

January 9, 2021

A special meeting of the City Council was held on Saturday, January 9, 2021, at 9:02 a.m. in the Council Chambers in City Hall. Mayor Donker presided.

Councilmen present: Steve Arnosky, Diane Brown Wilhelm, Maureen Donker, Marty Wazbinski, Pamela Hall (arrived at 9:04)

Councilmen absent: none

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Department heads provided updates and information on City operations over the course of the morning. Discussions were held on the following areas: Barstow Airport; City Modern Master Plan Process; and FEMA Hazard Mitigation (Acquisition) Grants.

Tony Stamas and Nicole Wilson presented on the operations of the Midland Business Alliance.

City Attorney Jim Branson presented a proposed Code of Conduct policy for City Council and all City Boards and Commissions.

City Manager Brad Kaye presented on the recommendations of the Storm and Sanitary Sewer Study. Mayor Donker led a discussion on Council's anticipated direction moving forward with the recommendations.

City Manager presented an overview of activities and initiatives in various City departments, including staffing and succession challenges.

Assistant City Manager Dave Keenan outlined the anticipated financial performance of the organization for the remainder of the year and expected financial position of the City for the FY 2021 – 2022.

Mayor Donker led Council in a conversation in reviewing the FY 2020-2021 goals and to further discuss FY 2021-2022 with budget directives and general directives presented to staff.

The directives presented to staff for the FY 2021-2022 budget:

- Public services will be maintained at the highest level financially feasible under current economic and budget conditions.
- \$100,000 of additional funding (approximately .05 mills) will be budgeted to the Stormwater Fund to be used for flood response programs and activities.
- \$500,000 of additional funding (approximately .25 mills) will be budgeted to the Wastewater Fund to be used for flood response programs and activities.
- Continue to pay amounts in excess of the actuarial determined minimum contributions to the City's three defined benefits retirement programs to help expedite the payoff of current unfunded liabilities.
- Maintain the current level of the General Fund unreserved fund balance of \$6MM. Any additional General Fund savings derived through the budget process should be added to the General Fund Budget Stabilization Reserve.
- The anticipated maximum millage rate for the FY 2021-2022 is 15.1385 mills, which represents no increase over the previous fiscal year.
- Monitor this and keep Council apprised should staffing changes be determined necessary.
- Emphasize the timely maintenance of City facilities now before they begin to significantly deteriorate.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

C. Bradley Kaye, Acting Deputy City Clerk