

# WAYNESBORO, VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORK SESSION MINUTES



Council for the City of Waynesboro, Virginia held a Budget Work Session on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, 503 W. Main Street, Waynesboro, Virginia, with the City Manager opening the meeting.

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: Michael Hamp, City Manager  
Cameron McCormick, Assistant City Manager - Finance  
Michael Wilhelm, Assistant City Manager – Public Safety  
Todd Wood, Assistant City Manager - Operations  
Julia Bortle, Clerk of the Council  
Dwayne Jones, Parks and Recreation Director

ABSENT: None

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The City Manager made a presentation regarding the elements of the fiscal year 2023 budget (*attachment 47-33*):

- Compensation Study (Phase 1 begins in January 2023)
- Fund Balance (history of using fund balance for small capital replacements and capital improvement plan)
- Motor Vehicle Tax Update
- Additional Considerations

After the discussion of those items, the Parks and Recreation Director made a presentation regarding the Sunset Park project.

The Assistant City Manager-Finance reviewed proposed uses of the fund balance and the motor vehicle tax update.

A work session is scheduled for April 12 and which time Council will need to confirm tax rates for advertising the public hearings. The City Manager asked Council to consider their preference with respect to increasing revenue capacity when considering used vehicle values after which the Finance Department will provide a rate. To do that, Mr. Short suggested a five- or ten-year linear rate increase to see what has historically occurred, but eliminate that time period when the Commissioner of the Revenue used a different assessment method.

The City Manager stated that the Enterprise Funds will be more thoroughly discussed at the April 12 work session.

Because some council members will not be available on April 12, the City Manager stated he will adjust the work session schedule and advise Council.

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The Parks and Recreation Director made a presentation to Council regarding the Sunset Park project. Included was an aerial view of the site, the proposed biking and hiking trails, the lawn versus meadow space with regarding to maintenance, safety and security plans. The mayor asked about cellular service and Council member Hostetter asked about liability insurance. They were told there is sufficient cell service and insurance is required for various entities to hold events on city property. The City Manager noted that the city worked closely with the Department of Environment Quality because the site is a former landfill.

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With no further matters to review, the meeting concluded at 7:40 p.m.

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Julia Bortle, MMC, Clerk of Council

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Bobby Henderson, Mayor