

Minutes of the 1-22-15 Hampton City Council Budget Workshop

The Hampton City Council held a budget workshop at 6:29pm in city council chambers. Members present; Hickman, Davies, Pralle, Lukensmeyer, Harms and Freie. Also present were Mayor Boehmler, City Manager Ron Dunt, Public Works Director Doug Tarr and Police Chief Bob Schaefer.

Public Comment: None

Ron reviewed the Fiscal Year 16 budget proposal under consideration, recapped discussions from the 1-19-15 Workshop and initiated discussions primarily focusing on the FY16 general fund expenditures being considered. Ron reminded the council that last January during budget discussions the council had decided to deficit spend utilizing general fund surplus in order to purchase 2 police cars, fund the FAA project, nuisance house demolition and lawn mower replacement. He further explained that if the council were to commit to the library wall/lintel repair project and the Kiwanis Harriman playground project it would result in additional general fund deficit spending of roughly \$48,000. The consensus of the council was to include these projects in the budget but minimize the deficit spending as much as possible. This meant re-addressing general expenditures as well as funding contributions to other entities to lessen the negative impact on the general fund surplus.

Library Director Kim Manning was present and indicated that although the library had requested a \$4,000 increase in funding she felt that they could get by for less if necessary. Mayor Boehmler expressed his appreciation to Kim for her willingness to understand the difficulties of the situation.

After much discussion the consensus of the Council was to direct Ron to set the FY2016 Entity/Agency funding as follows:

Entities funded through General Fund

Hampton Public Library	\$82,000 (no change from current year)
FC Alcoholism Service Center	\$11,000(reduction of \$2,000)
Historical Commission	\$250
Municipal Band	\$7,500 (\$600 increase)
Senior Center	\$4,000(no change)

TIF Funded Entities

FCDA	\$45,000(no change)
Main Street Hampton	\$15,000(no change)
Design Committee Façade Grant	\$10,000(no change)

The consensus of the council was to budget \$35,000 of general funds for the library wall/lintel project and up to \$15,000 as a local match to Kiwanis private fundraising campaign with the expectation that the city funds would be the “last dollars in” and any funds raised over \$70,000 would reduce the cities obligation directly. For example, since

the playground structure costs are expected to be \$70,000 and the total cost of the project estimated to be \$85,000. If \$70,000 of funds is raised by Kiwanis, then the city's obligation would be \$15,000 to get them to their \$85,000. If Kiwanis raises \$75,000, the city obligation would be reduced to \$10,000 to get them to the \$85,000.

In other discussions the consensus was to delay the pool painting until next year's budget and to eliminate council chairs and I-Pad purchases until a future budget. They did include funds for the floor replacement in city hall and for the refurbishment of the floatable at the aquatic center. It was also the consensus to delay a purchase of a wastewater department lawn mower.

The council will meet again on Monday, January 26 for a brief budget workshop and to hear a presentation from Mike Prosser on diversity.

The council concluded its workshop at 7:14 pm.