



TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING - BUDGET WORKSHOP

Monday, July 15, 2024 at 9:00 AM

Fulton Council Chambers, 201 N. 7th Street

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT

Mayor Kelli Cole

Mayor Pro Tem Robert Loflin

Place 2 Chris Garis Place

Place 3 MaryAnn Pahmiyer

Place 5 Laura McCorkle

ABSENT

Place 4 Margo Nielsen

STAFF PRESENT

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary

Ty Gerstenberger, Police Chief

Matt Olenick, Director of Operations

Alyssa Hendricks, Administrative Assistant

Steven Robertson, Comptroller

Ashley Sloan, Bookkeeper

Sherry Myers, Pier Manager

Mayor Cole called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD (PUBLIC FORUM)

Public participation is valued and at this time, comments limited to three (3) minutes will be taken from persons who have signed the Speaker's Card located on the table inside the Council Chambers and delivered to the City Secretary before the meeting begins. Written comments received by submission to the City Secretary in person or emailed to citysec@fultontexas.org by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting, on any subject matter that is not on the agenda, will be read and summarized in the minutes of the meeting. Persons wishing to address the Council and who have registered using the Speaker's Card will have up to three (3) minutes to speak. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council may not discuss or take action on any item that has not been posted on the agenda. While civil public criticism is not prohibited; disorderly conduct or disturbance of the peace as prohibited by law shall be cause for the chair to terminate the offender's time to speak.

No one came forward.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

1. Presentation and general discussion of proposed FY 2024 - 2025 Budget.

Mayor Cole began by asking the Town's Comptroller, Steven Robertson to begin the presentation. He asked if anyone had questions before he began. Alderwoman McCorkle noted there were several projections that appeared to be lower than the previous year. Mr. Robertson briefly addressed these projections. Alderwoman McCorkle also had a question regarding pole fees. Mr. Robertson informed her he would address that later in the presentation.

General Fund - Mr. Robertson indicated that the incoming interest to the general fund is projected to increase. Mr. Robertson highlighted some of the one-time costs that were included in the general fund and noted that there will be a Town wide one percent cost of living increase in the wages.

Debt Service – Mr. Robertson indicated that there are no new items or changes in this budget.

Hotel/Motel – Mr. Robertson noted that the fund has remained steady, discussed the quarters, and the projection of the fund. Mr. Robertson also discussed the one-time fees that were in the budget.

Police Department – Mr. Robertson overviewed the new equipment and software costs. Chief Gerstenberger indicated that the department is working with the State to complete their compliance for grants. The department's compliance will not be complete until the the records management system is installed.

Sewer – Mr. Robertson noted that due to Mr. Olenick having smoke tested the sewer system it significantly reduced the Town's wastewater treatment. Mr. Robertson suggested a rate study for next year. Alderwoman McCorkle noted that the salary amount had decreased, and Mr. Robertson explained that there was an error in the TMRS rate and that was adjusted.

Convention Center – Mr. Robertson noted that the facility fees are very close to the approximated budget, and the janitorial and trash removal costs have increased due to rate changes. He gave a brief overview of insurance, utilities, and wages.

Pier – Mr. Robertson noted sales are down and discussed possibilities for the change. He also noted that he will have a better idea of numbers after the month of July. Mr. Olenick informed the Council of upcoming needed repairs and stated that the repairs and maintenance costs will likely increase.

Alderwoman McCorkle asked about leaving our property tax the same and in doing so will that affect the Town's budget. Mayor Cole and Mr. Robertson addressed her question.

Alderman Loflin expressed his concern with the decrease to the wages in the pier budget. There was a discussion regarding the same.

Mayor asked for any further questions. There were none.

CLOSED SESSION

The Town Council may elect to go into closed session pursuant to Chapter 551, Government Code on any Agenda item where appropriate and particularly Sections 551.071 (consultation with attorney) and 551.074 (personnel matters), Government Code.

Council did not convene into Closed Session.

OPEN SESSION

Discuss/Approve/Disapprove any and all action necessary with regard to the preceding matter(s).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Cole entertained a motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Place 2 Garis, Seconded by Place 5 McCorkle to adjourn the meeting.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 5 McCorkle

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

Kelli Cole, Mayor

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary