

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING
JUNE 14, 2016 AT 6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eric Barna called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. ROLL CALL & CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

City Secretary, Susie Quinn, certified a quorum with the following Councilmembers present:

Mayor Eric Barna
Mayor Pro Tem Scott Bradley
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Owais Siddiqui
Councilmember Jennifer Berthiaume
Councilmember Betty Nichols Spraggins
Councilmember Sarah Fincanon
Councilmember Don Reilly

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None one signed up to speak during Public Comments.

4. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

A. Discussion on the FY2017 Annual Budget.

Interim City Manager Bill Shipp gave a PowerPoint presentation about the projected General Fund revenues and expenditures. The budget is based on a \$.50 estimated tax rate. The budget is a work in progress and is balanced. No new personnel are proposed in the document. The proposed pay plan is addressed. Capital projects were discussed as well as items funded by the Municipal Community Development Corporation (MCDC). It was suggested to name a Capital Projects Citizens' Committee to review capital projects to have a bond election in 2017.

Property Taxes make up about 48% of the budget with Sales Taxes following at 13%. The City is heavily dependent on property tax revenue. He discussed and explained the transfers from Utility Funds to the General Fund. The reserve transfers are to pay proposed capital projects. The total projected General Fund Revenues are \$14,745,700.

The proposed Expenditures include 58% for Personnel Services at \$8,510,075; 27% for Contractual Services at \$4,045,400; 7% Transfer Out at \$1,025,400; 6% Materials and Supplies at \$826,500; and FY17 Gen Fund Pay Plan at 2% \$343,600. The total expenditures are \$14,750,975.

The projected Ending Fund Balance in 2017 is \$3,279,700.

The pay plan also includes a performance pay portion including evaluations.

The various departments discussed the FY 17 Capital List which included vehicles for various departments, upgrades to the AV equipment in the Council Chambers, ticket writers for Court, IT replacement hardware as well as storage for a Disaster Recovery Site, and roof replacement at the Murphy Activity Center.

Street lights and sidewalk repairs were discussed along several streets and other areas. Other requests for funding from the Murphy Municipal Development District (\$750,500) and from the Murphy Community Development Corporation (\$37,000) were discussed next.

Stormwater fees were discussed and how stormwater fees are to be spent. A small less expensive engineering study is to be conducted on the stormwater fees to better prioritize those fee collections and expenditures. Water and sewer fee increases will be discussed at the next budget work session.

The non-funded Capital Items requested were discussed which totals \$465,100.

The pay plan implementation was discussed next. If raises were given to everyone, the cost would be \$240,000 so to implement the plan is an additional \$103,600 and will bring the majority of the employees more in line with the cities used in the study. These amounts also include the Leadership being plugged into the plan as well. A request to have this as an action item on the first meeting in July was discussed.

Restructuring of the Economic Development Department was discussed. Discontinuing the contract for the Building Official was discussed as well as not replacing a Code Enforcement Officer Supervisor. An in-house Building Official would be hired and one Code Enforcement officer would be assigned to be supervised by the in-house Building Official. No one would be laid off as the other Code Enforcement Officer would be utilized in another department. This could decrease costs by \$178,000.

5. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the Council meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

APPROVED BY:



Scott Bradley, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



Susie Quinn, City Secretary

