

MINUTES

Mayor and City Council

Chuck Shaw, Mayor
Susy Diaz, Deputy Mayor
John Tharp, Councilmember, District I
Peter Noble, Councilmember District II
Judith Dugo, Councilmember, District III
Paula Bousquet, Councilmember, District V

Administration

Andrea McCue, City Manager Christy Goddeau, City Attorney Glen J. Torcivia, City Attorney Tanya Earley, City Attorney Quintella Moorer, City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Shaw called the meeting to order at 7:31PM. Councilmember Bousquet was absent. All other Council were present.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion made by Councilmember Dugo, Seconded by Councilmember Noble to approve the agenda.

Voting Yea: Deputy Mayor Diaz, Councilmember Noble, Councilmember Tharp, and Councilmember Dugo.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

None.

REGULAR AGENDA

Fiscal Year 2026 Budget

- 1. Fiscal Year 2026 Preliminary Budget Review. Andrea McCue, City Manager.
- 2. Setting of the tentative millage rate for 2026. Andrea McCue, City Manager.

Ms. McCue started the presentation with a few CIP updates including there would be a budget adjustment due since the impact fees for Blooms Trail would not have occurred, she also mentioned a transfer of \$15 thousand for the Martin Building. The appropriations for Swain and the Youth Programs Building were not included in the CIP numbers tonight.

Ms. McCue mentioned the need for additional positions within various departments such as the Manager's Office, Communications, and Fire Rescue.

She mentioned the Sheriff's contract would be negotiated soon as the City was in the 12th addendum of the contract.

Ms. McCue stated the net revenue to expenditure was about one million. She reviewed the forecast and mentioned the city was doing well and was being conservative. Ms. McCue highlighted the COLA was proposed at four percent and the plan was to go to bid for insurance.

Ms. McCue stated the City was good for revenue over expenditure at \$174,486.

Ms. McCue stated with the number of projects on the horizon, that the City's five-year projection was doing well and the reserves remain above the required percentages after 2028, the reserves dipped but the numbers could change due to upcoming projects.

Ms. McCue suggested a millage rate of 6.3.

Deputy Mayor Diaz questioned the increase rate of 25 thousand for senior exemptions. Ms. McCue agreed to send the impact to the Council.

Ms. McCue mentioned the Budget meetings were set for September 3 and 17.

Mayor Shaw felt it was time to move forward with projects rather than wait for projects to increase due to time. Mayor Shaw encouraged discussions regarding land acquisitions and other opportunities for growth.

Mayor Shaw asked the Council to support City Manager McCue to bring forth a comprehensive plan of opportunities to move forth with projects.

Councilmember Tharp agreed with the Mayor. Councilmember Noble was a strong supporter of not borrowing money, but he agreed to review any opportunities brought forth. Councilmember Dugo agreed with the Mayor. Deputy Mayor Diaz was very supportive of land acquisitions and private partnership.

Ms. McCue stated there were a lot of things happening in the City and the City would still pursue other funding and grants.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Diaz, Seconded by Councilmember Tharp to set the millage rate at 6.3.

Voting Yea: Deputy Mayor Diaz, Councilmember Noble, Councilmember Tharp, and Councilmember Dugo

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

None.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

8:06PM

| Chuck Shaw | Quintella Moorer, MMC |
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| Mayor | City Clerk |
| | Date Approved: |