

**City Council of the City of Greenville  
Work Session**

**Monday, April 10, 2023  
2:30 p.m.**

**Meeting Location:  
Greenville City Hall, 206 S. Main Street**

**MINUTES**

CITY COUNCIL: Mayor Knox White and Councilmembers John M. DeWorken, Lillian B. Flemming, Kenneth C. Gibson, Wil Brasington, Russell H. Stall, and Dorothy H. Dowe

CITY STAFF: City Manager John F. McDonough; City Attorney Leigh B. Paoletti;  
City Clerk Camilla G. Pitman

Mayor White called the meeting to order for the purpose of discussing the following matters.

**Motion - Executive Session**

Mayor White asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. City Attorney Leigh Paoletti recommended going into executive session under S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2) to discuss the following: (a) a proposed contract agreement with .408 Jackson, (b) an economic development matter involving Ridge Road School project, (c) receive legal advice involving city-owned signs and the applicability of the Heritage Act, (d) receive legal advice involving a request to add property into the City known as the Woven Project to a multi-county industrial park, and (e) a property acquisition matter involving property near Linky Stone Park.

Councilmember Dowe moved, seconded by Councilmember Gibson, to go into Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

(Executive Session)

There being no further discussions, Councilmember Dowe moved, seconded by Councilmember DeWorken, to go out of Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously. No action was taken.

**Budget Workshop #1**

City Manager John McDonough introduced the Budget presentation and Interim Office and Management Budget Director Karen Crawford who presented an overview of the proposed FY23-24 budget, as provided by presentation. Mr. McDonough recognized the reports prepared and submitted by the Department Directors and thanked them for the information.

Ms. Crawford presented the following FY24 General Fund Budget Assumptions:

- Salary/wage baseline budget increased by 7.6% percent
- PEBA has no rate increase built in past FY23, but we are assuming 1% percent increase
- Health insurance budgeted increase of 7.5% percent, January 1, 2024
- Fuel budgeted increase of 14.4% percent in FY24.
- Risk Charges budgeted increase 9.4% percent in FY24

Ms. Crawford also presented the following FY24 General Fund Revenue Assumptions:

- Property Tax budgeted increase of 7.6% percent
- Business License and Permits increase of 6.8% percent
- Transfers in from other funds increase total of 33.9% percent
  - H-Tax increase of 43% percent
- Other Revenues including interest earnings budgeted increase of 62.5% percent
- Overall increase of 9.7% percent

Finally, Ms. Crawford presented the following FY24 General Fund Expenditure Assumptions:

- Net increase of 22 Full Time Employees, offset by 5 unfilled positions
- 4% percent COLA adjustment on January 1, 2024
- CIP FY24 - \$12.3 million
- Transfer out of Solid Waste Fund FY24 - increases by \$1 million to \$4.4 million
- Capital Outlay FY24 - \$4.9 million for vehicle and equipment replacement
- New Debt Service – City Hall, Neighborhood Infrastructure Bond Round 2 (issue late FY24, with payments starting in FY25)

Ms. Crawford provided a review of assumptions as provided in the presentation for Hospitality Tax Fund, Parking Fund, and Local A-TAX Fund.

Council members asked questions and provided general comments during the presentation and discussion.

Ms. Crawford provided a schedule for additional budget workshop discussions and the adoption of the annual operating budget. Mr. McDonough advised that the next Workshop will be next Monday, April 17, at 12 noon. Mr. McDonough recommended Council review the original presentation with all of the Department's reports and bring any questions they may have to the meeting.

With no further discussions, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Camilla G. Pitman, MMC, Certified PLS  
City Clerk

Meeting notice posted on April 7, 2023.