

To: Members of the Budget Committee
From: Sharron Monohon, Budget & Finance Director
Memo Date: April 15, 2021
Meeting Date: April 20, 2021
Subject: Budget Committee Meeting Minutes from Fiscal Year 2020/21

The attached are the minutes from the fiscal year 2020/21 Budget Committee meeting. Please read them prior to our meeting. Approval of the minutes will be included on the agenda.

City of Gresham Budget Committee
Tuesday, April 28, 2020
Gresham City Hall and via Zoom Meeting Platform
Minutes

Budget Committee Members Present:

Rusty Allen
Mike Ash
Jan Baker
Mayor Shane Bemis
David Dyk
Councilor Karylenn Echols
Councilor Janine Gladfelter
Councilor Jerry Hinton
Jared Koga
Councilor Eddie Morales
Sue O'Halloran
Councilor Mario Palmero
Theresa Tschirky
Councilor David Widmark

Budget Committee Members Absent:

None.

Staff Members in Attendance:

Erik Kvarsten, City Manager, Budget Officer
Sharron Monohon, Budget & Financial Planning Director
Elizabeth McCann, Senior Financial Analyst
Kris Leibrand, Recording Secretary

Budget Committee Meeting #1 Minutes

1. Convene Budget Committee Meeting

Fiscal year 2019/20 Budget Committee Chair Teresa Tschirky convened the meeting of the Gresham Budget Committee at 6:05 p.m.

2. Agenda review, ground rules and meeting protocol

Ms. Monohon reviewed the agenda topics and presented the ground rules as outlined in the memo included with the meeting information packet provided. A copy of this packet is attached to these minutes as Attachment A. The Committee had no changes or revisions.

3. Election of Budget Committee Officers

Chair Tschirky asked for nominations for the fiscal year 2020/21 Budget Committee Chair. Mr. Ash nominated Ms. Tschirky. The nomination was approved unanimously.

Chair Tschirky called for nominations for Vice-Chair. Ms. O'Halloran nominated Ms. Baker. The nomination was approved unanimously.

4. Approval of Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

Chair Tschirky asked the Committee members for comments or corrections to the meeting minutes from the fiscal year 2019/20 Budget Committee meetings. There were no comments or corrections.

A motion was made by Mr. Dyk and seconded by Mr. Koga to:

“Approve the minutes for the Fiscal Year 2019/20 Budget Committee meetings as submitted.”

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Budget Message and Overview of FY 2020/21 Proposed Budget

Mr. Kvarsten presented the Proposed Budget Message for the FY 2020/21 Proposed Budget as outlined in the PowerPoint presentation included with the meeting information packet provided. A copy of this packet is attached to these minutes as Attachment A.

Ms. Monohon presented the Proposed Budget Overview and the Fund Review as outlined in the PowerPoint presentation included with the meeting information packet provided. A copy of this packet is attached to these minutes as Attachment A.

6. State Shared Revenue Hearing

Chair Tschirky read the instructions for the State Shared Revenue Hearing as outlined in the memo included with the meeting information packet provided. A copy of this packet is attached to these minutes as Attachment A.

Chair Tschirky opened the hearing and presented the proposed receipt of State Shared Revenue in the amount of \$3,572,000 into the General Fund.

Ms. Monohon noted there was no public testimony received.

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Chair Tschirky asked for consensus to continue or close the hearing. The Committee voted unanimously that the hearing be closed.

7. Review of Citizen Comment

Ms. Monohon noted comments were received from three citizens and were posted on the website prior to the meeting. The comments are also included in the meeting information packet provided. A copy of this packet is attached to these minutes as Attachment A.

The three commenters were Kevin Larson, president of the Gresham Professional Firefighters Association Local 1062; Julie McAllister, Vice-President of the Gresham Professional Firefighters Association Local 1062, and Carol Rulla, President of the Coalition of Neighborhood Associations.

A copy of the written comments is included with the meeting information packet provided. A copy of this packet is attached to these minutes as Attachment A

8. Committee Discussion on the FY 2020/21 Proposed Budget

Chair Tschirky asked for Committee comments and discussion on the FY 2020/21 proposed budget.

Councilor Palmero referred to page 309 under miscellaneous income, and asked where the interest income is coming from.

Ms. Monohon replied that the note on that page refers to interest income having been moved between categories from the old chart of accounts to the new chart of accounts. She said that that particular fund is the Designated Purpose Fund and includes funds from grants, specific donations and a variety of other things. She said a small amount of the miscellaneous income is interest earnings, with the rest of it being income for specific grants or other uses.

