

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Sam Couvillon, Barbara Brooks, Zack Thompson, Juli Clay, Danny Dunagan, George Wangemann

STAFF PRESENT: Bryan Lackey, Angela Sheppard, Abb Hayes, Denise Jordan

Mayor Couvillon called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and served as the presiding officer.

CITY MANAGER ISSUES:

Fiscal Year 2023 Recommended Budget

City Manager Bryan Lackey presented the recommended budget. The following comments were noted:

- The key points heard during the 2022 retreat discussions addressed
 - Retention and Recruitment
 - Public Safety – Market Adjustment in Starting Salary
 - Infrastructure/Capital Projects – paving, water and sewer
 - SPLOST Projects
 - Future Housing
- The proposed recommended budget (\$35.4 million) represents a 4.85% increase over the FY2022 amended budget.
- The budgeted fund balance (\$4.59 million) is mostly salary savings from position vacancies.
- The proposal includes a full roll back (from 0.500 to 0.410 mills).
- There was an increase in General Fund revenues.
- The increased expenditures were attributed to pay adjustments, one new position, fuel/energy cost, health insurance cost and capital projects.
- This is the last year for the credit associated with the American Rescue Plan Act meaning next year's millage rate will increase by 1.0 mills.
- The proposed budget for capital projects (all funds) is \$51.8 million.
- A cost of living increase was included for retirees.
- The budget calendar requires a public hearing on June 7 and adoption on June 21.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES:

Council Member Wangemann

1. Shared information about recent community cleanup projects.
2. Commented on the restoration of the Beulah Rucker Center.

Council Member Clay

1. Commented on the Women's Golf Tournament occurring at the Chattahoochee Golf Course.
2. Presented the Parks & Recreation ex-officio report.

Council Member Brooks

1. Presented the Airport Advisory Committee ex-officio report.
2. Reported plans to attend the Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce 114 Annual Gala tonight.

Council Member Thompson

Presented the Chattahoochee Golf Course Advisory Committee ex-officio report.

CITY ATTORNEY ISSUES:

Resolution: Gillsville Highway Pump Station, Gravity Sewers and Force Main Project Acquisition of Easements

City Attorney Abb Hayes stated this resolution assist the Department of Water Resources with acquiring easements and property to install infrastructure for this project. It authorizes the use of eminent domain/condemnation to make acquisitions and authorizes execution of documents associated with these proceedings.

Placed on May 17, 2022 Council Meeting Consent Agenda

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

City Manager Lackey requested an Executive Session to discuss real estate matters.

Motion to close the Work Session at 9:38 AM to enter an Executive Session to discuss real estate matters.

Motion made by Council Member Dunagan

Motion seconded by Council Member Thompson

Votes favoring the motion: Brooks, Thompson, Clay, Dunagan, Wangemann

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Motion to close the Executive Session at 9:58 AM.

Motion made by Council Member Dunagan

Motion seconded by Council Member Thompson

Votes favoring the motion: Brooks, Thompson, Clay, Dunagan, Wangemann

OTHER BUSINESS:

37 Main Update

Assistant City Manager Angela Sheppard provided an update on the results of an excise tax audit that revealed under reporting of alcohol sales at 37 Main. She summarized the court proceedings, significant operational changes and the consequences for non-compliance. She also announced 37 Main is rebranding to become Harold's Honkey Tonk. The reopening is set for May 17, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:08 AM

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W. Samuel Couvillon, Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk