

City of Lafayette
Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Councilor Carswell called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL:** Councilor Carswell called the Roll:

Present: Mayor Hilary Malcomson, Joseph Carswell, James Drebin, Lee Gilgan, Jo Johnson, Kayla Paulsen, Michael Shaw, Leah Harper, Marilyn Duvall, Doreen VanTyne (via Zoom)

Absent:

City Staff Present: Branden Dross, City Administrator; Kevin Perkins, Assistant City Administrator; Jamie Rhodes, City Clerk

3. **Follow-up items from April 17 Budget Committee**

City Administrator Dross reviewed the information and clarifications from questions raised by the committee at the prior meeting. He explained that the base cost of the requested brush truck for the Fire Department is \$10,000 more for the F550 than an F350; the bulk of the cost is the specialized boxes constructed for the vehicle.

He noted the revised CIP by scaling back on the City Hall and Community Center, to only include cosmetic upgrades and the City Hall roof which has been estimated to cost around \$30,000.

City Administrator Dross stated that SCADA upgrades have been added to this year's budget by using Water and Sewer SDC funds.

Additionally, City Administrator Dross addressed questions raised over purchasing a new mower versus contracting with the current landscape contractor; the contractor cost for Terry Park and the various rights-of-way would run between \$12,000 and \$13,000, while an industrial grade mower would be a one-time expense. Discussions continue about the price differentials.

4. **Public Hearings on FY 2024 Budget:**

a. Possible Uses of State Revenue Sharing

Councilor Carswell opened at 6:19pm; no public comment was received. Councilor Carswell closed at 6:21pm.

b. FY 2023-24 Budget

Councilor Carswell opened at 6:21pm; no public comment was received. Councilor Carswell closed at 6:22pm.

5. **Committee Deliberations**

City Administrator Dross commented that he spoke with staff and clarified that the 16% in the water rate increase came from an early draft of the report, before the MWL debt had been factored in. With new numbers, it would be about a 42% increase in projected revenue. City Clerk Jamie Rhodes added that a large portion of the City's customers pay only the base rate; the rate structure proposed by OAWU encourages conservation, which the State is looking for when being considered for grants and other funding.

City Administrator Dross clarified that SDC money can be used for water meter replacement. Discussion is had about Public Works personnel and contingency funds.

Councilor Drebin asks about the contract numbers for the Yamhill County Sheriff's Officers, City Administrator Dross explains that the County is still in contract negotiations, but the County and City have come to an agreement on a contract amount for this year.

Councilor Shaw moves to approve the FY 2023-24 budget; Sheila Neuman seconded. The motion passes with Councilor Gilgan opposing.

6. Adjourn

Mayor Hilary Malcomson moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Jo Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes approved on 15th day of April 2024.

CERTIFIED:

ATTESTED:



Hilary Malcomson, Mayor



Joe Carswell, Budget Committee Secretary