



CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE  
FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE -  
BUDGET MEETING #2  
CITY HALL - COUNCIL BRIEFING ROOM, 300 W. MAIN STREET  
THURSDAY, JULY 22, 2021 AT 3:30 PM

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MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER**

The City of Grand Prairie Finance and Government Committee convened at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 22, 2021, in the City Council Briefing Room, 300 West Main Street, Grand Prairie, Texas. The following persons were in attendance:

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jeff Copeland, Chairman  
Cole Humphreys, City Councilperson  
Kurt Johnson, City Councilperson

No Guests were recognized as being in attendance.

**STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

1. Solid Waste Operating Fund

Administration Manager, Patricia Redfearn, presented FY2022 budget information for the Solid Waste Operating Fund. The presentation included discussions regarding the City's landfill and garbage/recycling collection service, brush and litter collection, street sweeping, illegal dumping cleanup, Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful and auto-related business programs.

2. Cemetery Fund

Parks, Arts and Recreation Director, Duane Strawn, presented a brief overview of the Parks, Arts and Recreation budget. Assistant Director-Business, Gary Yakesch, introduced staff members Assistant Director-Operations, Erin Hart, Business Operations Managers, Chip Nami and Lettie Evans.

Mr. Gary Yakesch presented FY2022 budget information for The Cemetery Fund. The presentation included discussions regarding the fund type, perpetual care, use of excess operating funds, cemetery statistics, and an overview of staffing.

3. Epic Central Fund

Mr. Gary Yakesch presented FY2022 budget information for the Epic Central Fund. The presentation included discussion regarding the fund as being new, the primary divisions under development are hotel management agreement, restaurant operating leases, expanded maintenance provisions, entertainment, the parking garage, logistics, administration, PlayGrand Adventures, and Grand Lawn.

4. Epic Fund and Epic Waters Fund

Mr. Gary Yakesch presented FY2022 budget information for the Epic Fund and Epic Waters Fund. The Epic Fund and Epic Waters Fund presentation included discussions about the Special Revenue Fund, including fund details regarding debt issue, management, and staffing. The presentation also included information on the primary venues/divisions, Epic Recreation, Epic Waters, and funding sources.

5. Golf Operating Fund

Mr. Gary Yakesch presented FY2022 budget information for the Golf Operating Fund. The presentation included discussions about Golf as an enterprise fund, that the fund has no debt, Capital/CIP needs,

statistics, and staffing. Chairperson Jeff Copeland requested that separate profit and loss statements be sent to him for each course.

6. Lake Parks Operating Fund

Mr. Gary Yakesch presented FY2022 budget information for the Lake Parks Operating Fund. The presentation included discussions regarding the Lake Parks Operating Fund as an enterprise fund, the USACE lease, debt, use of excess operating funds, the marina lease, Lloyd Park, Lynn Creek, Britton, and staffing.

7. Prairie Lights Fund

Mr. Gary Yakesch presented budget FY2022 information for the Prairie Lights Fund. The presentation included discussions regarding the fund as an enterprise fund, that the fund has no debt, agreements, (e.g., concessions, carnival), other examples of enterprise parks (e.g., Fresno, Costa Mesa), statistics and staffing.

8. Park Venue Operating and Sales Tax Fund

Mr. Gary Yakesch presented FY2022 budget information for the Park Venue Operating and Sales Tax Fund. The presentation included discussions regarding the Special Revenue Fund, fund details, sales tax cap, use as a funding source for other Parks operating funds (if needed), use as a primary funding source for Park CIP projects, and staffing. Additional discussion took place regarding the primary funding mechanism and the primary sales tax venues.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Finance and Government Committee may conduct a closed session pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D of the Government Code, V.T.C.A., to discuss any of the following:

- (1) Section 551.071 "Consultation with Attorney"
- (2) Section 551.072 "Deliberation Regarding Real Property"
- (3) Section 551.074 "Personnel Matters"
- (4) Section 551.087 "Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations."

No Executive Session was convened.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Finance and Government Committee meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

  
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Jeff Copeland, Chairman  
Finance & Government Committee

  
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Date