

A MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2009 AT 5:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL. MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Alton McCollum. COUNCILPERSONS: Bo Griffin, Ella Bamberg, Buzzy Bunch, Teresa Hannibal, and Nancy Foster. CLERK: Bruce Watson. VISITOR: Jerry Halmon.

Mayor McCollum called the meeting to order and Clerk Watson gave the invocation.

Clerk Watson informed Council that Councilperson Walker would not be able to attend due to an illness in her family.

Councilperson Foster, Chairperson of the 2009-2010 Budget Committee, presented the proposed budget to Council and informed Council that the Budget Committee had worked very hard on the proposed 2009-2010 budget. She explained that this year's budget was a real struggle.

Councilperson Foster informed Council that the budget included a loss of \$65,000.00 in revenues from the state, and an increase of \$13,000.00 in tax revenues due to a 3.8% millage increase. She informed Council that the budget called for the use of \$31,000.00 from reserves to balance the budget. Councilperson Foster told Council that overall the proposed budget was reduced by \$35,000.00 from last year's budget.

Councilperson Foster, thanking Councilperson Hannibal, Councilman Griffin, and Clerk Watson for serving on the Committee, went over the highlights of the proposed budget for each department with Council.

Councilman Griffin thanked the Committee for the good job of preparing the budget.

Councilman Bunch made the motion to accept the proposed \$1,936,364.00 budget as received and to move forward with the proposed budget. Councilperson Bamberg made the necessary second.

During the discussion, Councilperson Foster informed Council that the Budget Committee as a part of the budget was recommending that all Community Promotion donations be reduced from \$400.00 to \$200.00 and that only half of Council attend the MASC Summer and Winter Meetings at any one time in order to save money.

All approved of the motion. The motion carried.

Councilman Griffin made the motion to reduce all Community Promotion Donations from \$400.00 to \$200.00 in the new budget year. Councilperson Hannibal made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Council agreed to have the Mayor Protem select two members of Council to attend the MASC Summer Meeting with her this year and for Mayor McCollum to have the remaining three members of Council attend the MASC Winter Meeting with him.

Mayor McCollum gave Council a brief update concerning the by-pass for downtown and the funding for the Civic Center as a staging facility.

Mayor McCollum and Councilperson Foster both told Council they would be looking at making some tough decisions during next year's budget process. Councilperson Foster said they may need to even consider a freeze on future cost living increases.

With no further business, Councilperson Foster made the motion to adjourn. Councilperson Bamberg made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Clerk

Mayor