

City of Naperville

*400 S. Eagle Street
Naperville, IL 60540*



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, October 28, 2019

7:00 PM

Budget Workshop #1

Council Chambers

City Council

A. CALL TO ORDER:

The Mayor called the workshop to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. INTRODUCTION:

None

C. PUBLIC FORUM:

Resident Jim Hill presented concerns from residents regarding the City's property and sales tax.

The Mayor noted that the City's staff to resident ratio is at the lowest point since 1997. He continued with other metrics demonstrating the efficiencies realized by the City.

The Mayor, then, turned the meeting over to Doug Krieger, City Manager to present the 2020 Budget.

D. PRESENTATION:

2020 Budget Workshop #1

Krieger opened the workshop by explaining the order of presentations, the goals of the workshop and the method used to prepare the budget.

He, then, quantified the budget based on the City's four ends policies: Economic Development; High Performing Government; Public Safety; and Financial Stability.

In reviewing Economic Development, he discussed Staff's successes in redeveloping vacant business property.

Krieger continued by reviewing several metrics including: both the Electric and the Water Utilities reliability levels; the number of Sales Tax Businesses; and the number of Inspections, Licenses and Permits.

A discussion ensued about new developments and Sales Tax distribution. Starting July 1, 2020, the City will receive sales tax on interstate purchases delivered to a Naperville address.

Krieger continued the presentation by reviewing the Real Estate Transfer Tax, Retail Sales and Home Rule Sales Taxes, Hotel & Motel Tax and Food & Beverage Tax. A discussion ensued regarding the Food & Beverage Tax makeup between food and liquor and a discussion regarding tax rebates for hotel and motel and retail sales.

The presentation proceeded to review Key Initiatives including new citywide development, technology projects, Commuter Parking programs and evaluations, and the Downtown Streetscape Project.

A question was raised on the expansion of Commuter Parking at Water Tower West and how much the new spots were being utilized by commuters. Staff were encouraged to consider ways to increase the use of the Route 59 parking and bus use. In addition, the opportunity was discussed to procure street decorations to celebrate the summer holidays.

Krieger turned the presentation over to Marcie Schatz, Deputy City Manager, to review the Budget in relation to the High Performing Government goal. Schatz outlined the plan for Community Engagement. She, then, reviewed the status of two major technology projects, the ERP and Cityworks.

She continued the presentation with an outline of the personnel requests for the Information Technology Department for a GIS developer, database administrator, and PC technician. A discussion ensued regarding the need for these additional positions and the challenges in hiring IT staff.

The presentation then moved to the current system for reading water meters and the plans to install the Advanced Metering Infrastructure and how the new program will help with estimated reads, data access, and operational support to the utility.

Staff then reviewed several increases related to operational expenses in Public Works including leaf collection costs and winter operation costs. Staff reviewed the multi-year program for leaf collection and the significant commodity cost increases for rock salt supporting winter operations.

Infrastructure investment initiatives were discussed including buildings and grounds maintenance, cable injection programs for the electric utility, water meter replacement, and investment in the city's roadway network. Additionally, there was a review of three major capital projects, the North Aurora Road construction, the North Aurora Road underpass, and the Washington Street Bridge construction.

Schatz then introduced the Finance Director, Rachel Mayer who reviewed funding sources related to the goal of High Performing Government. She discussed the Local Gasoline Tax and State Motor Fuel Tax. She then reviewed Key Initiatives including the investigation of a Citywide service center, the new utility billing system, continued infrastructure investments and Citywide education and training.

She then noted that the next workshop will be November 18, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

E. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.