



# STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** September 17, 2024

**TITLE:**

Conduct a public hearing for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget and consider and act on the second reading of Ordinance No. 2024-29, Adopting a budget for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025) attached as Exhibit A; making certain appropriations; and providing that expenditures for said Fiscal Year be made in accordance with said budget; updating the Master Fee Schedule; providing a distribution; severability; repealer; an effective date; proper notice and meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:**

Submitted by: Edi McIlwain, Chief Financial Officer

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

The City Manager presented the Proposed Budget for FY2025 on July 23, 2024. The City Council held Budget Workshops on July 30th and August 21, 2024, to go over the budget in more detail and ask any questions of the City Manager and Chief Financial Officer.

Council reached consensus on changes to the proposed budget during the August 21st workshop:

- Community Support funding – Some additional funding added for Friendship Baptist Church and Dance Troupe-Celebrate Sister Moses Project - \$34,500
- Added a parks employee (reduced by 4 part time employees) – net \$25,800
- Increases made to community events: BooBash, Wassail Fest, Christmas Tree Lighting, and Merry on Main, and parade route changes - \$28,000
- Replacing ClearGov with OpenGov Software - \$75,000
- Police cars – reducing police cars from 8 to 10 \$32,300 savings
- Kerr Community Center repairs - \$40,000 (HOT Fund)

All changes and recommendations from the August 21, 2024 workshop have been incorporated into this final version.

Section 6.05 of the City Charter states: “After public hearing, the Council shall analyze the budget, making any additions or deletions considered appropriate, and shall, at least three (3) days prior to the beginning of the fiscal year, adopt the budget by a favorable vote.”

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

All funds

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the second reading of Ordinance No. 2024-29, Adopting a budget for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025) attached as Exhibit A; making certain appropriations; and providing that expenditures for said Fiscal Year be made in

accordance with said budget; updating the Master Fee Schedule; providing a distribution; severability; repealer; an effective date; proper notice and meeting.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Ordinance No. 2024-29
- Exhibit A – Annual Budget for FY2024-2025

