

CITY CLERK'S RECORD OF MEETING

City Council Finance & Budget Subcommittee

April 15, 2022

Present: Mayor Lauren Meister, Mayor Pro Tempore Sepi Shyne, City Manager David Wilson, Budget Officer Christine Safriet, City Clerk Melissa Crowder

Mayor Meister read the City's Land Acknowledgement into the record.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Public Comment: None.

5.A. Discussion of the Fiscal Year 2022-23 & 2023-24 Budget

City Manager David Wilson provided an overview of today's presentation and the direction that staff seeks from the subcommittee.

Budget Officer Christine Safriet presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2022/23 and 2023/24 Budget. She shared information on the City's fiscal policies that guide how new funding is approved. She also presented information on the City's policy with regards to budget reserves. She spoke about the City's 20-year fiscal forecast, revenue sources, and a summary of the City's revenue and expenditures.

Mr. Wilson discussed the City's Workplan Priorities including the Aquatics and Recreation Center, the Housing Element, a permitting system upgrades, grant funding for the City's Seismic Retrofit program, capital project management, and economic development studies. He also mentioned the increase to the City's security ambassador program, WeHo Cares Team, expansion of the City's social service programs, and the addition of ALPR cameras. He briefly discussed the increase to the City's contracts due to the Living Wage Ordinance and the negotiations with the City's bargaining units for new contracts between the City and employees. Finally, he spoke about some of the City's capital improvement projects.

Comments from Subcommittee:

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne inquired about the possibility of expanding the PacWest contract. She inquired about additional funding for rental assistance. She is happy that we are receiving grant funding for the Seismic Retrofit Program. She also mentioned federal appropriations funding for the CARES Team and the Design District. She recommended that the consultant hired for the feasibility study for a police department, inquire about federal funding for community policing.

Mayor Meister also spoke about rental assistance. She mentioned the new programming the City has coming online such as the ARC and the re-opening of West Hollywood Park. She is cognizant

that the City Council has given direction for new programming and noted that her priority is replenishing the City's reserves. She asked that staff look at additional grant funding for Arts.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne asked if staff is adding an additional MIT team.

Mr. Wilson responded to the inquiries and comments by the subcommittee.

Ms. Safriet provided the budget schedule to the subcommittee.

Public Comment:

Yola Dore, West Hollywood, spoke requesting that the City Council increase the funding for public safety in the City.

The meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Melissa Crowder
Melissa Crowder, City Clerk