TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2020 WORK SESSION MINUTES



The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kirk Hunsaker at 5:30 p.m.

Council Members Attending: Mayor Kirk Hunsaker, Council Member Nicholas Miller, Council Member Betsy Montoya, Council Member Lynn Mecham, Council Member David Hathaway

Other's Attending: City Manager Benjamin Reeves, Assistant City Manager Norm Beagley, Community Development Director Jason Bond

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion Regarding the FY2020-2021 Budget

- a. Prioritized Restoration of COVID-19 Reductions
- b. Building Department Growth
- c. Other

City Manager Reeves explained that the sales tax revenue shortages initially projected state wide have been revised and those projected shortfalls have been reduced as monthly sales tax figures have been seen coming in significantly higher than last year's sales tax figures.

Reeves said the Council needs to make a decision on how and where they are going to allocate the extra funds projected for the fiscal year and one of the first suggestions is in the hiring of a new building inspector for the Community Development Department.

Community Development Director Bond explained the needs of his department and for a new inspector as 1) there has been a significant increase in building permits in the queue this year with as many applications for permits submitted in the last two months as half of the whole of last year and 2) the chief building inspector is set to retire in the near future.

City Manager Reeves said that the next item to consider is the restoration of merit increases in the budget.

Council Member Montoya said she supports the hiring of a new building inspector but would like to hold off on approving the restoration of merit increases for another few months until there is a clearer picture of what the first quarter of the fiscal year will look like in terms of sales tax revenues.

Council Member Mecham agreed that a new building inspector was needed.

Council Member Hathaway asked if it was better to hire externally someone who was already trained as a building inspector rather than trying to train an internal employee so that the employee could hit the ground running so to speak.

Bond agreed and said that they were most likely going to hire externally.

General Plan Discussion - Annexation Policy Plan Areas

City Manager Reeves explained that in 2011, Santaquin and Payson entered into an inter-local agreement that laid out policies approving in regards to future annexations but Payson is in the process of approving their General Plan that potentially puts some of those agreements in question. Reeves laid out proposed boundaries for future annexation for both Payson and Santaquin and said that he is working with the Payson City Staff and they are also presenting proposals for future annexation boundaries to their City Council.

These future annexation negotiations need to happen soon as the mentioned inter local agreement is set to expire in the next year or so.

Training Video – ULCT (2020 Utah Land Use Class – Part 2)

There was no time for the training video.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:46 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

K. Aaron Shirley, City Recorder