



City of Blaine

City Council Workshop

October 30, 2023 | 4:00 PM
Blaine City Hall
10801 Town Square Drive NE
Blaine, MN 55449

MINUTES

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP MEETING

In accordance with the provisions of Section 3.01 of the Blaine City Charter, a Council Workshop meeting is scheduled for the following purpose:

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Mayor Sanders followed by roll call.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT: Mayor Sanders, Councilmembers Fleming, Larson, Massoglia, Newland, Robertson, and Saroya (arrived at 4:48 PM).

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Michelle Wolfe; Community Development Director Erik Thorvig; Safety Services Director/Police Chief Brian Podany; Finance Director Jason Zimmerman; Director of Engineering Dan Schluender; Communications Manager Ben Hayle; Senior Park & Recreation Manager Jerome Krieger; Fire Chief Dan Retka; Police Captain Matt Carlson; Deputy Fire Marshal Todd Miller; Public Works Director Nick Fleischhacker; and City Clerk Cathy Sorensen

3. New Business

- 3.1.** 2023-528 Debt, Transportation, Capital Equipment, and SBM Fire Capital
Sponsors: Jason Zimmerman, Finance Director

Finance Director Jason Zimmerman and Finance Analyst Jenna Trittin presented the debt, transportation, capital equipment and SBM Fire capital budgets in detail. They reviewed the City's current credit rating and reasons/uses for debt. Council supported levying for individual capital projects instead of an overall debt levy for transparency and supported transfer to public safety funds. Discussion was held on how to reduce the capital equipment budget.

- 3.2.** 2023-529 2024 Facilities Fund Budget
Sponsors: Jason Zimmerman, Finance Director

Mr. Zimmerman and Ms. Trittin presented the facilities fund budget in detail. Council supported improvements to chambers to meet current ADA requirements but postpone larger remodel project.

3.3. 2023-530 2024 General Fund Budget

Sponsors: Jason Zimmerman, Finance Director

Mr. Zimmerman and Ms. Trittin presented the general fund budget in detail. Discussion was held on ways to reduce the proposed levy increase and how to identify different funding sources. Council and staff would continue to review the budget and finds ways to reduce.

4. Other Business

None.

5. Adjournment



Signed by

Tim Sanders, Mayor

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Catherine M. Sorensen, CMC, City Clerk

Mayor Sanders adjourned the workshop at 8:36PM.