

**City Commission Meeting
Budget Workshop
July 16, 2021
9:00 a.m.**

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS EXCUSED ABSENCE:

Mark Grill, Commissioner, District 2

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. FISCAL YEAR 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET DISCUSSION

City Manager Rey informed the Board that the Finance and Budget Review Committee was unable to meet this week due to lack of quorum. They have been advised that they can submit their comments at any time before the budget hearings in September. It is proposed to keep the same millage rate as the current fiscal year. Mr. Rey discussed the plans for the funds for this fiscal year and future years, especially as it relates to capital projects and City initiatives.

Vince Tenaglia, Assistant City Manager and Finance Director, gave a presentation to the Commission on the FY 22 proposed budget. The presentation included:

- FY 21 updates related to the pandemic, sustained growth overall, governmental and enterprise funds
- History of parking revenue, plan review, and building permits from FY 2011-2020
- July 27th proposed millage rate approval at the 6:00 City Commission meeting
- September 13 and September 27 public hearings for the FY 22 budget and millage rate
- Discussion of current millage rate of 3.15 mills; City Commission agreed that this is the best option. They take pride in keeping the lowest millage rate full-service municipality of Pinellas County
- FY 22 General Fund Revenue and Expenditure
 - Fund Balance Policy to be completed later this year
- Discussion of various funds in the FY 22 proposed budget
- External financing
- Capital Improvement Plan

A copy of the presentation is made a part of the minutes.

Jennifer McMahon, Parks and Recreation Director, discussed the Economic Incentive Pilot Program. This

Program is a 50/50 match for businesses to apply for. Staff is putting together an application process before this Program is rolled out next fiscal year. The Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce has agreed to help with the process of educating the businesses on the Program and criteria. The beautification increase to \$75k was discussed; Ms. McMahon stated that this program also incorporates landscaping and green spaces.

Michelle Gonzalez, Community Development Director, informed the Commission that the Interlocal GIS Service is for resource sharing with the City of Treasure Island. Treasure Island has a full time GIS employee who they will share with St. Pete Beach and, in return, St. Pete Beach will share Ms. Gonzalez with Treasure Island.

Ms. Gonzalez discussed short term rental software pilot program. Staff plans to test a zone first to see how effective the software is in finding advertisements for short term rentals that are against the City's Code and, if a good fit, will eventually develop a plan to use the software in the entire City. Commission agreed this is a good investment.

Mike Clarke, Public Works Director, discussed the Pass-A-Grille Way street light removal, this is the last element of the street lighting program. He informed the Commission that there are two different lighting styles along 73rd Avenue and requested that they take a look over the next few weeks; a third style is forthcoming. The plans are to take the preferred style of lighting and use that lighting throughout the City.

Mr. Clarke discussed the shell alley program. This program is mostly in District 4. There is an experimental product called Geo Grid that has been utilized on one section so far, the west side between 21st and 22nd Avenues. This has been installed for about six months now and is holding up well. The plan is to install the Grids little by little to see how they hold up.

Commission and staff discussed the Building Fund. It was requested that staff look into a different software program than the current iWorQ.

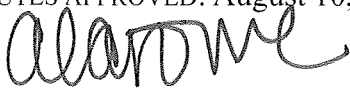
Mayor Johnson recessed the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Mayor Johnson reconvened the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

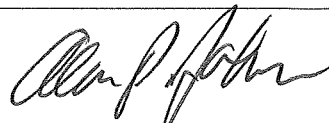
The FY 22 Budget Discussion finalized with the topic of the FY 22 Capital Improvement Plan. Mr. Clarke, Mr. Kilpatrick, and Mr. Tenaglia all discussed their projects as outlined in the Presentation.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 1:51 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: August 10, 2021



AMBER LAROWE
CITY CLERK



ALAN JOHNSON
MAYOR