

Orlando City Council Workshop
Council Chambers, City Hall
400 South Orange Avenue
Monday, July 24, 2017
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In attendance:

Mayor Buddy Dyer
Commissioner Jim Gray, District 1
Commissioner Tony Ortiz, District 2
Commissioner Robert F. Stuart, District 3
Commissioner Patty Sheehan, District 4
Commissioner Regina I. Hill, District 5
Commissioner Samuel B. Ings, District 6
Chief Assistant City Attorney Kyle Shephard
City Clerk Denise Aldridge
City Clerk Aide Stephanie Herdocia
Police Officers Richard Patterson and James West, Sergeants-at-Arms

Mayor Buddy Dyer called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and began by discussing the State of the City and Budget address which occurred on Friday, July 21, 2017. Mayor Dyer announced that some of the planned budget expenditures in the year ahead include funding for additional police officers and firefighters as well as efforts to increase affordable housing options for residents all while keeping the millage rate the same.

Mayor Dyer thanked the staff in the Office of Management and Budget for their hard work year round to ensure departments stay within budget and craft a balanced budget. Mayor Dyer then introduced Deputy Chief Financial Officer Brian Battles who gave an update on the proposed Fiscal Year 2018 Budget, provided General Fund and Non-General Fund budget highlights, spoke about departmental staffing and program enhancements, gave capital improvement program summaries and concluded with a review of the budget process timeline.

- Update on proposed budget
 - Revenue projections modified slightly since the budget workshop on July 10, 2017
 - Moved five (5) positions off the General Fund
 - Refined funding for new public safety initiatives
 - Drafted list of capital improvement projects
 - All funds remain balanced
- General Fund Revenues
 - Property taxes are up \$19,097,371 or 12.00% from last year
 - Intergovernmental revenue increased
 - Sales and Use Tax up \$900,000
- Property Tax Analysis
 - 2017 City total assessed value is \$27.9B an increase of \$3.1B (12.5%) from 2016
 - 2017 new construction is just over \$1B of the increase and generated \$6.9M in revenues

- 2017 Initial Save Our Homes Exemption is \$1.9B in value, resulting in a loss of \$12.9M in revenues
 - 2017 first \$25,000 is \$891M in value resulting in a loss of \$5.9M in revenues
 - 2017 Commercial and Non-Homestead Cap is \$2.7B in value resulting in a loss of \$18.2M in revenues
 - 2017 additional \$25,000 is \$703M in value resulting in a loss of \$4.7M in revenues
 - Two-thirds of our parcels are at capped value
 - District 1 value increased 20%
 - District 2 value increased 13%
 - District 3 value increased 10%
 - District 4 value increased 10%
 - District 5 value increased 13%
 - District 6 value increased 9%
 - Commercial value increased 12%
 - Industrial value increased 11%
 - Multi Family value increased 16%
 - Single Family value increased 9%
 - Vacant value increased 15%
- General Fund Expenditures
 - Public Safety accounts for 56.6% of the budget and over 60% of the increase of the General Fund
 - Non-departmental accounts for 14.12% of the budget and is made up of the Tax Increment Payments, Transfers for Capital and Operational Support, and Debt Service
- Non-General Fund
 - Water Reclamation Funds and Solid Waste Funds include fee waivers
 - Stormwater Fund decreased due to lower internal service charges and transfers to the General Fund
 - Parking and Venue Funds include the transfer of Geico Garage to Parking Funds
 - New additions of School Crossing Guards
 - CRA Fund include contributions to Project DTO, Under I Design, and Parramore Housing project
 - Building Code Fund declined due to reduced fund balance usage in one-time EDIS allocation in Fiscal Year 2017
 - Special Assessment Fund reduced due to end of 55 West Special Assessment
 - Reduced SHIP State funding
- Departmental Staffing and Program Enhancements
 - Total net increase of 57 positions

- Staffing increases in the tentative budget maintain the 14 year low ratio of employees to residents from the 2017 Fiscal Year
- Capital Improvement Program
 - Increase from Fiscal Year 2017 adopted budget to the Fiscal Year 2018 proposed budget
 - Project DTO initiatives
 - Fire and Police Department equipment
 - Families, Parks and Recreation renovations and maintenance
 - Emergency Operations Center Renovations
 - Majority of the Capital Improvement Program budget is related to Transportation and Water Reclamation

Mr. Battles concluded the presentation with a tentatively balanced budget of approximately \$446,401,982 for the General Fund and \$766,771,742 for Other Funds. The next steps in the budget process were listed as a calendar with Commissioner Briefings throughout August and City Council Budget Hearings #1 and #2 on September 6 and September 25, 2017, respectively.

At 10:22 a.m. the workshop was opened to comments and questions and discussion ensued. At 10:34 a.m. the workshop was adjourned.

Denise Aldridge
City Clerk