

**Special Finance Committee Meeting
City Hall – Large Conference Room
425 N. Richardson
Saturday, May 14, 2022**

Notice of this meeting was given to the public in compliance with Sections 10-15-1 through 10-15-4 NMSA 1978 and Resolution 22-14.

ROLL CALL

The meeting convened at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Corn presiding; Councilor Heldenbrand present; Councilor Perry participating via GoToMeeting, and Councilor Foster being absent.

Staff present: Juan Fuentes, Mike Mathews, Juanita Jennings (via GoToMeeting), Janie Davies, Renee Trujillo, Louis Najjar, Kevin Maevers

Guests present: Councilor Jeanine Best, Councilor Cristina Arnold, Councilor Juan Oropesa, Mike Espiritu (RCCEDC), Larry Connolly, Peggy Seskey (MainStreet Roswell), Kim Wood (MainStreet Roswell), Molly Boyles (MainStreet Roswell), Michele Massey (MainStreet Roswell), Rita Kane-Doerhoefer (via GoToMeeting)

NON-ACTION ITEMS

Review and discussion of reports as part of the budget process for the Fiscal Year 2023. The following items were discussed amongst staff and Committee members:

- Infrastructure and Streets project updates were provided by Mr. Najjar. Engineering staffing was also discussed.
- Ms. Boyles presented information on MainStreet Roswell's funding and activities and discussed the requested amount from the City in the upcoming fiscal year.
- Mr. Espiritu and Mr. Maevers discussed the Roswell-Chaves County Economic Development Council and its budget and functions and the proposed amount contributed from the City in the upcoming fiscal year.

FOR THE RECORD: Recess at 10:45 a.m. Session resumed at 11:00 a.m.

Discussion and recommendations of adjustments to the Preliminary Fiscal Year 2023 Budget. Mr. Fuentes, Ms. Davies and other members of staff discussed the reasoning and proposed changes for the FY23 preliminary budget. Subjects included the Fire Department's overtime budget, the City's contracts and agreements with various entities including the Boys & Girls Club, and the Police Department's current vacancies and payroll budget.

MOTION: Councilor Heldenbrand moved to direct staff to make the following changes to the FY23 Preliminary Budget:

- Increase contribution to MainStreet Roswell to \$60,000.
- Increase contribution to Hispano Chamber of Commerce to \$50,000.

- Increase contribution to RCCEDC to \$150,000.
- Add the listing for the vacant position for an engineer back on to the City's website.
- Increase the budget to allow for an increase of five (5) new police officer positions, as well as the same amount of needed equipment, for the Roswell Police Department.

Councilor Perry was the second. A voice vote was 3-0 and the motion passed with Councilor Perry participating via GoToMeeting and Councilor Foster being absent.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Larry Connolly discussed the engineering position, roads, the Airport Advisory Committee, an increase in GRT, and the Sewer Department and enterprise fund.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:31 p.m.