# CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION - BUDGET WORKSHOP



321 WALNUT STREET, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA THURSDAY, AUGUST 04, 2022 – 8:00 AM

# **MINUTES**

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Van Royal

Roll Call

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Matt Johnson, Vice Mayor Connie Butler, Council Member Ed Gaw, Council Member Steven Kelley, Council Member Thomas Smith

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** L.J. Arnold, III, City Attorney, Steve Kennedy, City Manager, Mike Null, Assistant City Manager, Marlena Guthrie, Finance Director, Erin West, City Clerk

Mayor to call on members of the audience wishing to address the Council on matters not on the Agenda.

1. Van Royal 3688 La Costa Ct. GCS speaks to the Council concerning the budget, the city and county millage and how it will affect citizens and employee salaries. Mr. Royal also speaks about Food Truck Friday funding support.

# **COUNCIL BUSINESS**

City Manager, Steve Kennedy speaks about the budget and advises salary updates have not yet been included in the budget. Mr. Kennedy advises he advised the four biggest departments to speak to their employees and bring the information to the budget meeting concerning issues. Mr. Kennedy speaks about health insurance and advises there is a less than 1% increase and benefits will stay the same. Council Member Gaw advises he would like to discuss the salaries along with the insurance. Human Resources Director, Dee Jones advises the big issues mentioned on exit interviews is salary and benefits. Ms. Jones advises since January we have lost 17 employees with people leaving for at home opportunities and an increase in pay.

Council discussion follows concerning salaries and benefits.

# Motion to approve renewing the health insurance contract with The Bailey Group.

Motion made by Council Member Smith, Seconded by Vice Mayor Butler. Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Vice Mayor Butler, Council Member Gaw, Council Member Kelley, Council Member Smith

- 1. a. Electric Utility Fund
  - Finance Director, Marlena Guthrie explains the Electric Utility Fund.
  - Electric Director, Andy Yeager explains the electric budget and discusses suggestions given to him from the electric employees, including salaries.
  - Council discussion follows.
  - b. Water Utility Fund
    - Assistant City Manager, Mike Null explains the Water Utility Fund.

Assistant Water Utilities Director, Scott Schultz explains the Water Capital.

Council discussion follows.

c. Wastewater Utility Fund

Mr. Null explains the Wastewater Utility Fund.

Mr. Schultz explains the Water Capital.

Council discussion follows.

d. Reclaimed Water Fund

Mr. Schultz explains the Reclaimed Water Fund.

Council discussion follows.

e. Solid Waste Fund

Mr. Null and Assistant Public Works Director, Steve Thomas explain the Solid Waste Fund. Council discussion follows.

f. Stormwater Fund

Mr. Null explains the Stormwater Fund.

Mr. Thomas explains the Stormwater Capital.

Council discussion follows.

g. Customer Service Fund

Ms. Guthrie explains the Customer Service Fund.

Council discussion follows.

### 2. A. General Fund Revenues

# B. General Fund Expenditures

a. City Council

City Clerk, Erin West gives an overview of the budget items.

b. City Clerk

Ms. West gives an overview of the budget items.

c. City Manager

Mr. Kennedy gives an overview of the budget items.

d. Human Resources

Ms. Jones gives an overview of the budget items.

e. Augusta Savage Arts & Community Center

Mr. Null and Mr. Thomas give an overview of the budget items.

f. Finance

Ms. Guthrie gives an overview of the budget items.

g. Information Technology

Director IT Services, Angel Alicea gives an overview of the budget items.

h. General Services

Ms. Guthrie gives an overview of the budget items.

### i. City Attorney

City Attorney, Jim Arnold gives an overview of the budget items.

# j. Development Services

Development Services Director, Mike Daniels gives an overview of the budget items.

#### k. Code Enforcement

Mr. Daniels gives an overview of the budget items.

#### 1. Police

Chief Guzman gives an overview of the budget items.

### m. Public Works/Streets

Mr. Null and Field Supervisor, Greg Bauer give an overview of the budget items.

# n. Right-of-Way Maintenance

Mr. Null and Mr. Thomas give an overview of the budget items.

#### o. Parks

Mr. Null and Mr. Thomas give an overview of the budget items.

# p. Parks and Recreation Programming

Mr. Null and Mr. Thomas give an overview of the budget items.

# q. Equipment Maintenance

Mr. Null and Mr. Thomas give an overview of the budget items.

### 3. a. Building Fund

Development Services Director, Mike Daniels gives an overview of the Special Revenue Building budget items.

# b. Law Enforcement Trust Fund

Ms. Guthrie overview of the Special Revenue Law Enforcement Trust budget items.

# 4. a. Police Building Debt Service

Ms. Guthrie overview of the Special Revenue Law Enforcement Trust budget items.

# b. Spring Park Debt Service

Ms. Guthrie overview of the Special Revenue Law Enforcement Trust budget items.

# 5. City Manager & City Attorney Reports / Correspondence

No comments

# 6. City Council Reports / Correspondence

No comments

#### Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

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|                       | Daniel M. Johnson, Mayor            |
| Attest:               |                                     |
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| Erin West, City Clerk | -                                   |