



Study Session –via Zoom meeting # 883-1899-0360
Monday, April 11, 2022
7:00p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Styron Sherrell called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and Councilmember Linden led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Whitaker, Ceder, Strader, White, Linden, Peretti, and Whalen.

Absent: None.

STAFF PRESENT

Chief Hernandez, Public Works Director Madden, Planning Manager Stahlnecker, Finance Director Robbecke, Utility Supervisor Dustin Sloan. City Clerk Summers is absent tonight, Mayor Styron-Sherrell is filling in for her.

REGULAR AGENDA

A. Water System Comp Plan Update Discussion

This item was presented to Council by Public Works Director Madden and Russell Porter of Gray & Osborne. The Water System Plan provides a planning strategy for the City's water utility and has been prepared consistently with the Department of Health requirements as specified in the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) Chapter 246-290. The plan is required to be updated every 10 years and evaluates the ability to meet current and anticipated water demands and identifies capital improvement projects and financial planning.

Council asked questions regarding the city's water system infrastructure, capital improvement projects and water conservation.

B. Water Rate Impact Discussion

This item was presented to Council by Finance Director Robbecke. The Milton Municipal Code provides for the water utility rates to be adjusted annually by the rate of inflation as based on the annual change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U). The CPI-U from last June was reported

as 5.5%. The water utility rate will increase by 5.5% to all billings after May 1, 2022. With the increase, an operating loss of \$72,784 is projected. Without the increase, this loss will grow to \$190,034. In addition, fund balance as a percentage of expenditures is projected at 59%. Without the increase, this calculation would be reduced to 55%. The City of Milton does offer reduced rates to qualified low-income seniors and low-income disabled customers. About 142 customers currently receive these reduced rates.

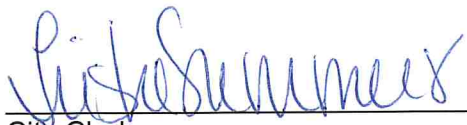
Council asked questions regarding what expenses are an impact on the fund balance, where the money for shortfall comes from and how reserves are maintained.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.



Shanna Styron Sherrell, Mayor

ATTEST: 

City Clerk