

CITY COUNCIL

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City Council Meeting

Third Tuesday Every Month
6:30 PM
Held in City Council Chamber
405 Bagshaw Way
Edgewood, FL 32809

EDGEWOOD CITY COUNCIL AUGUST 4, 2021 BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES

Mayor – Council Attendees

John Dowless, Mayor
Richard Alan Horn, Council President
Ben Pierce, Council President Pro-tem
Lee Chotas, Councilmember
Susan Lomas, Councilmember

Absent

Chris Rader, Councilmember

Staff Attendees

Bea L. Meeks, City Clerk
Sandy Riffle, Deputy City Clerk
John Freeburg, Police Chief
Shannon Patterson, PD Chief of Staff
Sgt. David Ireland
Sgt. Michael Fraticelli

Council President Horn opened the Edgewood City Council Budget Workshop at 6:30 p.m. City Clerk Meeks reminded Mayor and Councilmembers that Councilmember Rader stated in the first budget workshop that he would not be able to attend this budget workshop. City Clerk Meeks said that formal actions are not taken in workshops; however, Council could excuse the absence in the August City Council meeting.

City Clerk Meeks explained the summary she provided the Mayor and Councilmembers. She noted all the changes made per Council direction in the first budget workshop. City Clerk Meeks also noted the removal of funds from the Police Department's communication's budget in the amount of \$10,400. She explained that the communication radios would be paid for from the Fire & Rescue Impact Fees. City Clerk Meeks confirmed that she will address this change with CPA Tammy Campbell, McDirmit Davis, as the Fire & Rescue impact fees are a liability account.

Discussion was held regarding the deduction of payroll taxes from the Mayor's approved stipend. City Clerk Meeks said CPA Tammy Campbell, McDirmit Davis, confirmed the payroll tax deduction was appropriate.

Chief Freeburg noted that the Police Department's budget for employee health insurance was based on the current employee elections. He said the current budget does not cover an employee who starts a family and changes their election to family coverage.

Councilmember Chotas said he did not see the need to have the tentatively scheduled budget workshop; there was consensus from the Mayor and Councilmembers.


City Clerk Meeks provided the following summary:

1. Remove \$10,400 from PD communications (521410.01).
2. Confirm with CPA Tammy Campbell again that it is appropriate to deduct taxes from the Mayor's approved stipend.
3. Confirmed that the Florida Department of Revenue has not released the estimated revenue for the Communication Services Tax; therefore, the current amount may change.
4. Confirmed that Preferred Government Insurance Trust (PGIT) has not released the insurance rates for the FY 21/22; therefore, current budget amounts are based on a ten percent increase from the current rates. The estimated increase percentage used is based on the discussion with Jonahthan Jallad, Jallad Insurance.

Having no more discussion, the budget workshop adjourned at 7:06 p.m.



Richard A Horn
Council President



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

Approved in August 17, 2021 council meeting.