

MINUTES

Mayor and City Council

Joel Flores, Mayor
Peter A. Noble, Deputy Mayor
John Tharp, Councilmember, District I
Judith Dugo, Councilmember District III
Susy Diaz, Councilmember, District IV
Paula Bousquet, Councilmember, District V

Administration

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

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Flores called the meeting to order at 7:10pm and City Clerk Moorer called the roll. Councilmembers Diaz and Bousquet were absent.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion made by Councilmember Dugo to approve the agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Tharp.

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

None.

REGULAR AGENDA

Fiscal Year 2024

1. Capital Improvement Project Review. - Andrea McCue, City Manager.

Ms. McCue stated she would review capital improvement projects, new positions, and city events.

Ms. McCue noted she did not have all of the final numbers therefore she was highlighting where the City stood currently. She stated the Property improvement program was doing well and if funds were not used for commercial they would be moved to residential. Art in public places and educational scholarship funds would remain and were doing well.

Ms. McCue highlighted the 301 New Growth Fund that included various projects such as Tyler Energov software mitigation, Emergency operation center, City Hall complex, and Safe streets and roads for all. The ending balance proposed for 2024 was \$6,917.770.

Mayor Flores stated he would love to see the Council meetings live streamed for residents and suggested adding the feature to the budget.

Ms. McCue reviewed the 303 Parks and Recreation fund mentioning updated play structure, irrigation systems, court resurfacing and solar lighting. The proposal end balance was \$241,588.

The 304 fund was the reconstruction and maintenance which would take care of equipment replacement, copier machine, vehicle replacement, in particular an EV vehicle, roof replacement, painting projects, air conditioner units at various city buildings, roadway resurfacing, striping, markings, and HVAC replacement along with fire rescue equipment. She stated the end balance was \$498,137.

Ms. McCue reviewed the 305 Infrastructure Surtax fund highlighting the City received \$23 million dollars from the one penny, she stated it would sunset soon but would put together a PowerPoint to detail all the projects that were completed.

Ms. McCue stated the upcoming projects included play structure replacements, vehicle replacements, fire rescue generator, septic to sewer, and Gladiator lake enhancement; with a ending fund balance of \$4.9 million.

The 306 American Rescue Plan fund was planned for the Youth Program building and in 2024 a new Fire Station. The ending fund balance was planned for \$6.9 million.

2. New Positions. - Andrea McCue, City Manager.

Ms. McCue recommended fourteen new positions for the City due to an increase of City businesses, projects and events. She reviewed the positions and departments. The total proposed positions were \$1,068,435.00.

Councilmember Dugo suggested a fire assessment fee be issued to cover the cost of positions or a part-time passport service associate employee. Ms. McCue did recall a fire assessment fee discussion but was not approved. The Council agreed to Ms. McCue researching some consideration for a fire assessment fee and a discussion be added to upcoming agenda item. She also mentioned some data regarding the fire assessment was shared with the City of Atlantis.

She reviewed the Law Enforcement services agreement which would increase by three percent.

Ms. McCue stated the ad valorem data was provided recently and the City was 13 percent over the previous year.

She reported the forecast for revenue was \$38 million and the expenditures were \$48 million.

Mayor Flores felt indoor pickle ball court could be a place capitalized funds; he felt an entry fee could generate revenue and create a unique experience.

Ms. McCue stated she would do some research on the idea.

3. City Events. - Andrea McCue, City Manager.

Ms. McCue highlighted the upcoming 2024 events including the overhaul of Artzy and National Night Out against crime.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEM CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. McCue thanked Staff for their hard work on the budget.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL R	EPORT
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None.

ADJOURNMENT

8:10PM.

Joel Flores	Quintella Moorer, CMC
Mayor	City Clerk
	Date Approved: