



CASCADE CITY COUNCIL
Special Meeting – Budget Workshop
Wednesday, June 29, 2022
6:00 PM
Cascade City Hall
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm.

Present Council members Ron Brown (Zoom), Rachel Huckaby, Jason Speer, Denise Tangen
A **quorum** was present.

Present in person Judith Nissula-Mayor, Janice Van Winkle-Clerk, Heather Soelberg-Treasurer

Discussion:

Council worked off of the three budget worksheets from the June 27, 2022 meeting.

Council Member Tangen

Prefers the 8.3% COLA budget.

Increased fuel and fertilizer cost increases are going up and should be accounted for in the budget by redistributing some of the surplus to fuel.

Would like to see Law Enforcement monies moved to streets and infrastructure.

The Treasurer intervened and clarified that the line item for law enforcement monies cannot be moved to the streets line item. She further iterated that the public should be made aware of this change rather than just remove the line item in the budget.

Mayor Nissula feels that there should be more dialog and discussion of options and is not prepared to dissolve the Sheriff's department law enforcement agreement until she has a better understanding of all of the perceived issues.

Council Member Huckaby is not prepared to make a decision until there is more dialog but feels the City is underserved by the Sheriff's office.

There was discussion about doing a new wage study by a third party and adopting a wage scale that the Council make a commitment to meet. Council was in agreement with this idea; issue an 8.3 COLA increase now, do the wage study and then issue the wage adjustments based on that study.

Approximately \$400,000.00 of unallocated funds remains in the budget.

Council Member Huckaby

Prefers the 8.3% COLA with a wage adjustment budget.

Give 8.3% COLA increase now and then implement the wage adjustment study results.

Council Member Brown was in agreement with Council Member Huckaby suggestions.

Council Member Speer was in agreement with Council Member Huckaby suggestions.

Council agreed to take 3% plus new construction budgets numbers will be revised.

A special meeting to discuss the River District may be scheduled for July 12, 2022. The Mayor will followup.

Council further discussed and previous LIP commitments made by the City and asked for a list of active LIP's.

ADJOURNMENT Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:07 pm.