adjournment

On a motion by Ald. Bruno, the meeting adjourned at 8:23pm

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Bruno, Burghart, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, McGowan, Swanson

NAYS: None

Motion passed.

- *Submitted by Deputy Clerk Fornari*