

**City Commission Meeting
Budget Workshop
April 29, 2021
10:00 a.m.**

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Alan Johnson, Mayor
Ward Friszolowski, Vice Mayor, Commissioner, District 3
Chris Graus, Commissioner, District 1
Mark Grill, Commissioner, District 2
Melinda Pletcher, Commissioner, District 4

STAFF PRESENT:

Alex Rey, City Manager
Amber LaRowe, City Clerk
Vince Tenaglia, Assistant City Manager
Mike Clarke, Public Works Director
Michelle Gonzalez, Transportation and Parking Director
Betcinda Kettells, Library Director
Jim Kilpatrick, Fire Chief
Jennifer McMahon, Parks and Recreation Director
Wesley Wright, Community Development Director

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET WORKSHOP DISCUSSION

Vince Tenaglia, Assistant City Manager, gave a presentation to the Commission to discuss several key points for the upcoming fiscal year. He touched on the current financial position of several funds as well as the fund balance, pensions, various revenue sources, State funding, and other impact fees.

Minimum wage legislation discussion was had. The Legislative requirement is a minimum wage of \$10/hour beginning FY 2022 and increasing by one dollar every year thereafter to a \$15/hour minimum wage effective FY 2027. Competitive market rates, pay plan compression and contractual agreements were mentioned.

Policy Based Budget Requests Discussion:

- Law Enforcement
 - Additional Community Policing Deputy; eliminate beach patrol during peak season; a net cost increase of \$51K
- Technology Investments
 - Enterprise software system for integration/upgrade for HR, payroll, procurement; costs range \$50,000 to \$250,000 depending on vendor and how robust the system is
 - Electronic Plans Review for Building; estimated cost \$25,000
 - Digital Records; Clerk's Office for digitization of historical records; estimated \$250,000 but can be managed and spaced out over a span of time

Mayor Johnson recessed the Budget Workshop meeting at 12:45 p.m. for lunch.

Mayor Johnson reconvened the Budget Workshop meeting at 1:30 p.m.

- Business Incentives (\$50,000)
 - Matching grants for beautification
 - Loans for small businesses to meet Code

- Holiday décor contests
- Parks and Recreation Accreditation (\$50,000)
- Freebee Expansion
 - Expand to 75th Avenue with no net financial impact due to reduced Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) Central Avenue Trolley (CAT) Services
 - BRT service reduces the PSTA CAT Service

Vice Mayor Friszolowski requested a report on traffic issues in the City; Ms. Gonzalez will send to the Commission.

Strategic Partnerships Discussion:

- Shared Transportation and Technology Resources-Treasure Island Pending Agreement
- Interagency Efficiencies Report-Fire Service
- St. John Vianney Catholic School Partnership
- Special Assessments
 - Brightwater Beach Estates Undergrounding

Capital Improvement Plan Discussion:

- Roadway budget street repaving plan
- Gulf Winds Drive/Boca Ciega Drive four alternatives
 - \$10.3M complete streets project
 - \$3.7M complete streets “light” project
 - \$865K full depth reclamation
 - \$570K standard resurfacing
 - Various traffic calming, right-of-way, beautification, and improvements for pedestrian and bicycle mobility were discussed
- Street name sign upgrades
 - Current budget - \$185K; requires Commission direction on expenditure

Commissioner Pletcher discussed the street name sign upgrades and the process on how this became a budgeted item. She opined that, since the contract has been awarded, the City should proceed. The Historic Board approved this direction for the City and overall beautification.

Commissioner Pletcher exited the meeting at 3:21 p.m.

- School zone Blind Pass Road
 - FDOT Road
 - Consider making a school zone
 - School Board is responsible entity to make request to FDOT

Discussion on various ideas in regard to the traffic backup for Gulf Beaches Elementary and how to resolve. The Commission agreed that these concerns need to be discussed with the School Board; the next meeting of the Board is May 24th.

- West Corey Vision; transportation impact fees can be utilized for funding - \$262K balance
- Seawall replacement program
- Dune crossover replacement schedule for FY 22
- Facilities improvements
 - Fire Station 22

- Public Works campus
 - HVAC upgrade
 - Electric upgrade
 - Window replacement
 - Exterior improvements
 - Security
 - Yard expansion
 - Locker room
 - Upstairs upgrades
 - Mechanic bay
 - Office space
 - Sustainability improvements
- Community Center and Public Restrooms
 - Sanitary Sewer Plan
 - Reclaimed Water lateral replacement

The Commission was very pleased with the overall presentation and FY22 Budget direction for the City and complimented all staff. A copy of the presentation is made a part of the minutes.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 5:04 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: May 25, 2021



AMBER LAROWE
CITY CLERK



ALAN JOHNSON
MAYOR