Councilor Palmero asked if that would be for the Gradin Sports Park.

Ms. Monohon said that the \$2 million lottery fund money that we potentially will get is recognized in the Parks Capital Fund.

Ms. O'Halloran commented that she appreciated Mr. Dyk's thorough list of questions that were supplied prior to the meeting and the responses received (a copy of this list is included with the meeting information packet provided. A copy of this packet is attached to these minutes as Attachment A). She said the information answered several questions she also had. Referring to the public comments received from the two fire union representatives, she said she would like to hear more about response times for Fire. She said there wasn't a specific request in those

comments and wondered if they are concerned about the cutbacks in overtime that would affect normal coverage.

Mr. Kvarsten said the president and vice-president of the Gresham Professional Firefighters Association want to make sure they maintain excellent service and response times and they are concerned about the impacts from COVID-19. Mr. Kvarsten said we will continue to work closely with the association and continue to do the best we can with the resources we have.

Councilor Hinton thanked Mr. Kvarsten, Ms. Monohon and staff for the fantastic work in putting together this budget. He said that Mr. Kvarsten did a fine job in his presentation highlighting the COVID-19 issue and how it throws a big question mark out there. He said he knows that cities and states by law have to have a balanced budget where the Federal budget does not. He said he is concerned about funds listed as contingency that are not open to be used for other things. As detailed as the budget document is, he wonders how accurate it will be when we have large potential swings relative to the tax revenue. Councilor Hinton reminded everyone that the contingency funds are very specific in what they can be used for. He asked, given the level of uncertainty of our tax base, what are our true discretionary funds, and if we can enjoy some fuel savings during this time where driving is down.

Ms. Monohon said funds and program areas need to be reviewed individually to determine what is discretionary and areas that may be impacted from the revenue shortfalls because of the economic conditions. She said in each area, we will see different kinds of impacts from the economic conditions - it depends on what the makeup of their funding source is. She said we expect to see reductions in business income tax, transient lodging tax, gas tax, and others. She agreed that each program or fund will need to review their capital projects list to see if there are projects that can be deferred. She cautioned that we aren't at the point where we can say which projects those are or which ones will have the biggest impact. Ms. Monohon noted that there is not a place in the capital funds where General Fund money is currently being spent, so there isn't a place to free up funds to backstop shortfalls in that fund.

Ms. Monohon said she expects to see some fuel savings as a result of COVID-19 impacts. She cautioned it won't solve all the problems, but we will be evaluating it.

Mr. Ash asked if we will have some carryover from FY 2019/20.

Ms. Monohon said in the proposed budget for the General Fund we assumed a beginning balance of \$10 million for FY 2020/21. She explained that much of that came from position vacancies and cost saving actions the City Manager mentioned in his presentation. She said because of these measures, we were able to position the General Fund in a much better place than you saw it in last year's proposed budget. She said there is uncertainty over the revenue reductions that will occur over the next several months since that is going to look different than what we expected

when we put the budget document together. She said many revenues are received after the fact, such as at the end of a quarter, so we just don't have enough information to know the magnitude of the impact.

Councilor Echols thanked staff for getting the budget book out to the Committee a week early. She said she appreciates it and doing so made the Committee better prepared for the budget committee meetings. Councilor Echols reminded everyone that even though we talk about vacancies and position reductions, that doesn't mean that the work is not being done.

Councilor Echols asked about the overtime decreases in Fire and Police and what the real world impacts are to the community.

Mr. Kvarsten said the reduction in Police limits the ability to do certain missions and task oriented related things. In the Fire department, we want to make the effort to ensure we are fully staffed so we don't have to rely on overtime to backfill.

Councilor Echols noted that some of the Police overtime is used for prisoner transport and court testimony. She said she wants to make sure these items are calculated in the overtime budget.

Mr. Kvarsten said overtime is always an estimate, as we don't know what events might come up for tasks and missions.

Councilor Echols asked if the Fire Academy is proceeding or if it was interrupted by the pandemic.

Mr. Kvarsten said that COVID-19 delayed the start of the academy. He said the academy start is in flux and he is working with the fire chief to determine the best path forward.

