



Town of Micro
Board of Commissioners SPECIAL Budget Work Session

MINUTES

Thursday, May 23, 2024

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.*

Micro Town Hall

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Marty Parnell, Mayor
Tim Earp, Commissioner
Katy Garcia, Commissioner
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OTHERS PRESENT

Lee Worsley, Central Pines COG
Kimberly Moffett, Interim Town Clerk
Jason Banks, Public Works Director

OFFICIALS ABSENT:

Kevin Worley, Mayor Pro Tem

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Parnell called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led everyone in the Pledge.

2. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Worsley was present and shared the requested various scenarios related to budget and the Police Department. He also stated General Fund revenues were adjusted to show the cost of \$7500 for two audits that will need to be paid for. Other changes included administrative salary cost was previously split 50/50 in general fund and water sewer fund, and now the split is 40/60. Contracted services were reduced to \$1,000 monthly. Telephone expenses were reduced based on actuals.

There was lengthy discussion regarding the police department. It was agreed there could not be a full-time officer without a tax increase. There was discussion regarding the advantages of a part time officer including flexibility in coverage as well as ability to request specific outcomes, for example traffic enforcement. The disadvantage is there is no leader in the police department. There was discussion about contracting with Johnston County Sheriffs Office for a part time officer option. Discussion continued regarding having a part time officer and what that would really mean and there's not much value in simply having a part time officer. A difficult discussion has been held regarding what is felt to be the best option to temporarily shut down the police department until the town is in a better financial position to fully support the department. It was agreed that the hope is that we will be in a position in two years to being in a stronger financial position to build the police department back.

ACTION: Motion to Place Police Department on Hold Temporarily

Motion: Commissioner Garcia
Second: Commissioner Earp
Vote: Unanimous

There was discussion regarding water and sewer and Mr. Worsley stated he had moved the Public Works Director out of the streets, which was at 10% and is now 50/50 out of Water Sewer.

Additionally, the Clerk was changed to a 50/50 which allows for a contingency of \$76K in General Fund and contingency of \$23K in Water Sewer.

It was stated the current tax rate was .62 and of that we pay .12 to fire tax. There will be no tax rate increase.

There will be a 15% rate increase in water/sewer and a 10% increase in sanitation pick up fees.

There was lengthy discussion regarding changing the days/schedule/process for debris and limb pick up. Final decisions will be made regarding possible changes at a future date.

The Budget Public Hearing will be held at the June 11, 2024 Board of Commissioners regular meeting.

Mr. Worsley will provide an updated draft budget to the LGC.

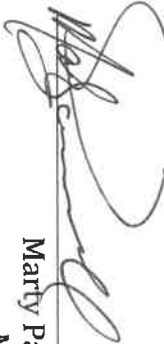
3. **ADJOURNMENT**

a. Adjourn the Meeting


ACTION: Motion to Adjourn

Motion: Commissioner Earp
Second: Commissioner Garcia
Vote: Unanimous

With there being nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.


Marty Parnell
Mayor

ATTEST:


Kimberly A. Moffett
Interim Town Clerk

