

City of Jacksonville Beach
Minutes of Fiscal Year 2020 Council Budget Showcase
Friday, August 2, 2019 – 1:30 P.M.
Council Chambers, 11 North 3rd Street, Jacksonville Beach, Florida

The Council Budget Showcase began at 1:33 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

City Council Members in attendance:

Mayor: William C. Latham (absent)

Council Members: Keith Doherty (absent) Georgette Dumont Sandy Golding
Christine Hoffman Cory Nichols Phil Vogelsang

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Budget Overview

City Manager Mike Staffopoulos, along with department heads, presented an overview of the proposed Fiscal Year 2020 budget. [copy of PowerPoint presentation on file]

Mr. Staffopoulos summarized the City's financial condition. The City would hold the millage rate at \$3.9947, and the \$163,892,602 proposed budget for 2020 is less than 1% higher than the current fiscal year. Government debt was paid off in March 2019, and Utility debt would be paid off in October 2020. Electric rates have been reduced by \$24 per 1,000 kilowatt-hours since March 2010, and Garbage and Stormwater rates have not been raised in 25+ years

Mr. Staffopoulos further discussed the City's pension contribution and provided an overview of Utilities Enterprise fund expenses.

Finance

Chief Financial Officer Ashlie Gossett reviewed the three (3) major projects within the Finance Department for FY2020 as follows:

- Website update
- Space needs analysis of City Hall and the Operations & Maintenance Building
- Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) project update (multi-year effort)

Beaches Energy Services (BES) projects:

Electrical Engineering Project Supervisor Matt Seeley reviewed the Outage Management (Prediction) System, which would allow customers to receive and provide specific details related to outages and updates on the estimated time of restoration of power.

Electrical Engineer Jamison Parker reviewed the improvements at the Sampson Substation including a new 250 mVA transformer to be delivered in Spring 2020. This upgrade would provide a reliable and redundant supply of energy to customers.

Director of Beaches Energy Services Allen Putnam reviewed the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Server modernization. This upgrade would avoid loss of warranty and support in 2020, comply with server upgrade dates, and reduce annual maintenance and support costs.

Police

Police Chief Gene Paul Smith stated the Police Department is testing out a new over the shoulder tactical vest for the officers. This new style vest would replace the belts currently used by officers to carry their equipment on their hips, which can cause discomfort and back problems.

Chief Smith stated the department would be replacing two Segways for the Downtown CAPE Division.

Chief Smith reminded Council automakers are no longer making police sedans. Chief Smith stated the department would be purchasing five new Ford F-150 trucks which would allow more room for the Officers and their required equipment. A sample vehicle model was available to examine one similar to the one currently being used by the Jacksonville Beach Animal Control Officer.

Community Redevelopment

Director of Planning and Development Bill Mann reviewed the Downtown Drainage and Infrastructure Improvements Project, the Golf Course Drainage Channel improvements, and the drainage projects in the South End CRA District.

Public Works

Project Engineer Kayle Moore explained a replacement street sweeper is needed due to the poor condition of the existing one. Mr. Moore stated a trade-in credit would be issued to go towards the price of the new street sweeper.

Mr. Moore reviewed the Pavement Master Plan and explained the pavement condition rating scale. Mr. Moore stated samples would be taken from the roads, and a five-year work plan would be put together to help prioritize which roads to be milled and resurfaced.

Mr. Moore reviewed the construction progress regarding the ADA dune walkovers. Mr. Moore stated the decking materials on the newly designed walkovers would be evaluated over time, resulting in possible changes in materials.

Mr. Moore reviewed the Sewer Master Plan and Hydraulic Study as well as the Capital Improvement Plan projects at the Pollution Control Plant.

An update of the FDOT Drainage System Improvement Project was explained by Mr. Moore. The target completion date is scheduled for Summer of 2020.

Parks and Recreation

Ocean Rescue Supervisor Rob Emahiser explained the need to add one full-time Lieutenant position to assist with the growing beach crowds. Mr. Emahiser reviewed the number of water rescues and assists and the break down for other calls for service.

Recreation Superintendent Jimmy Wilkins reviewed the following budget items:

- Adding lights to the girl's softball field
- Repair/Replace fencing at Wingate Parks and Huguenot Park
- Golf cart path repairs

- Shade shelters for the golf course driving range
- Golf course bridge re-decking

The Budget Showcase ended at approximately 4:20 P.M.

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Approved:



William C. Latham, Mayor

8/19/19

Date: