

MINUTES
Finance Committee
Budget Hearing
August 21, 2018
City Hall Council Chambers

The meeting convened at 8:43 p.m.

Roll was recorded by Missy Wilson, Assistant City Administrator, and the attendance was as follows:

Present: Alderman Jason Greene (Chair), Alderman Frank Hunt, Alderman Steve Meyers, Alderman Bonnaye Mims

Absent: Alderman Ryan Myers

1) Municipal Court

Judge Traci Fann

The Court budget was discussed.

The impact of lower numbers of tickets being issued by the Police Department was discussed.

Court will allow amnesty in September and October in order to address the number of outstanding warrants.

2) Emergency Medical Services

Doug Jonesi, Director of Emergency Medical Services

The Emergency Medical Services budget was discussed.

The committee discussed the publication line item, child safety seat program, GPS line item and workers compensation.

Discussion clarified that all portable radios have been replaced and are in compliance. The remaining radios are planned to be replaced and in compliance before the end of year system change.

3) Finance/City Wide

Michael Keenan, Finance Consultant

The City Wide budgets were discussed.

An overview of major transfers and notable items was provided.

The Committee discussed the line items for advertising open positions, newsletter and sewer bill mailing distribution, comcast subscriptions and the suggestion of a State audit.

During a discussion of live streaming meetings and broadcasting with Comcast, Alderman Greene suggested that the need for a cable subscription and the expenses it brings should be reconsidered and led a discussion on the matter.

Alderman Meyers initiated a discussion on the reserve amount and Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs). The Committee requested a follow-up report with a breakdown on the 1-2% COLA increases in comparison with a one-time bonus.

The Finance Budget was discussed.

Alderman Greene continued the discussion of a State audit.

4) Administration/Governing Body/Law

Missy Wilson, Assistant City Administrator

Alderman Mims asked about the 2019 election, historical clean-up coupon line items and employee morale. Ms. Wilson will respond to the full Committee by email with further details to the questions they put forward.

Adjournment

Alderman Greene adjourned the meeting at 9:47 p.m.