

**ST. GEORGE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
WORK MEETING
MAY 27, 2021 4:00 P.M.
ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE ROOM**

PRESENT:

**Mayor Michele Randall
Councilmember Jimmie Hughes
Councilmember Bryan Smethurst
Councilmember Gregg McArthur
Councilmember Dannielle Larkin
Councilmember Vardell Curtis
City Manager Adam Lenhard
Deputy City Attorney Paula Houston
City Recorder Christina Fernandez**

OTHERS PRESENT:

Several staff members from various departments

OPENING:

Mayor Randall called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. The invocation was offered by Deanna Martin and The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by City Manager Adam Lenhard.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET:

Human Resources Director Sharon Hokanson thanked the Council for their support. She spoke about the need for additional training of employees as well as the need for a Citywide wellness program for employees. A new timekeeping system is proposed to be purchased in the new fiscal year. She thanked the Council for approving pay increases. After being asked by Councilmember Larkin, Ms. Hokanson spoke about the City's participation with Blomquist Hale, the Employee Assistance Program.

Councilmember Curtis noted he is appreciative of opening positions internally to give current employees the opportunity to apply.

Financial Planning and Budget Manager Deanna Brklacich thanked Human Resources for their help with the budget.

Energy Services Director Laurie Mangum mentioned the 2021 Summer Reliability Assessment. Her department is purchasing energy and solar; their portfolio is looking good. She would like the Council to be prepared for what may happen in the summer. She then outlined the personnel she requested in the 2021-22 budget. After being asked by Councilmember Larkin, Ms. Mangum spoke about ways to conserve energy.

City Manager Adam Lenhard noted energy is among one of the most expensive services the City provides; however, the City's rates are one of the lowest in the nation.

Ms. Mangum spoke about a slight proposed rate increase. After being asked by Councilmember McArthur explained why the City is not buying into the nuclear program at this time. She then spoke about education opportunities for residents.

Community Development Director John Willis noted they are hitting records with building permits. Most of the projects in the 2021-22 budget are carryover projects from the current fiscal year. He spoke about the 2040 survey that recently took place. The proposed budget is similar to that of the current fiscal year's budget.

Mayor Randall noted she is concerned that the City only has one Code Enforcement Officer.

The Council discussed what resources they would like to provide to code enforcement. The cases the officer is working on are complaint driven, nothing is being done proactively. The consensus of the Council is to add a Code Enforcement Officer position in the budget.

Public Works Director Cameron Cutler outlined his proposed budgets for Fleet Services; Airport including proposed fee increases; Streets; SunTran; and Capital Projects.

Leisure Services Director Shane Moore noted his department has 18 budgets. He spoke about personnel requests; park projects; and capital outlay projects. After being asked by Councilmember Curtis, Mr. Moore provided an update on naming a field after Bill and Mona Given. He then spoke about proposed fee increases.

Economic Development and Housing Director Shirlayne Quayle explained the Airport is moving under her direction and the name of her Department is going to be renamed Economic Vitality and Housing. She outlined the proposed budget for her divisions.

Communications and Marketing Director David Cordero stated he requested a full-time graphic arts designer and the social media designer from Leisure Services will be moving to his department. Additionally, he has recently hired an intern. He outlined projects his staff will implement in the 2021-22 fiscal year.

REPORTS FROM MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS, AND CITY MANAGER

Councilmember McArthur reported on the recent Habitat Conservation meeting he recently attended.

Councilmember Smethurst provided an update on the Gold Star Memorial.

Councilmember Larkin spoke about the Arts Commission meeting she recently attended.