



Study Session
Monday, November 13, 2017
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Whalen called the Study Session to order at 7:02 p.m., and conducted the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Johnson, Hutson, Tompkins, Morton, and Boyle

Absent: Mayor Perry
Councilmember Ott – **MOTION TO EXCUSE** (Johnson/Hutson) – **Passed 7/0.**

STAFF PRESENT

Police Chief Hernandez, City Attorney Cameron, Public Works Director Peretti, Finance Director Garrison, City Engineer Howlett, Public Works Operations Superintendent Barnhart, and City Clerk Bolam

STUDY ITEMS

A. 2018 Preliminary Budget Review

Mayor Pro Tem Whalen suggested a review of the narratives, and explained the additional information handed out to Councilmembers. He further opened the floor to citizen comments specific to each area of the budget being reviewed. He then led the discussion page-by-page.

Councilmember Johnson expressed concern over some information included in the Mayor's letter. City Administrator Hernandez explained that it would be the author's prerogative to make any changes to it, and Finance Director Garrison suggested that perhaps Council would like to insert its own letter.

Council consensus is to include in the Finance Department narrative the provision of monthly financial reports, and to articulate the City's policy regarding an 8% reserved fund balance.

Discussion regarding allocating funds to get trees planted in Milton Community Park as per previous discussions.

Some potential changes to the Organizational Chart were considered.

Mayor Pro Tem Whalen stated his understanding of a long-term city goal to provide two police officers for every 2,000 citizens. Given the current population of almost 8,000, he will strongly champion working toward that goal in the coming year.

Discussion extended in review of the various reports of personnel salaries, benefits and allocations.

Speaker	Comments
Shanna Styron-Sherrell	Why attorney went from 1 to .7 FTE? (A=budgeted vs hired) Receptionist/Cashier salary check? (A=needs corrected)

8:39 Recess called – 8:51 back to order

Chief Hernandez addressed the Police Department budget, referring to his draft narrative and the worksheets provided by Director Garrison showing the department asks, and answered Council's clarifying questions. Some discussion about a public safety levy, and the possibility of a combined force with Edgewood.

Director Peretti provided a brief overview of the Public Works budgets, referring to his draft narratives and the worksheets provided by Director Garrison showing the department asks.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m.



Debra Perry, Mayor

ATTEST:



Katie Bolam, City Clerk