Referring to a citizen response letter from Carol Rulla, who wrote in regarding the neighborhood associations, Ms. O'Halloran said it would be good if staff could address what the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds could be used for. She also noted that she had heard some comments about the lack of budget transparency. She thinks the budget book may be lengthy, but it is a remarkable document and does a good job in providing transparency. She encouraged citizens to review the document. Finally, she commented that she was surprised to hear that there were some citizen comments about the Police, Fire and Parks Fund. She said she works with a wide variety of people from, tenants to homeowners, and this is the first time she has heard anything like that. She said she wanted to express that the Committee received the comments and it is something we should be aware of.

Mr. Kvarsten replied that CDBG dollars cannot be used for public safety staffing. He said when we receive additional CDBG dollars they will flow through a process to determine the best use of those funds.

Ms. Monohon added that there was an urgency to get money to the small businesses that are impacted in our community by the pandemic. She said we fully expect there will be specific federal or state money available that will provide the funding for those grants. She added we have something in place as a backstop, so the money won't come out of the General Fund directly.

Councilor Gladfelter asked if we cut staffing, and said she is concerned that staff cuts will affect safety and livability.

Mr. Kvarsten replied that we will do the best we can to provide the best services possible to the community moving forward.

Mr. Dyk read the following from Ms. Rulla's written testimony:

"Neighborhood association leaders have generally been aware of the city's budget constraints – and we definitely felt the cutbacks this past year – but we have been frustrated by the lack of discussion about the city's financial situation and the trade-offs being made. The Coalition of Gresham Neighborhood Association's main Council Work Plan recommendation this year was a focus on the city's financial sustainability and transparency with the community."

"I ask Council and staff to work with neighborhood associations and advisory committees to have a public and on-going discussion about the city's budget revenue and requirements. This will be even more important as we deal with the budget impacts from the COVID-19 emergency."

Mr. Dyk said when he read this, it really resonated with him and he sees it as a recurring theme tonight. He said it is difficult work but wanted to convey to the City Manager and staff that it is important work and needs the community behind it.

Mr. Dyk said he doesn't understand the strategy for using the community service fee dollars that come from the Enterprise Funds. Referring to the General Fund programs in the Community Development Department described on page 109, Mr. Dyk asked if things like commercial business assistance and other business support could be paid for using community service dollars and if so, why would we not want to use those dollars for that purpose?

Ms. Monohon said the community service program is under the purview of the City Council. She explained that if we do not appropriate those funds, then Council does not have the ability to access those funds during the upcoming fiscal year. She said since one of our goals is to not preclude or prohibit actions the Council may want to take, we do appropriate those funds so that Council may access or do something with them during the fiscal year.

Ms. Monohon replied that the community development and economic development programs you see in the General Fund are treated as a quasi-internal service programs. She said the

amount of those programs is actually much less than what you see in the document, because there are offsetting revenues that are coming in to support a portion of those programs.

Mr. Dyk clarified that the commercial business assistance program brings in fees that support it.

Ms. Monohon said those are programs that are supported as internal service charges throughout the organization.

Councilor Widmark said this budget shows a decrease of 23 full time personnel and asked if part-time and other types of staff are effected.

Mr. Kvarsten said all the positions go through a rigorous examination regardless of if they are full time or part time. He said they do not plan to fill in with part-time personnel to take up some of the work.

Councilor Palermo asked why CDBG money will be used instead of community service money for the business assistance program.

Ms. Monohon explained that ideally there will be federal funding that doesn't have strings attached that would be the desired way to support the business grant program. She said as we get more details we will review the requirements and use it for the best of our community.

Mr. Kvarsten said you will sometimes hear of using a CDBG formula with federal programs to get money directly to cities without the same constraints we have now for their use. He said they will try to be clear going forward if it is for expenditures related to the program or just using it as the formula to get money to the city.

Councilor Palmero asked if there will be an increase or decrease in our CDBG allocation next year.

Mr. Kvarsten replied that we expect a slight increase in the CDBG allocation for the programs we typically run.

Councilor Palmero asked if there are constraints around the community service funds.

Ms. Monohon explained those funds are to be used for economic development related programs and activities.

Councilor Palmero asked if those funds could be used business assistance program.

Ms. Monohon said that would be the backstop funding if we don't get something else from the federal government. Having those funds available gave us the ability to respond quickly to the

urgent community needs, without having to wait for something to come from the federal government.

Councilor Palmero thanked staff for their hard work in helping the businesses with those small business grants.

