# **Board of Commissioners**

## Special/Budget Workshop Minutes \* PD

Community Room

Monday, April 29, 2024 @ 1:00 PM



<u>Present:</u> Mayor Robert J. Murray, III, Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda McMillon, Commissioner Jason

M. Hall, Commissioner Susanna Wedra, Commissioner Richard Daunt and

Commissioner Tracy Wesolek

**Absent:** None

Staff: Town Manager Jeffrey Wells and Town Clerk Barbara Bruce

## **COMMENCEMENT**

#### Call to Order

Mayor Murray called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. A quorum was present as all board members were present.

## **Adoption of Agenda**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Wedra to adopt the agenda, as presented. **MOTION** carried unanimously (5:0).

## **CLOSED SESSION**

Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss personnel matters.

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Hall to recess into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss personnel matters. **MOTION** carried unanimously (5:0).

## **BUSINESS**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Daunt to reconvene into open session 2:00 pm. **MOTION** carried unanimously (5:0).

### **Budget Workshop: Introduction of Proposed Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget**

The Town Manager, along with the Assistant to the Town Manager, presented the Proposed Budget for FY 25. The purpose of this discussion is for the Town Manager and Board of Commissioners to begin developing a mutually agreed upon policy document that will guide decisions and spending for FY25.

Town Manager expressed his gratitude to the BOC and staff for their contributions in preparing this year's budget. Through this presentation, staff provided highlights on estimated revenues, expenditures, and any significant changes from prior years. He recommended to the Board of Commissioners an Operating Budget of \$21,594,400.00, a Capital Improvement Budget of \$4,553,600.00, and continuing with the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan. He also recommended maintaining the tax rate of \$0.385/\$100. Additionally, he shared a point of reference that "A Penny" equals \$331,000.00, which was calculated from the real property, prior years, and motor vehicle taxes.

#### **Direction Needed:**

- Rotary Club Contract Request of \$1,500.00
  - The Board was in consensus to not fund this request. They directed staff to discuss with the Downtown Waxhaw Association or Parks & Recreation to resumes the responsibilities for placing the flags out for Military functions.
- Northpoint Christian Academy School Resource Officer Request
  - The Board was in consensus of adding this item to the public hearing for more discussion. Invite Northpoint Christian Academy to the public hearing to make their request.
- Park Property Acquisition Fund Request
  - o The Board was in consensus to remove this request from the proposed budget.

The Board provided various feedback and directed staff to include the percentage increases/decreases in department and capital budgets. Include the fiscal years 23 and 24 to General Fund Revenues and Expenditures to make it consistent with department budgets. They directed staff to add the Comms Director position to the public hearing portion for more discussion.

The Board was in consensus to hold the Public Hearing for the proposed Operating and Capital Budgets for FY 2024-25 on May 28th at 6:30 pm in the Police Department Community Room for the Operating with adoption on June 11, 2024.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Being no additional business, Mayor Murray entertained a motion to adjourn. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Hall to adjourn the special meeting and was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

ATTEST.

Barbara Bruce, Town Clerk