

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

4:30 PM

This meeting was held via teleconference due to the Shelter in Place Order issued by Monterey County and Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Potter called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

Present: Council Members Baron, Ferlito, Theis, Mayor Pro Tem Richards, Mayor Potter

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

The following members of the public spoke:

Beth Bowman

Michael Raffetto

ORDERS OF BUSINESS

Item 1: Receive a presentation on the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Recommended Budget and provide direction to staff

The Director of Budgets and Contracts provided the staff report for this item.

Questions from the City Council to staff included clarification of the timing for establishing an agreed upon reserve, confirmation if the requested .50 additional FTE will be adequate, clarification of the figures provided for the General Fund, the General Fund Reserve and Funds 101, 102 and 206. Additionally the City Council requested clarification regarding filling the requested Assistant Planner position.

The following members of the public spoke regarding this item:

Irene Long

Beth Bowman

Teresa Holman

Katy Castagna

Moir LaMountain

Discussion among the City Council and staff included discussion of increasing reserves from 10% to 15% or 20%, where the funds will come from if the increase is instituted with the coming Fiscal Year, waiting until next Fiscal Year to increase the reserve and potentially waiting until Mid-Year to institute the increase. Discussion took place regarding the proposed conservative budget and the optimism associated with the anticipated ending fund balance as it relates to increasing the reserve at this time. The City Council discussed the proposed projects that do not take money and take staff to implement, discussed the associated impacts to staff and discussed concerns that .50 position will not be enough to handle the projects.

It was the consensus of the City Council to direct staff to return with information regarding increasing the reserve to 15%.

The City Council thanked staff for an outstanding budget presentation.

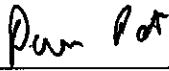
Discussion regarding the proposed budget included the City Council's desire to address deferred maintenance, discussion regarding the windows at the Sunset Center and Harrison Memorial Library, the use of concrete vs. pavers with regard to sidewalk repairs and inclusion of a landscape maintenance contract in the budget. Additionally the City Council discussed prioritizing projects, placement of funds for pension mitigation, and the increase in leisure travel and the impacts to the City's revenues. The City Council requested that staff look at the intersection of Ocean Avenue and Scenic, various locations in the City where ivy has spread and determine if code enforcement actions can be augmented. Discussion of downtown beautification took place.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Potter adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:



Dave Potter, Mayor



Britt Avrit, MMC
City Clerk