

**City Commission Meeting
Budget Workshop
April 26, 2022
10:00 a.m.**

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Alex Rey, City Manager
Amber LaRowe, City Clerk
Vince Tenaglia, Assistant City Manager
Jennifer McMahon, Chief Operating Officer
Mike Clarke, Public Works Director
Michelle Gonzalez, Community Development Director
Betcinda Kettells, Library Director
Jim Kilpatrick, Fire Chief

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET WORKSHOP DISCUSSION

Vince Tenaglia, Assistant City Manager, gave a presentation to the Commission to discuss several key points for the upcoming fiscal year, a copy of the presentation is made a part of the record. He touched on the current financial position of several funds as well as pensions, the status of grants, and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund.

Discussion ensued on the upcoming negotiations with the firefighters and the assumed rate of returns for all pension plans.

Commissioner Pletcher exited the meeting at 10:57 a.m. and returned at 11:07 a.m.

Compensation

- Minimum hourly rate
- CPI and unemployment percentage
- Defined contribution plan
- Third party pay plan review
- Personnel
 - Human Resource Assistant/City Hall Administrative Support
 - Grant Management Assistance
 - HR Assistance
 - Risk Management Assistance

City Manager Rey gave a brief overview of the infrastructure status.

Sanitary Sewer System:

- Fee study underway
- Current fee structure

Resiliency:

- Three phases of improvements
- Funding
 - Proposed resiliency fund
- Sea level rise tracker at 3-feet
- Water threats analysis
 - Various maps
 - Analysis per District
 - Check Valves
 - Seawalls
 - Pump stations
 - Roadway elevation (miles)

Mayor Johnson recessed the meeting at 12:33 p.m. for lunch.

Mayor Johnson reconvened the meeting at 1:26 p.m.

Street Resurfacing:

- Funding Goal
- Map of paving program

Mr. Clarke gave an update to the Commission on the status of the Army Corps of Engineers project for the dune walkovers. An estimated study schedule was discussed with construction expected in spring/summer of 2028.

Transportation Projects:

- Gulf Boulevard beautification
- Sunset Way/Upham Beach connectivity
- Mangrove/73rd parking expansion
- Citywide parking sensors
- Parking rates versus parking fines
 - What is the efficiency of the parking staff?
- PSTA timeline
- Freebee expansion

Mr. Rey discussed the hardening project that was recently presented to the Commission by Duke Energy. Phase one and Phase two map was presented. The cost of undergrounding is almost \$750k. About half of that was for the hardening, if the City wanted to underground, then the actual cost to do that would be approximately \$337k. This would be for phase one as shown on the map. The actual cost to do that in the entire City is unknown at this time; however, Mr. Rey expects it to be about \$1M-\$2M. Discussion continued regarding dedication of right-of-way, indemnity, etc. Duke Energy will be discussing this issue internally and come back to the City at a later time. The Commission agrees with Mr. Rey's recommendation to spend the money if Duke Energy accepts indemnity for only the City role, not other agencies.

Beautification Projects:

- Pass-A-Grille Park – to be presented at tonight's City Commission meeting
- Asphalt removal and landscape installation project
 - Continuation of current program
 - \$250k fiscal year 2023 estimate
- Facility name signs

- Cost estimate to continue at neighborhood parks on a smaller scale
- Community Center/Horan Park docks project
 - Possible grant funding

Miscellaneous Updates:

- Building operation
 - Contractual support services due to the volume
 - New software system
- Sign ordinance consulting
- Cybersecurity status
- Fleet electrification status

Mr. Tenaglia displayed a graph to show how the millage rate has stayed the same since FY2015 as well as a comparison of millage rates between other local municipalities.

Mr. Tenaglia touched on the budget calendar. The Commission scheduled a budget workshop for July 25, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the millage rate. Commissioner Friszolowski mentioned keeping the rate the same or lowering it. Commissioner Pletcher would rather keep the millage rate the same.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: MAY 10, 2022



AMBER LAROWE
CITY CLERK



ALAN JOHNSON
MAYOR