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WATAUGA CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER,
7105 WHITLEY ROAD,
AUGUST 5, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Arthur Miner called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The meeting convened with the following members present:

Arthur L. Miner	Mayor
Malissa Minucci	Mayor Pro Tem/Council Member Place 5 (Absent without notice)
Pat Shelbourne	Council Member Place 1
Cris Blackburn	Council Member Place 2
Lovie Downey	Council Member Place 3
Andrew Neal	Council Member Place 4
Mark Taylor	Council Member Place 6
Jan Hill	Council Member Place 7

and

Sandra Gibson	Interim City Manager and Finance Director
Linda Proskey	City Secretary
Kaleb	City Attorney
Brian Teneyck	Assist. Director of Parks and Community Srv.
Deby Woodard	Assistant Finance Director
Paul Hackleman	Public Works Director
Randy Barkley	Fire Chief
Robert Parker	Police Chief
Julie Rodriguez	Director of Human Resources
Betty King	Assistant Director of Library Services

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements

PUBLIC COMMENT

No requests for public testimony were received.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR ACTION ITEMS

No requests for public testimony were received.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of the Interim City Manager's Proposed Budget for FY2024-2025.

   Sandra Gibson, Interim City Manager and Finance Director, provided an overview of the proposed budget. She stated that the budget is balanced, and that they are using a small portion of the available fund balance for one-time expenditures. She mentioned that the proposed budget addresses many of the council's priorities within the strategic plan. For the last few years, there have been problems with recruitment and retention of staff, resulting in a 21% turnover rate for personnel. This budget focuses on that issue as well as maintaining services for our residents.

   She reviewed the timeline for the adoption of the budget and also discussed the Long-Range Finance plans. She mentioned that sales tax income was disappointing this year, and she does not believe they will meet the budgeted amount for this year. Consequently, there will be a need for a utility rate increase to cover expenses and AMI debt service within the utility fund. The budget reflects inflationary impacts from the cost of services, personnel, supplies, and capital outlay increases. She stated that fleet expenses have been moved from the departments to the fleet division, and all ARPA positions have been transferred to the general fund. The total proposed budget is $75,137,933, with most of that amount allocated to capital projects.

   Deby Woodard, the Assistant Finance Director, went over the departmental budgets and the major budgetary impacts.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Miner adjourned the meeting at 7:07 pm.

Approved: this 12 day of August, 2024

Signed: this 13 day of August, 2024

APPROVED:

Arthur L. Miner /s/

Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Proskey /s/

Linda Proskey, City Secretary

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