



FY22 Budget Workshop

May 18, 2021

6:00 P.M.

OPEN BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR FY22 BUDGET

At 6:03 p.m., Councilmember McCormic made a motion to open the Budget Workshop. Councilmember Thrasher seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Present: Mayor Piper, Councilmembers: McCormic, Venable, Thrasher, and Lyle

Absent: Councilmember Crawley

Also present: Sandra Bennett, City Clerk and April Stephens, City Accountant

BUDGET WORKSHOP – FY22*

City Accountant, April Stephens, lead the meeting by going over the revenue that we have year-to-date and the projected FY22 revenue. Councilmember McCormic questioned why the American Rescue Act was not included in the revenue. Stephens answered that the funds have not been received at this time, and the exact amount is unknown, and it was her recommendation to not include it in the budget until the funds have been deposited into the City's general fund account.

Additionally, she explained that instead of including it in the budget to be used as general funds and allocated throughout the budget, it was intended by the Federal Government to be used as a grant, and is only to be used in certain categories. One of those categories is infrastructure, and certain infrastructure throughout the city including sewer and water lines, are between 50-70 years old and overdue of their life expectancy. She stated it's an opportunity for the City to make these much-needed repairs as Statham, and cities all over the state, struggle to set aside appropriate funds for projects such as this.

Councilmember McCormic stated that he did not believe that the Federal Government should be able to dictate how we spend the funds, even though they were given by the Federal Government.

Councilmember Venable asked why the budget was off by \$413,983, and the City Accountant explained that this was the first draft and she had included all request from departments, knowing that some items would be denied and/or adjusted.

In going over the expenditures, Councilmember Lyle wanted to see the Sunflower Festival budgeted amount increased to \$2,500 from the \$1,000 shown. Councilmember McCormic asked that the Beautification & Tree Committee receive a budget of \$45,000 and not the \$14,000 as they wanted to add granite signs to three entrance highways into the City as welcome signs.

April Stephens made a note of their budget increase requests, and continued going over other increases and decreases throughout the Legislative and General Government departments. The expenditures of the Police Department were briefly discussed, and Council was made aware that two new officers were requesting to be hired in FY22.

At 7:04 p.m., Mayor Piper asked if the workshop could continue at a later date and time so he could begin the regularly scheduled council meeting. It was determined by council that a continuation of the budget would be on Thursday, May 27 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

At 7:05 p.m., Councilmember McCormic made a motion to close the Budget Workshop. Councilmember Venable seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

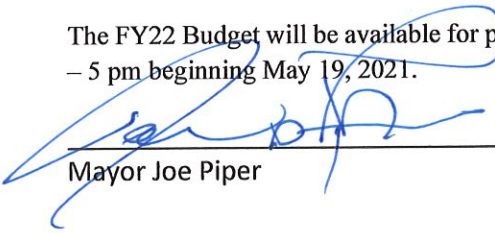
At 7:06 p.m., Councilmember McCormic made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Venable seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

*Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Review & Adoption was advertised in the City’s legal organ, the Barrow News-Journal, in the May 12, 2021 edition (MY 12 B/6995-20) of the paper.

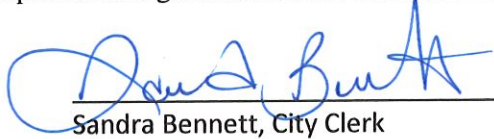
Upcoming FY22 Budget Hearing Dates

1. FY22 Budget Public Hearing – Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 327 Jefferson St.
2. FY22 Budget Public Hearing – Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 327 Jefferson St. The Work Session and Planning & Zoning Public Hearings will immediately follow the budget public hearing.
3. FY22 Budget Adoption – Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 327 Jefferson St. at the Regular City Council meeting.

The FY22 Budget will be available for public inspection during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 8 am – 5 pm beginning May 19, 2021.



Mayor Joe Piper



Sandra Bennett, City Clerk

6/3/2021
Date



These minutes approved at the June 3, 2021 council meeting.