

City of Jacksonville Beach
Minutes of Fiscal Year 2021 Council Budget Showcase
Friday, July 31, 2020 – 2:00 P.M.
Via Video Conference

The Council Budget Showcase began at 2:00 P.M. via video conference.

City Council Members in attendance:

Mayor: William C. Latham

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

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Budget Overview

City Manager Mike Staffopoulos, along with department heads, presented an overview of the proposed Fiscal Year 2021 budget. [copy of PowerPoint presentations on file]

Mr. Staffopoulos summarized the City's financial condition. The City would hold the millage rate at \$3.9947, and the \$164,394,450 proposed budget for 2021 is less than 0.5% higher than the current fiscal year. Utility debt would be paid off in October 2020. Electric rates have been reduced by \$28 per 1,000 kilowatt-hours since March 2010, and Garbage and Stormwater rates have not been raised in more than 25 years.

Mr. Staffopoulos further discussed budget concerns, including rising pension costs and competitive wages. The City's actions and information regarding the General Fund were discussed.

Beaches Energy Services (BES) projects:

Electrical Engineering Project Supervisor Matt Seeley reviewed the City Communication Infrastructure project. Mr. Seeley stated the project's objectives are as follows:

- Restore full functionality of existing fiber mesh network
- Provide communication system for the barrier island
- Provide platform for future smart city communications

Electrical Engineer Jamison Parker reviewed the improvements at the Sampson Substation, including using an Engineer, Procure and Construct (EPC) contractor for the substation project delivery. Mr. Parker discussed the benefits of using the EPC concept.

Parks and Recreation

Golf Course Superintendent Trevor Hughes reviewed the Urban Trails Project. The project was defined as the following:

- A citywide network of non-motorized multi-use pathways that are used by bicyclists, walkers, and runners for both transportation and recreation purposes.

Mr. Hughes reviewed the goals, possible amenities, and the budget strategy of the project.

Community Redevelopment

Director of Planning and Development Bill Mann provided an update regarding the new Redevelopment/Program Manager position. Mr. Mann stated Gilmore Hagan Partners was hired in June 2020 to create/refine a job description and would also create a work program for the new position.

Mr. Mann reviewed the CRA (Community Redevelopment Agency) priorities for the Downtown and the South Beach areas as follows:

- Dix.Hite + Partners Lighting, Art, Bike parking, Wayfinding signage and Street furnishing master plans
- Design of new Pier entryway area
- South Beach Parkway roadway/stormwater improvements
- South Beach Park infrastructure improvements and maintenance program
- Formulation of Plan amendment(s) to add additional projects identified by CRA, Parks and Recreation and Public Works Departments to optimize the use of TIF revenues

Public Works

Director of Public Works Dennis Barron provided an overview of the Downtown and South End CRA District drainage and infrastructure improvement projects regarding stormwater drainage, water, sanitary sewer, and street paving.

Mr. Barron reviewed the construction progress regarding the new ADA Dune Walkovers. Mr. Barron stated there was a limited construction season due to the Sea Turtle Nesting Season. (March-October)

Mr. Barron presented an overview of the following Capital Projects and Purchases:

- Pavement Management Plan
- Sewer Master Plan and Hydraulic Study
- Water and Stormwater Master Plan
- Creation of annual waterline replacement program
- Replacement construction for Lift Station #8
- Replacement design for Lift Station #33
- Beach Boulevard stormwater vault silt removal

The Budget Showcase ended at 3:35 P.M.

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Approved:



William C. Latham, Mayor

8/17/2020

Date: