

Budget Education Session #1
BUDGET AND FINANCE
COMMITTEE MINUTES
May 17, 2022

Call to Order

Councilwoman Carol Berz, committee chair, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. in the J.B. Collins Conference Room of the John P. Franklin, Sr. City Council Building. A quorum of five was present that also included Council Chairman Darrin Ledford, Vice Chair Raquetta Dotley, and Councilpersons Jenny Hill and Ken Smith. Councilpersons Demetrus Coonrod and Chip Henderson were not present at this meeting.

Councilpersons Isiah Hester and Marvene Noel joined the meeting at 10:55 a.m.; thus, taking the quorum to seven at that time. Others present at the call to order: Emily O'Donnell, City Attorney; Kyana Grady, Council Administrative Assistant; and Joda Thongnopnua, Chief of Staff.

Presenters & Other Speakers

Finance: Brent Goldberg, Chief Financial Officer
Police: Celeste Murphy, Chief
CARTA: Lisa Maragnano, CARTA Executive Director;
Anthony Sammons, Administrator for Community Development
Dan Reuter, Director-Regional Planning Agency and Administrator-City Planning
Equity and Community Engagement: Tamara Steward – Chief Equity Officer
Early Learning: Karitsa Jones – Administrator
Parks and Outdoors: Scott Martin – Administrator
Public Works: Tom Hutka, Administrator, and Bill Payne, City Engineer

Departments/Divisions Presentations – Part One

Mr. Goldberg was the main presenter and responder to Council questions for all departments.

GENERAL FUNDS REVENUE

1. No tax increases
2. Property Taxes
3. Sales tax growth
4. Other revenue

GENERAL FUND SUMMARY

1. General Fund Expenditures
2. General Fund by Type
3. Essential Costs
4. Appropriation for Debt Services
5. Appropriation for Capital Improvement
6. Contingency Fund Appropriation
7. Liability Insurance Premiums
8. Education per TCA
9. Technology Replacement Fund

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Mr. Goldberg presented the proposed budget requests (increases/decreases/no changes) and staff changes for the departments under General Government.

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

1. City Council
2. Judges
3. City Attorney
4. Internal Audit
5. Information Technology
6. Purchasing

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Mr. Goldberg and Mr. Morris responded to questions on the following:

1. Website Reimagined
2. Internalizing positions vs Outsourcing

FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION

HUMAN RESOURCES

CARTA

Ms. Maragnano responded to questions on the budget allocation and discussed the following:

3. Jarrett Walker Presentation and Infrastructure compilation
4. Operational Budget
5. Enhancing services
6. Board involvement

Councilwoman Berz requested the demographics of CARTA services.

LIBRARY

Mr. Goldberg discussed the following:

1. Council impact regarding the Library budget and board
2. Pay increases

Councilwoman Berz asked Mr. Goldberg if the Library budget will be presenting to the Council and if there revenues and expenses would be reviewed. She also asked if the Library is an "Independent Agency."

AGENCIES

Councilwoman Noel would like further discuss on the qualifications for funding agencies next week. Mr. Goldberg later reminded the Council of the option to fund all agencies on an RFP basis without disruption of services.

POLICE

1. Body Cam Funding – Chief Murphy spoke on the budgeting allotment for body cams and the procedure for ensuring sworn personnel have them.
2. Mobile Crisis Response

Meeting Recessed

Councilwoman Berz recessed the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

Meeting Reconvened

Chairman Ledford reconvened Part Two of the meeting at 1:03 p.m. A quorum was present that also included Vice Chair Dotley and Councilpersons Hill, Hester, and Noel were present. Councilpersons Berz, Coonrod, Henderson, and Smith were not present during this portion of the meeting.

Departments/Divisions Presentations – Part Two

Mr. Goldberg resumed presenting the budget requests (increases/decreases/no changes) and staff changes for the following departments:

FIRE

Chief Hyman spoke on the 2017 – present “snapshot,” including employee morale and recruiting after the pay increase. He also confirmed the ISO rating.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilpersons lauded Mr. Payne for his return to Public Works.

PARKS AND OUTDOORS

Mr. Martin responded to questions on the following:

1. Alton Park Connector
2. Parks Master Plan
3. Current and future budget requests

EQUITY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Ms. Steward responded to questions on the following:

1. Equity and engagement coordinators
2. Aligning all divisions of the department
3. Training Costs
4. Audits and working with other departments
5. Baseline data and pre-work requests for public-facing employees

EARLY LEARNING

Mr. Goldberg spoke on supplemental funding and expanded funds. Mr. Thongnopnua discussed supplementing head start pay.

Ms. Jones also spoke the following:

1. Needs in the future for certain positions
2. Blending learning
3. Return to “Centers of Excellence” in Head Start

CITY PLANNING

Mr. Reuter discussed the following highlights:

1. New work program document
2. Staff work
3. Working on subdivision regulation

Mr. Goldberg noted that Regional Planning Agency would be covered under “Agencies.”

Action Items/Follow-up Information

- Mr. Goldberg will send the Library revenue and expenses for FY23 and the CARTA budget from FY22 to the Council.

Next Week's Presentations – May 24, 2022

1. Questions/concerns from the last session
2. Further discussion regarding Agency funding
3. Presentations: Innovation, Delivery & Performance; Other Funds; and the Capital Plan

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Ledford adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.