Councilor Hinton said compression played a big role back during the Great Recession and had a negative impact on the valuation of our homes. He asked if we think that compression reducing the property tax revenue will be a major factor this time around and invited Ms. O'Halloran to provide her expertise on the answer as well.

Ms. O'Halloran said there aren't forecasts out yet for the State of Oregon. She said in the metropolitan area things have been holding steady so far, but it depends on what price point you are looking at. She said if 90 days from now we see there are mortgage failures happening, then that may have an impact, but it is just too soon to tell.

Ms. O'Halloran said when we receive the federal funds it would be a good idea to give a breakdown on the money we receive and how it is used. She said it is really important for the citizens to see how we use them.

Mr. Koga asked what the feedback was from the business owners on the small business grants and if there are more funds to allocate.

Mr. Kvarsten said the response was immediate, positive and with a lot of gratitude. He said it allowed businesses to weather the storm. He said we will work as hard as we can to align businesses with federal programs for assistance.

Councilor Morales asked if there are actuals numbers for fiscal year 2019/20 anywhere in the packet of information or in the budget book.

Ms. Monohon explained that we are still in the midst of fiscal year 2019/20, so we don't have final actuals for the current year. She said for fiscal years 2017/18 and 2018/19 we have the actuals listed at a summary level as required by budget law. She explained that because of the transition of the chart of accounts, we weren't able to provide that level of detail at the line item level. She said we were able to provide the budget to budget comparison at a line item level. She explained that is the challenge when working through the chart of accounts transition.

Councilor Morales commented that on other boards he serves on they get a statement with the current expenditures to see what percentage of the resources have been used for the current year when planning for the next year. He said it would help him be more informed to have a list of where we are with the current budget and what we might project for the next one. He said it

would also be nice to get an update on how COVID-19 is impacting us. He said he knew there was a moratorium on water and sewer that effected our revenue. He indicated he'd like something like that for the Committee before they decide to vote on the budget.

Ms. Monohon explained that putting together real-time actual expenditures during a fiscal year has a number of challenges. She said from program to program there are many differences in how those businesses operate. Some programs run at flat level, where it is normal to run at a twelfth of their budget, while other programs are seasonal or cyclical in nature. Some programs may have funds encumbered early in the fiscal year that make their budget appear to be way overspent, but in reality, it is anticipated those funds will be spent down over the year. She used the wastewater treatment plant as an example. She said the contract is put in place early in the year so if you were to do a normal budgetary report it looks like they are way overspent, when in reality it is what is anticipated. She said doing meaningful analysis takes a lot of time and requires extensive interpretation from program to program in a normal circumstance. She explained that we are working with the first year of a new financial system and our tools and ability to produce quality reporting is something staff is still learning how to do. Also, doing most of our work remotely now is an added complication to producing meaningful and timely information.

Councilor Morales suggested giving the Finance Committee at least one of those statements during the fiscal year to allow them to understand the budget and how it performs. He said it will allow us to be more transparent.

Councilor Morales asked if the increase in the utility license fee is based on more people paying into the system and not an increase in the actual fees.

Ms. Monohon explained that new utility license fees were approved by Council earlier in the year and are slated to go into effect after July 1.

Councilor Morales said he wanted to draw attention to the public comment we received from Ms. Rulla, which referenced the lack of communication to the public on fee changes. He said he thinks we should communicate rate changes, even though they have been voted on in council meetings.

Councilor Morales asked what the City's credit limit is and if we are using more credit this year than we have in the past.

Ms. Monohon explained that we utilize a line of credit for several of our larger capital programs, in particular the street reconstruction program. She said the program was put in place with a rapid implementation and the revenue source to pay for it was staggered over a number of years. Being able to use the line of credit often is more effective than to do a long-term set debt

issuance. If we are uncertain about timing of projects, the line of credit offers us flexibility. We are currently relying on it for transportation projects and some water capital projects. She explained we will be talking to Council over the next couple of months about the possibility of expanding the line of credit to so we can continue with the summer implementation of some programs. She said we are evaluating a longer term debt issuance to replace the line of credit, and will continue to look at the best debt scenario for the City.

Ms. Monohon said we are nowhere close to our legal debt limit for the City and explained that the debt limit is more specific to property tax based debt, which we don't currently have.

Councilor Morales asked if we had a credit limit and what percentage of it we are currently using.

Ms. Monohon explained that the line of credit limit is \$30 million, and we are utilizing \$20-22 million currently of it. We are working with the bank to extend the limit so we can make the best use of the summer construction season, especially for the local street reconstruction project.

