

City of Lafayette
Budget Committee
April 30, 2018
6:30 PM Lafayette City Hall

- I. **Call to Order and Welcome:** Chair Gene Daffern called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.
- II. **Flag Salute:** Chair Gene Daffern led the flag salute.
- III. **Roll Call:** Assistant City Administrator Angela Speier called roll.
 - a. *Members present:* Stan Kosmicki, David Sword, Chris Harper, Wade Witherspoon, Jean Mead, Gene Daffern, Becky Demmin, Adam Bertram, Doreen VanTyne
 - b. *Members excused:* Chris Pagella, Doug Cook, Marie Sproul, Daniel Forster, one vacancy
 - c. *Staff present:* Preston Polasek, City Administrator; Angela Speier, Assistant City Administrator; Jamie Rhodes, City Clerk
 - d. *Others present:* None
- IV. **Follow-up items from April 23 Budget Committee:** Located at the committee stations is a handout that provides an overview of the follow-up items from the April 23rd Budget Committee meeting. The first follow-up item was regarding the debt service. There is not a prepayment option for the water and wastewater system revenue bonds. The City is locked into the five percent interest rate for the water system bond for the next three years. When the City refinanced the bonds the interest rate started at two percent and then went up incrementally to 5 percent. The City was able to save \$800,000 over the final 10-years of repayments by refinancing.

The second item was the amount of the money the City has spent on the Fire Station/City Hall to-date. Staff broke out the costs of the real market purchases for three tax lots, the amount spent on architecture fees, and other related costs such as engineering and geotechnical. This project is also continued in the FY 2019 CIP. City Council will be determining if they want to put a fire station only on the November ballot at their May 10th Council meeting.

The third item was a breakdown of public works employees actual time spent in the various funds. At the last meeting staff noted that in FY 2020 the City will be facing a five percent increase in PERS costs which will equate to about \$30,000 and will be spread out over each of the funds listed.

The last item was omitted from the FY 2019 Recommended Budget, but has now been added. This is for a new seasonal employee in the Fire Department. The position will be full-time from July through mid-October and will be on day shift. Staff is in the process of renovating the duplex to be used for fire operations this summer. This doesn't change the total dollar amount of the budget, but took revenue from the General Fund, unappropriated fund balance and capital and will be expended from General Fund-Fire, personnel services.
- V. **Public Hearings on FY 2019 Budget:**
 - a. Possible Uses of State Revenue Sharing – Chair Daffern opened the public hearing on the possible uses of State Shared Revenues at 6:50 pm. Staff directed the committee to where this item is located in the budget. There was no public comment and Chair Daffern closed the public hearing at 6:52 pm.
 - b. Public Input of the FY 2019 Recommended Budget – This public hearing is an opportunity to provide input on any aspect of the FY 2019 Recommended Budget. Chair Daffern opened the public hearing for the FY 2019 Recommended Budget at 6:53 pm. There was no public comment and Chair Daffern closed the public hearing at 6:54 pm.
- VI. **Committee Deliberations:** Chair Daffern asked if there were any questions from the committee. Adam Bertram inquired about some of the General Fund resources and why they were budgeted a

little lower than previous years. Staff noted that this is due to a trend from this year and the lack of building activity anticipated over the next fiscal year. The City has very few buildable lots left, so this reflects five new homes and two new commercial buildings. The committee discussed other revenue line items and where they are received. Staff explained the increase in office supplies by \$10,000 is due to the purchase a new server for City Hall. Also included in the General Fund-Administration is Service Contract which is where the City pays fire volunteers for state-wide conflagrations, which later get reimbursed from the State Fire Marshal.

Staff explained the eligibility requirements for the Façade Improvement Program and discussed the Downtown Committee's work to-date. Existing downtown business owners have not taken advantage of the program; however, a new owner is very interested in applying for a grant.

The Water Fund includes an increase in system repairs and maintenance due to the needed replacement of the copper laterals with a trenchless system. Konrad Dimmitt, Public Works Supervisor is trained in how to do this and this extra money will support those efforts. This process doesn't require the street or sidewalks to be torn up when the repair is made. The fund also includes over \$200,000 in contingency that can be used for future projects.


- VII. **Approval of Budget:** Jean Mead made a motion to approve the annual City of Lafayette budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 in the amount of \$9,735,375, impose a property tax rate in the amount of \$3.4857 per \$1,000 assessed valuation, and include a water rate increase of four percent effective with the June 20-July 20 usage period. David Sword seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously (9-0).
- VIII. **Adjourn:** Stan Kosmicki made a motion to adjourn the Budget Committee meeting. Becky Demmin seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and motion passed unanimously (9-0). The Budget Committee adjourned at 7:40 pm.

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Jean Mead, Secretary

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Chris Pagella, Mayor