



**AUGUST 5, 2020  
CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP – 6:30 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

Council President Horn called the August 5, 2020 City Council budget workshop to order at 6:30 p.m.

The following attendance is noted:

**Council Attendees**

John Dowless, Mayor  
Richard Alan Horn, Council President  
Susan Lomas Council Member  
Chris Rader, Council Member

**Absent**

Council Member Lee Chotas  
Ben Pierce, Council Member

**Staff**

Bea L. Meeks, City Clerk  
Sandy Riffle, Deputy City Clerk  
John Freeburg, Police Chief  
Shannon Patterson, PD Manager

**DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS (Provided in order of discussion)**

- Council President Horn presented his proposed changes for Council consideration on the TV screens. He showed the difference in 4.95 and the current millage of 5.25, and pointed out his proposed changes were highlighted. The difference in ad valorem was \$104, 329.
- In response to Council President Horn, Chief Freeburg explained the expense related to the City's Agreement with Orange County Dispatch.
- In response to Council President Horn, City Clerk Meeks explained the difference in the stormwater expenditure shown in the General Fund, and the stormwater expenditure shown in Roads & Streets. The stormwater line item in the General Fund is contractual, and the stormwater line item in Roads & Streets is related to infrastructure (stormceptors, drains, flume on Mary Jess, etc.).
- Mayor Dowless noted the lag time for red light citation revenues. Chief Freeburg explained the lag time. Mayor Dowless shared his concerns about the proposed red light citation revenues presented by Council President Horn. Council President Horn said that 72% of revenue goes out as an expense.
- Council Member Rader said he was concerned with reducing the millage and then turn around and make an increase.
- Mayor Dowless said he wants most of the red light revenue to go towards infrastructure, and the City get back on track with their Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

- *It was agreed to have the red light citation revenue at \$600,000 and the expenditure at \$432,000.*
- Deputy City Clerk Riffle explained the different social media the City uses and how she can use them for the distribution of the newsletter. She said she will include a request in the newsletter getting ready to go out, that will allow residents and businesses to receive their newsletter by email. The goal is to minimize the printing and mailing costs associated with the newsletter.
- City Clerk Meeks reminded Council that there will be a change in the non-ad valorem assessment based on the bids. The adjustment will be made accordingly and should not negatively impact the budget.

*Council Member Rader said there are a lot of unknowns and his preference is to leave the millage rate at 5.25 mills; Council President Horn said he is okay with the 5.25.*

At the close of the meeting, Chief Freeburg announced that he and Shannon are working on a submittal to the County for reimbursement of costs related to COVID. He said the request is being made through the CARES Act.

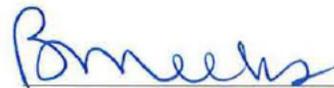
City Clerk Meeks announced that Solid Waste proposals are available for their review and that the selection of a contractor will be on the August City Council agenda.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Having no further discussion, the City Council budget workshop adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



Richard A. Horn  
Council President



Bea L. Meeks, MMC, CPM, CBTO  
City Clerk

*Approved in August 19, 2020 Council meeting.*