

BUDGET WORK SESSION

JUNE 10, 2020

The City Council of the City of Athens met in a Budget Work Session on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. in the Athens Municipal Water Authority's Board Room, located at 5302 FM 2495 Athens, Texas the following members present, to-wit:

Monte Montgomery, Mayor
Ed McCain, Mayor Pro Tem
Robert Gross
Aaron Smith

Elizabeth Borstad, City Manager
Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary

Staff Present: Buddy Hill, Police Chief; Russell Marshall, Fire Chief; Paul Crayton, Assistant Fire Chief; Jennifer Robertson, Director of Human Resources; Mandie Quigg, Finance Director; Katie Birk, Tourism and Cultural Resources Coordinator; Tim Perry, Public Works Director; Randy Williams, Utilities Director; Audrey Sloan, Director of Development Services; Joanie Ahlers, Economic Development Director; Sissy Geddie, Administrative Assistant

others present: Sytonia Freeman

with the following Councilmember absent: Toni Clay

constituting a quorum at which time the following proceedings were enacted, to-wit:

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to Order at 10:25 by Mayor Montgomery.

UPDATE MID-YEAR 2020 BUDGET

Mandie Quigg, Finance Director, presented an update on Mid-Year 2019 Ad Valorem Tax Collection and Sales Tax. Ms. Quigg provided an update on the following:

- Franchise Fees
- Court and Public Safety
- Licenses and Permits

Councilmember McCain requested that staff be very conservative in planning for sales tax collections for the remaining fiscal year and into fiscal year 2021.

Councilmember Gross stated he would like to see projected budget savings in summary format and requested an updated FTE comparison per Department as provided during last budget cycle.

Mayor Montgomery requested a list of organizations who receive aid from the City.

Ms. Quigg provided an update for Fiscal Year 2020 Mid-Year Budget of General Fund Expenses by Department.

The City Council recessed at 11:11 a.m.

The City Council reconvened in Budget Work Session at 11:47 a.m.

Ms. Quigg provided an update on the following budgets:

- Airport Fund
- HOT Fund
- Equipment Replacement
- Texan Theatre Fund
- Sanitation Fund
- Interest & Sinking Fund
- Capital Projects Fund
- Cain Center
- Utility Fund

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET

Councilmember Gross requested future discussion regarding Collection Site fees.

Councilmember McCain encouraged the City Council to tour all City facilities to become more aware of the capital improvement needs above and beyond routine maintenance.

Councilmember Smith asked that staff continue to make needed repairs to facilities, especially the Police Station.

Councilmember Gross requested an updated cost comparison for increasing the TMRS COLA from 30% to 50%. He also requested that staff work diligently to cut expenditures and the need to provide relief for property owners whose Ad Valorem taxes have increased due to higher appraised values.

Discussion occurred throughout the update.

Ms. Quigg stated the next Budget Work Session will occur on July 10, 2020.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 22nd DAY OF JUNE, 2020.

Monte Montgomery, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary