August 10, 2016 – City Council Budget Workshop

CALL TO ORDER

On Tuesday, August 10, 2016, Council President Dowless called the Edgewood City Council workshop to order at 6:30 p.m., and dispensed with the formalities. City Clerk Meeks announced a quorum with the following attendance:

Attendees:

Ray Bagshaw, Mayor
John Dowless, Council President
Pam Henley, Council Member
Neil Powell, DDS, Council Member
Susan Fortini, Council Member
Lee Chotas, Council Member (via telephone)

Staff: City Clerk Meeks, Chief Francisco, Sgt. Freeburg, Shannon Patterson, Police Clerk/Accreditation Manager, Sandy Repp, Administrative Assistant

City Clerk Meeks announced that Council Member Chotas' will be attending the workshop by telephone. She said the conference call was discussed with the City Attorney, who confirmed Council Member Chotas can attend by phone.

Council Member Henley said she wanted to make it clear that the Mayor prepares the budget and Council approves it. She said that she does not make any recommendations and only approves the budget.

Mayor Bagshaw explained the revisions from the first workshop.

Mayor Bagshaw confirmed for Council Member Fortini that the Code Enforcement personnel will be in City Hall.

In response to Council Member Henley, City Clerk Meeks explained the City's liability for workers' compensation and those payroll funds being added to the worker's comp audit, as a result of off duty pay. Council Member Henley stated that she is not in favor of providing off duty officers and equipment. Chief Francisco explained his concerns of not being able to control his officers if the City doesn't support off duty work under the current process. Chief Francisco said the payroll for off duty work does not apply to the employer's contribution for FRS. (6:51 p.m. recording now working). Mayor Bagshaw suggested talking to Tom Reilly, CPA, about Council Member Henley's concerns. Council Member Henley said she does not believe that the City should pick up any additional costs.

Mayor Bagshaw said that he and the Chief did some recalculations to red light cameras and may be able to make some upward adjustments.

Brief discussion was held regarding funds not used in the prior year referenced in Holland & Reilly's audit. Mayor Bagshaw said he thought it was at least $140,000

Council President Dowless said that he and Mayor Bagshaw met with Jim Sellen, ULI, regarding the study they did for the City. He said they discussed ULI continuing the process which ULI said would cost $80,000. Council President Dowless said they would like to phase the study to keep the costs down. He said the City may want to make some land use changes to the land use map. Mayor Bagshaw referenced land uses and the challenges the City has been having with developers. He noted that Council Members would be good to assist with this; Council Member Chotas agreed to help.

Council Member Powell questioned the postage expenditure in the Police Department's Budget. Mayor Bagshaw explained the reimbursement is made to the City for mailing red light camera violations. Mayor Bagshaw confirmed for Council Member Powell that the budget is based on 4.9500 mills.

Brief discussion was held to add ULI to the budget under planning.

Council Member Fortini said she would like to see a placeholder for a City Administrator. Mayor Bagshaw explained the costs associated with this position. Mayor Bagshaw said his preference is to let the Charter Review Committee bring their recommendation forward, he said you can always amend the budget.

Recap by Council President Dowless

1. Assurance regarding off duty hours, including worker's compensation and FRS
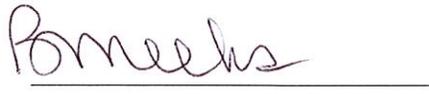2. Update the General Ledger
3. Add $80,000 under planning for ULI.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business or discussion, Council President Dowless motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.; seconded by Council Member Chotas.

ATTEST:

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John Dowless
Council President

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Bea L. Meeks, MMC, CPM, CBTO
City Clerk

Approved by Council on <u>September 20, 2016</u>