

FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2021

A Finance and Budget Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, August 11, 2021, in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Committee Members Present: Council Vice President Scott Bahr, Chair
Rob Donovic, Vice Chair
Jim Jolly, Member

Committee Members Absent: None

City Officials and Others Present: Kathleen McIntyre, Council President
Brandon McCullough, Councilmember
Laura Toy, Councilmember
Cathy White, Councilmember
Lynda Scheel, City Treasurer
Paul Bernier, City Attorney
Michael Slater, Finance Director
Dave Varga, Director of Administrative Services
LaShawn Thomas, Director of Governmental Affairs

The meeting convened at 7:04PM.

1. CR 131-12 Subject of Advance Budget Reviews Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Pre-Budget Meeting.

Director of Finance, Mike Slater, reviewed the 2021 assessment data and what that means for our budget projections in FY22.

- Total property taxes, state equalized value, taxable values, state-shared revenue, general fund revenue, and overall revenue will be higher than the previous year.
- There will be another Headlee reduction to the tax rate.
- The budget will include one additional code enforcement officer, but that is the only change to the staffing numbers.
- The City's required contribution to the defined contribution plan will be lower, but the required contribution to the defined benefit plans will be higher.
 - 87% of firefighters transferred to the defined benefit plan when it was offered in the current contract, but only 45% of police made the transfer.
- The Recreation Center continues to operate at a deficit due to a significant percentage of the membership not returning after the pandemic.
- Livonia will receive \$8.9M from the federal American Rescue Plan, half of which is already available to us. The rest will be available in July 2022. No proposals have yet come to Council on what to do with that money.

Council asked questions and made requests for consideration in the FY22 budget, which is due to Council on September 15. These discussions included:

- Bike/Walk Livonia expansion (\$275K is included for this purpose in next year's roads millage money; \$750,000 included as the match for the multimillion-dollar grant request that has been submitted to the Ralph C. Wilson foundation.
- More code enforcement officers
- Recycling carts
- A request for a study on what we spend for city vehicles and alternative approaches to this program
- The future of Noble Library - the Administration is still working on this and will give an update to Council when ready
- Whether it would make sense to provide cell phones to City Council (we decided it would not)

Next steps:

- Mayor's budget submitted to Council by 9/15
- Budget must be adopted by Council by 11/1

The Committee recommends:

- To receive and place on file for the information of the Council, the City of Livonia 2021 Assessment Data booklet from the City Assessor, dated June 10, 2021.

(NOTE: This is a standing resolution and will remain in committee.)

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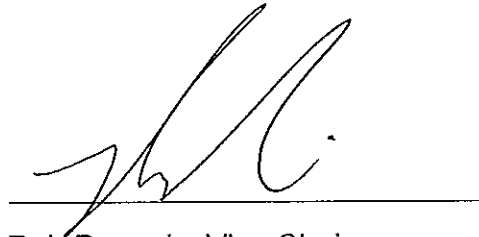
The meeting was adjourned at 8:41PM

This item is to be placed on the **Regular Meeting Agenda of August 23, 2021**

Respectfully submitted,



Scott Bahr, Chair



Rob Donovic, Vice Chair

cc: City Clerk, City Attorney