



MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The City of Grand Prairie Finance and Government Committee convened at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 19, 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, Chairperson
Cole Humphreys, City Councilperson
Kurt Johnson, City Councilperson

No Guests were recognized as being in attendance.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

1. Introduction

Deputy City Manager, Cheryl De Leon, welcomed the Committee Members the first of three Budget meetings. This meeting will focus on funding. Ms. De Leon thanked all staff who assisted with the budget. She clarified this is the City Manager's budget.

Budget Director, Kathleen Mercer, introduced the Budget staff: Business Operations Manager Matt Monedero, Senior Financial Analyst Marlon Pacheco, and Financial Analyst Peter Smith.

2. Red Light Safety Fund

Ms. Kathleen Mercer presented FY2022 budget information for the Red Light Safety Fund. She noted that the funds can only be used for public safety and transportation and roadway signals.

3. US Marshal Fund

Ms. Kathleen Mercer presented FY2022 budget information for the US Marshal Fund. Cheryl De Leon noted that the fund is not restricted. A small fund allows close monitoring. It was also clarified that federal officers, task force officers and the police department also use the top floor space.

4. Community Policing Fund

Ms. Kathleen Mercer presented FY2022 budget information for the Community Policing Fund. This fund helps with peripherals for vehicles. All future new officers will come from this fund.

5. Airport Fund

Ms. Kathleen Mercer and Airport Director, Mark Divita, presented FY2022 budget information for the Airport Fund. Mr. Divita discussed grant funding and restrictions. He also stated that Skymates Flight Academy had moved from Arlington to Grand Prairie.

6. Hotel/Motel Operating Fund

Ms. Kathleen Mercer presented FY2022 budget information for the budget for the Hotel/Motel Operating Fund. Ms. Mercer noted that COVID-19 had a significant impact on the hotel and motel industry. However, several new hotels will be opening soon. Communications and Marketing Director, Amy Sprinkles, briefly

discussed the Go Grand advertising initiative.

7. Storm Water Utility Fund

Ms. Kathleen Mercer presented FY2022 budget information for the Storm Water Utility Fund. How fee tiering, changes in employee health insurance, and mowing contracts were briefly discussed.

8. Fleet Services Fund

Ms. Kathleen Mercer presented FY2022 budget information for the Fleet Services Fund. A discussion took place about the volume of bays, technicians, and certifications per the service center, south shops, and the landfill. Ms. Cheryl De Leon also noted the number of major awards the staff had won, with special credit to Fleet Services Manager, Jayson Ramirez, and his team for their above and beyond performance, particularly during the winter storm in February.

9. Risk Fund

Human Resources Director, Lisa Norris, presented FY2022 budget information for the Risk Fund. She discussed the purpose of the Risk Fund, how it operates and how it is managed.

10. Employee Insurance Fund

Ms. Lisa Norris presented FY2022 budget information for the Employee Insurance Fund. Ms. Norris noted that this fund is self-insured, and it is regulated by the Federal government and insurance laws. Ms. Norris also discussed Active and Retiree costs.

Councilpersons who have questions after the meeting were invited email Kathleen Mercer and/or Cheryl De Leon.

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 held.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

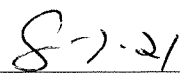
No citizen comments were made.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Finance and Government Committee meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.



Jeff Copeland, Chairman
Finance & Government Committee



Date