Councilor Morales asked if the amount used on the line of credit is for transportation and water projects.

Ms. Monohon said it is predominately transportation for the local street reconstruction program, which has a very specific revenue in place to repay it over time.

Councilor Morales asked if we are not budgeting interest right now and is if that is because of our current financial position.

Ms. Monohon explained that we have changed the category that interest is grouped into in the new chart of accounts.

Councilor Morales said he eagerly supported getting emergency aid to our businesses in Gresham and followed up at every meeting to make sure it would be an opportunity available to everyone. He said he was reassured it would be and he believed that is the case. He said he knows people across the city that received the support and were grateful for it. He said he wanted to applaud that as well as our moratoriums. He said after thinking about it and getting additional feedback from people that found out the funds came from CDBG dollars, it made him feel uneasy about borrowing from CDBG where the funds are to be used for poverty and affordable housing. He said this doesn't seem to fit well. He said knowing we have the community service fees that are supposed to be used for economic development, he would feel more comfortable borrowing from there than a fund that is to help with poverty and affordable housing.

Ms. Monohon explained that the community service fee is what was used as a back stop for the small business grants.

Councilor Morales noted it is important to clear that up because there is this idea we used the CDBG funds for those grants.

Councilor Gladfelter clarified that the CDBG committee met recently and allocated the funds we anticipated receiving to the groups that applied. She wanted to make sure everyone knew that our allocation was not affected and it wasn't taking away from the groups that received the funds.

Mr. Kvarsten agreed.

Mr. Dyk asked if we didn't allocate the community service fees, would we be able to do a supplemental budget should Council have a need to use those funds.

Ms. Monohon explained that there are some odd rules on what you can and cannot do in a supplemental budget, accept and appropriate actions, or various other mid-year actions. She said one of the challenges is if you have funds listed as unappropriated in your budget, you are not able to appropriate it during the year. She said if we don't appropriate it when doing the budget, then we have to put it in the unappropriated budget and it ties up those funds. At the same time, you want to recognize all the funds you have and not have something outside the budget. It does tie our hands when we didn't mean to. If we get unanticipated funds or some kind of COVID-19 reimbursement, then that is something we can appropriate and do something with mid-year. Using the Capital Improvement Program as an example, Ms. Monohon said it is easier to appropriate the funds and say we will not spend those funds unless an expected grant is received.

Councilor Palmero asked what we do with the money for the Lilac Run that has already been allocated when the event won't happen.

Ms. Monohon noted that she understands the Lilac Run is proceeding this year, just as a virtual event. She said when we have donations that are tied to a specific event, we manage them in the Designated Purpose Fund. If they are not used, they are saved for use at another time.

Chair Tschirky said she is concerned that the reduction in police FTE will make us not compliant with our public safety policies. She noted that it might be wise to change the policy if we don't have the ability to fund the ratio that we put in the policy.

Ms. Monohon agreed that the public safety policies have been in place for a long time, and certainly warrant a review.

Referring to page 397, Councilor Palmero asked for more information about the 16 FTE listed under DES in the Infrastructure Development Fund.

Ms. Monohon explained that is a fund that provides development engineering support and public works inspections, as well as survey services.

9. Approval of Fiscal Year 2020/21 Budget

Chair Tschirky asked for further questions or comments regarding the fiscal year 2020/21 proposed budget. Hearing none, Chair Tschirky asked if the Committee wished to take action this evening.

A motion was made by Councilor Hinton and seconded by Ms. Baker to:

“Approve the proposed budget for fiscal year 2020/21 as presented by the City Manager.”

Councilor Morales said all of his questions were answered today and he feels confident in this budget that we are be adopting. He said because COVID-19 has changed how we receive public comment and feedback, and because we have 72 people watching us on Zoom, he would like to recess until Thursday to let people that are listening absorb the information they have heard today, and ask a few follow up questions, then take the vote on Thursday.

Chair Tschirky clarified if Councilor Morales is making a motion to modify the motion on the table to adjourn and recess the meeting until a later date rather than to approve the proposed budget this evening.

Councilor Morales said yes, he would like that to be considered. He said if he votes no on the budget it is just because of that.

Councilor Hinton said he’d be willing to amend his motion to adopt what Councilor Morales has suggested and provide that 48 hour period and reconvene on Thursday evening for the final vote.

