Minutes

The Mayor and City Council held a special meeting on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 5:15 p.m. in the meeting room of the Corbin Studio and Gallery, for the fourth Budget Work Session for the 2024-25 Budget.

Present

Darlene Taylor, Mayor via Zoom
Ivan Lankford, Council Vice President, via Zoom
Eric Banks, Councilman
Casey Goldsborough, Councilman
LaVerne Johnson, Councilwoman
Ruthie Todd, Councilwoman
Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer
Andrew Illuminati, City Solicitor

Also in attendance; Valerie Swift, Secretary; Tiffany McMahon; Rick Taylor; Richard Crumbacker; A.C. Alrey; William Brown; Jennifer Merritt; Sam Davis and George Friedley.

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order. She noted that this session was for the purpose of looking at areas to balance the budget. She made reference to a $37,000 line item which would be from an alternative source. Mayor Taylor made reference to page 3, rent for the Main Street apartments in the amount of $22,000 and also rental of space in the building. She also noted a grant in the amount of $25,000 for BNR. Mayor Taylor noted that on page 4, the city could not pick up a 12th person for the police department so there would be $45,000 from that.

Mrs. Morgan noted that tonight, first reader of the water, sewer, and garbage ordinances could be adopted, and then the budget ordinance. She noted that a constant yield public hearing was not required. She advised that there would be a zoom meeting on June 5 at either five or 6 PM to adopt the ordinances for second reader. Mayor Taylor thanked Mrs. Morgan for her work and getting a balanced budget. She also noted that grant funding is not reflected in the budget. Mrs. Morgan advised that the date that grants are awarded makes it difficult to include. She advised you can see them in the quarterly report. Mayor Taylor advised that she would like the funds identified.

Councilwoman Johnson made reference to the wind turbine maintenance decommission funding. She inquired if we get that money back. Mrs. Morgan advised that we do not.

Councilman Banks made reference to LEOPS and whether or not we pay that this year. Mrs. Morgan advised that we pay it this year. He also made reference to the ARF. Mrs. Morgan advised that this funding must be obligated with a contract this year.

With no further business or discussion, Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to adjourn the work session, seconded by Councilwoman Todd, and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Prepared by Valerie Swift, Secretary

Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer