

MINUTES
King City Council
Reconvened Called Budget Workshop Meeting
April 12, 2018

The King City Council met at King City Hall on Wednesday, April 4, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of reconvening a called budget workshop meeting. Present were: Councilman Charles Allen, Councilman Brian Carico, Councilman Wesley Carter, Mayor Pro Tempore Rick McCraw, City Manager Homer Dearmin, City Clerk Tammy Hatley, Director of Finance and Personnel Susan O'Brien, Director of Planning and Inspections Todd Cox, City Engineer Scott Barrow, Superintendent of Public Utilities Robert Pettitt, Superintendent of Public Works Ricky Lewis, Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Ben Marion, Chief of Police Paula May, Fire Chief Steven Roberson, Assistant Fire Chief Brad Cheek, Lt. Jordan Boyette, First Sgt. Dallas Hale, Accounts Receivable/Payable Technician Shannon Cain, and Parks & Recreation Advisory Board member Charles Helsabeck.

Mayor Warren called the meeting to order.

Charles Helsabeck addressed the Mayor and Council on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board regarding the Board's request for the creation and funding of a Parks and Recreation Director position in the FY 18-19 Budget. Mr. Helsabeck left the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

CITY OF KING RETIREE HEALTH COVERAGE OPTIONS

Councilman Carter moved to approve the HRA (Health Reimbursement Arrangement) as presented, which is incorporated in the minutes as Attachment A. Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL PAY INCREASE

Councilman Carter moved that the Mayor and Council members automatically get raises when employees do. The motion died for the lack of a second.

EMPLOYEE COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE (C.O.L.A.)

Councilman Allen moved to approve a 3% Cost of Living Adjustment for all City employees. Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw seconded the motion which carried by a vote of 3-1. (Allen-yea, Carico-nay, Carter-yea, McCraw-yea)

WELLNESS PROGRAM

Councilman Carter moved to approve a wellness program with the Stokes Family YMCA for all employees and Councilmembers and their families as well as to allow payroll deductions for YMCA dues. Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS - CITY HALL EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS

Councilman Carter moved to add \$5,000 to the Public Buildings budget to pay for landscaping as well as pressure washing and painting of the stucco on the City Hall building and have the plantings layout approved by the Community Appearance Commission. Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Councilman Allen questioned when school was out if the proposed School Resource Officer would be on patrol or investigations. Chief May answered yes.

Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw moved to approve the two new full-time positions for the Police Department, a full-time officer and a School Resource Officer (SRO) for King Elementary School, and four police cars. Councilman Carter seconded the motion which carried by a vote of 3-1. (Allen-yea, Cariconay, Carter-yea, McCraw-yea)

Councilman Carico moved to pay for the four police vehicles at a cost of \$155,000 total, out of General Fund - Fund Balance instead of financing them. Councilman Allen seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

RECREATION ACRES

Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw moved to reallocate the \$38,600 proposed for paving of the walking track at King Recreation Acres to STREETS – General Improvements. Councilman Carter seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw moved to approve the proposed full-time Parks and Recreation Director position as recommended by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. Councilman Carter seconded the motion which carried with a unanimous vote of 4-0.

STREETS

The council agreed by consensus that they were in agreement to finance the tractor and truck as proposed in the amount of \$68,800.

Manager Dearmin was asked to get a total amount of items in the General Fund to be financed.

Mayor Warren called for a 5-minute recess at 6:49 p.m.

Director of Finance and Personnel O'Brien left the meeting.

Mayor Warren reconvened the meeting.

ENTERPRISE FUND

WATER PLANT

Councilman Allen moved to approve the purchase of a new mower and truck at a total cost of \$46,500 for the Water Plant. Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw seconded the motion which carried by a vote of 3-1. (Allen – yea, Cariconay, Carter-yea, McCraw-yea)

WATER DISTRIBUTION

Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw moved to approve the purchase of a pickup truck at a cost of \$26,000. Councilman Allen seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Senior Center Director Suzan Garner entered the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

WATER & SEWER RATES

Councilman Carico moved to approve the 7% sewer rate increase, due to the increase from the City of Winston Salem, and the proposed BOD/FSS Removal Surcharge rate increase as presented, which is incorporated within the minutes as Attachment B. Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Allen seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0. The meeting stood adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Approved by:

Attest:

Jack Warren

Mayor

Tamara H. Hatley, MMC, NCCMC

City Clerk