Mayor Bemis instructed that the person that made the second, Jan Baker, has to agree to the amendment.

Ms. Baker said she agrees that she’d like the people that are watching to have input, but she is hesitant because staff has worked so hard on this and done such a good job, if we approve it in one meeting like we have in the past, it doesn’t mean we aren’t looking at everything, but that we appreciate and agree with what staff has put together. She said she would agree with the amendment.

Chair Tschirky called for further discussion.

Mr. Allen asked if we are permitted to take additional comment from the public before the vote.

Councilor Echols said she would be surprised if we could, since we did close the hearing.

Chair Tschirky asked staff if there is a process that allows us to take additional comments.

Ms. Monohon said the hearing that was closed was specific to the state shared revenue, so there hasn't been a hearing closed specific to the budget committee itself. She said in terms of whether comment can be taken or not, it is up to the Committee, however we have limitations on the tools we are using that allow for anything other than written comment. She said there is a question of how we go about doing it and what would be the process for taking additional comment.

Councilor Echols reminded everyone that there is still an opportunity for citizens to give input when the budget comes before Council for adoption. She said if we move forward with this amendment to the motion, she will be voting against it because we still do have a public process.

Mr. Koga agreed with Councilor Echols and remembered that this happened last year where there was a lot of comments about changes to be made. He said looking at the budget as it is, it will likely change dramatically anyway. He said there is room for public comment and he'd like to hear it, but there is a process already in place that allows for further comment before a final decision is made.

Mr. Dyk noted that he had heard of several community members who are concerned that they can't provide interactive testimony and it is important to allow the additional opportunity for comment on Thursday.

Councilor Palmero said he thinks we should keep the same process that we have for this meeting, but he can't remember the last time we had 72 people attending a budget committee meeting. He said the more opportunities there are for people to speak and give their opinions, the better.

Ms. Monohon noted that the number of attendees includes the 20 of committee and staff members on this panel, as well as city staff that are listening in to provide information should there be a question in their area. She cautioned the Committee to be aware that the number of attendees does include the people you would normally see at an in-person meeting.

Councilor Morales noted that we have several of our service men and women on this call as well as firefighters and this decision will potentially effect their budget as well. He said he'd like to call the question and take the vote.

Councilor Gladfelter said at this juncture, we typically do not have more comment; that comes when it is presented at Council. She said anyone can come to us with comment before it is actually approved at Council.

Ms. Monohon said that is correct and added that we will certainly take comments at any time.

Mr. Ash commented that we are struggling with process, but it seems like taking the vote on the motion will help us move forward.

Mr. McConnell, City Attorney, provided clarification on the parliamentary procedure requirements related to the motion, seconds and the calling of the question.

Chair Tschirky repeated the motion that is on the table is to:

“Approve the proposed budget for fiscal year 2020/21 as presented by the City Manager”

The amendment to this motion is to:

“Recess the meeting until Thursday, April 30, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.”

Chair Tschirky called for the vote.

Yes votes = 6:

Mr. Koga
Mayor Bemis
Councilor Hinton
Mr. Dyk
Councilor Palmero
Councilor Morales

No votes = 8:

Ms. Tschirky
Mr. Ash
Ms. Baker
Councilor Widmark
Mr. Allen
Councilor Echols
Ms. O’Halloran
Councilor Gladfelter

MOTION FAILS

Chair Tschirky asked for a motion to either modify the budget or approve it as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Allen and seconded by Ms. O'Halloran to:

“Approve the proposed budget for fiscal year 2020/21 as presented by the City Manager and approve tonight.”

Chair Tschirky called for discussion. Hearing none, she asked for the vote.

Yes votes = 10:

Ms. Tschirky
Mr. Ash
Ms. Baker
Councilor Widmark
Mr. Allen
Councilor Echols
Ms. O'Halloran
Councilor Hinton
Councilor Gladfelter
Mayor Bemis

No votes = 4:

Mr. Koga
Mr. Dyk
Councilor Palmero
Councilor Morales

MOTION PASSES.

Chair Tschirky called for a motion to approve the property tax rate for the General Fund.

A motion was made by Mr. Ash and seconded by Ms. Baker to:

“Approve the property tax rate for the General Fund of \$3.6129 per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value.”

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chair Tschirky asked if there was any other business to come before the Committee.

Hearing no further comments, Chair Tschirky adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Teresa Tschirky, Chair

Kris Leibrand, Recording Secretary