

CITY OF FLORISSANT BUDGET MINUTES NOVEMBER 3RD, 2018



 The City Council met on Saturday, November 3rd, 2018 for a budget work session on the Fiscal Year 2018-19 proposed Budget at 8:30 am in the Council Chambers at 955 rue St. Francois. Council members in attendance included: Schildroth, Henke (via Skype), Pagano, Parson, Siam, Harris, Eagan, Caputa and Jones. Also in attendance were Mayor Thomas P. Schneider, Director of Finance Kimberlee Johnson and City Clerk Karen Goodwin. Council President Caputa stated that a quorum was present and the meeting was brought to order.

Public Works

Councilman Harris asked about the additional commercial inspector that is being requested. He asked about the workload for the inspector. Mr. Hughes presented the numbers for inspections and the responsibilities of the inspectors. Council discussed processes for inspections.

Councilman Caputa asked Mr. Hughes to explain the GIS system. Councilman Caputa asked how much money would be saved.

Council discussed the efforts to report and write up violations with the police department. Chief Lowery stated that he would work with Mr. Hughes to streamline the process and use police officers to assist.

Council is concerned with the inspectors being proactive with housing issues and should be turning in issues themselves instead of waiting for someone to call it in.

***Councilman Schildroth. Moved to reduce overtime down to 70,000, seconded by Parson, motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Harris asked about the ice and snow removal in Proposition S. Councilman Parson stated that he feels that it should not be in Prop S. Councilman Eagan agreed.

***Councilman Eagan moved to move the \$115,000 for Salt from the Street Fund Account no. 0839 to Account no. 4839 into public works, Councilman Harris seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Street fund

***Councilman Schildroth move to remove the \$130,000 for a brine plan from the street fund to public works capital additions, 2nd Jones. Motion carries with Eagan and Parson voting no.

5 min break at 9:27 am.

Peggy Hogan, Senior Director.

Mrs. Hogan discussed the cost to rent busses instead of purchasing a new one. She described the rides that are provided and the part time bus drivers. She provided information on what is provided. She suggested that the use of the busses make the trips more affordable for the seniors. Mrs. Hogan stated that the busses can only be used by a senior citizen club.

Health Department

***Councilman Jones moved to eliminate the purchase of a new senior bus, seconded by Caputa. \$100,000 (Account no. 036148) Discussion: Eagan does not agree. Cheryl Thompson suggested state programs to assist with the purchase. Council discussed not eliminating the other busses just the purchase of a new bus. Councilman Schildroth asked about the condition of the bus that is being replaced. Mr. Hughes stated the bus is in bad shape. Motion carried with Eagan voting No

*** Councilwoman Pagano moved to increase the Senior Department budget by \$10,000, 2nd, By Jones, motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Siam moved to reduce the overtime for the Health Department to \$13,000, no second.

Request for 2 additional Class C Full time employees. Mr. Hughes explained the request. Discussion involved the duties of the new employees if approved.

***Councilman Parson moved to reduce count no 4229 to 47,500, 2nd by Jones, on roll call vote, motion Parson amended is motion to 50,000, 2nd on roll call the motion failed with Eagan, Caputa, Schildroth, Henke (via Skype) Pagano voting no.

Councilman Eagan stated that the city is at a crossroads. He feels that the Council should pass the budget as it stands and give them fair shake this year and move on.

Mrs. Johnson stated that she feels that the city council needs a clearer picture of the programs and the impacts of the changes. Due to the timeline there is no time to make large scale changes. The conversation continues on where we can change and improve to save money through tough the year. The budget is better than it has been and will continue to improve.

Capital Improvement fund

***Brine plan was moved to Capital Additions \$130,000.

Councilman Caputa asked about the Old town and Hwy 67 enhancement mowing. Mr. Hughes explained the expenditure.

Sewer Lateral Fund ***Councilman Harris moved to amend the Administrative cross change from \$424,000 to \$357,000 for 8050 – Professional Services at the request of the finance director, motion carried unanimously on voice note. No changes **Property Maintenance fund** ***Councilman Caputa moved to increase account no. 1650, from \$360,000 to \$361,000 at the recommendation of the Finance Director. Seconded by Jones, motion carried unanimously. Councilwoman Pagano explained the Rental property program and it should be self sustained. The discussion involved the 2 police officers that are being paid for from this fund. **Parks** Discussion of salary amount increase for the Golf Club Manager. ***Golf Course laborer - Grade 4 step 1 – JE / GH motion carried with Eagan Assistant golf club manager for clubhouse move to grade 3 step 1... GH/JE. ***KS moved to remove the increase for Golf Course clubhouse manager, TJ seconded. Motion carries with Eagan and Henke voting no. **Park Improvement** ***Councilman Eagan moved to add \$168,333 to part time salaries at the request of Mrs. Johnson, Eagan Seconded, motion carried unanimously. **Parks Equipment** ***Councilman Jones moved to cut pickup trucks to \$50,000, seconded by Siam. Motion carried with Henke voting no. **Proposition P Fund** Discussion involved the improvements to the police department upgrades. ***Councilman Harris moved to increase administrative cross charge from \$1,250,419 to \$1,405,000 in the Public Safety Fund account no 17-50000 at the request of Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Jones, motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Harris moved to accept the changes presented in the revised version of the budget presented on October 8th, 2018 with the exception of changes made during the budget meetings, seconded by Eagan, motion carried unanimously. General fund -Councilman Caputa moved to increase Workman's comp insurance by \$115,391 at the request of Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Jones, motion carried unanimously. Councilman Siam moved to reduce the Mayor's expenses to \$7,500 ... no second. There being no further items to discuss Councilman Eagan moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Caputa. On voice vote, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 1:23 pm. Karen Goodwin, MPPA/MMC/MRCC City Clerk **Requests for more information *** Motions made