

WAYNESBORO, VIRGINIA CITY MANAGER’S BUDGET PRESENTATION MINUTES



The City Manager presented Council for the City of Waynesboro, Virginia a recommended fiscal year 2023 budget on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers, 503 W. Main Street, Waynesboro, Virginia.

PRESENT: Council Members: Bobby Henderson, Mayor
Lana Williams, Vice Mayor
Bruce Allen, Council member
Terry Short, Jr., Council member
Sam Hostetter, Council member

City Staff: Mike Hamp, City Manager
Cameron McCormick, Assistant City Manager - Finance
Todd Wood, Assistant City Manager - Operations
Michael Wilhelm, Assistant City Manager – Public Safety
Julia Bortle, Clerk of the Council

ABSENT: None

The City Manager provided a statement regarding his fiscal year 2023 recommended budget (*attachment 47-31*), stating it was to be a less formal presentation with work sessions built into the schedule to accommodate Council input of their opinions and preferences before being considered for adoption.

The City Manager and the Assistant City Manager-Finance provided the General Fund and Enterprise Funds projected revenues and expenditures in the provided presentation (*attachment 47-32*).

General Fund

The proposed General Fund budget balances at \$57.2 million, a 5% increase over the current fiscal year. It was noted that the City Manager has not requested a tax or fee increase in the General Fund.

The Commissioner of the Revenue will speak to Council at a future regular business meeting to provide information on personal property rates in light of increases in used car values.

Council member Short asked for quantified data for annual reoccurring costs for the small capital replacement charges and their implications to the full Capital Improvement Plan. The Assistant City Manager-Finance then reviewed the potential uses for the fund balance and the CIP Plan.

The City Manager then reviewed the use of ARPA funds currently allocated and potential uses for the remaining funds.

Enterprise Fund

In the Enterprise Fund, there is a recommended 3% user fee increase for water usage, a 3% increase in stormwater, and a \$1.50 monthly increase for refuse. There is no requested increase for sewer fees.

Potential Landfill budgeting and funding recommendations were reviewed.

General Discussion

The City Manager reviewed the calendar of next steps and asked Council for information and feedback.

Council members discussed the rational of funding the Sunset Park project when the ability to adequately patrol that area, in addition to the extended Greenway and the city, would not be possible with the shortage of police officers. It included safety being an important factor to consider but there is now adequate funding available to complete the project. The City Manager stated he would meet with the Assistant City Manager - Safety and the Police Chief, and then discuss the matter with Council. There was also concern about using ARPA funds for Sunset Park versus other needs in the city and the Vice Mayor would like other funding methods explored. The City Manager clarified the level of service given current and future staffing should be considered regarding safety and other services.

With no further matters to review, the meeting concluded at 10:20 a.m.

Julia Bortle, MMC, Clerk of Council

Bobby Henderson, Mayor