



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

City Council

Wednesday, May 26, 2021
9:00 AM

Budget Work Session

Council Chamber
Columbia City Hall
701 E. Broadway

There will be light refreshments in Conference Room 1A/1B from 8am to 9am.

I. CALL TO ORDER

At approximately 9:04 am Mayor Treece called the Budget Worksession to order.

Mid Year Financial Update

Attachments: [Finance Presentation](#)

This discussion began at approximately 9:05 a.m.

Matthew Lue, Director of Finance gave a mid-year financial update. In this there was discussion on the FMIS which provides detailed updates throughout the year. The FMIS is a report that is broken out of the annual report, and this is audited from an outside firm. The FMIS breakdown showed where to find things throughout the document. Exhibit B, the general fund can be found on page 7-18. The special revenue is in exhibit C, or pages 18-30. Debt services is in exhibit D which is on pages 32-35. Capital projects is exhibit E, found on pages 38-42. Enterprise funds is exhibit F which is covered on pages 44-79. Trust agency funds is exhibit H covered on 93-104. Internal service funds is exhibit G found on pages 82-91. This report is located on como.gov under the Financials tab.

For additional information on this topic discussion, please review the recording of the meeting.

Revenue Discussion

This discussion began at approximately 9:09 a.m.

James McDonald, Assistant Finance Director went over the General Fund six months statement. In this portion of the presentation it was shared that property taxes and sales were slightly up. McDonald also stated how expenses are down for the City except for Police and Fire which is due to staff having to work overtime for pandemic related reasons. One of the biggest takeaways from this was that sales tax has remained stable throughout the pandemic, which shows a steady general fund revenue for the City.

For additional information on this topic discussion, please review the recording of the meeting.

Current Budget Process + Budget Process Improvements

Attachments: [New Budget Process Road Map](#)
[Former Budget Process Road Map](#)

This discussion began at approximately 9:53 a.m.

Kyle Rieman, Budget Officer, went over a review of the budget process and how the process has changed and will be changing. Rieman went over the budget road map to aid in the understanding of all the different terminology that can make it confusing. The original budget is what Council approves every year. The focus of the changes and this portion of the presentation is to help decision makers be better informed and understand the decisions they are making. In FY22 there will be some more minor changes, Rieman said they are trying to work from the ground up and work through these challenges.

For additional information on this topic discussion, please review the recording of the meeting.

FY 22 Budget

This discussion began at approximately 11:03 a.m.

Lue provided an update of the current CARES Act Funding. The Council asked follow up questions about the type of funding and rounds of funding that the City received. The calculations for funding can be found on the Treasury website, which also breaks down the ways the funding can be used. He discussed the American Rescue Plan, and how there is not a plan yet for these funds. He advised this funding for one time expenses.

Lue presented the FY22 Revenue Outlook. He covered the preliminary general fund estimates. The funding looks decreased, since there will not be CARES funding or the American Rescue Plan in 2022. Deepayan Debnath, City Economist, discussed the way the forecast was calculated for the general fund. The Use Tax was not included on the forecast. He anticipates the sales tax staying the same.

Pitzer asked for median household income data. Debnath plans to have more demographic data in the budget presentation.

Lue covered the potential impact of the Wayfair decision. The Council discussed waiting until 2022 to place the initiative on the ballot.

For additional information on this topic discussion, please review the recording of the meeting.

Other Budget Priorities

Attachments: [The American Rescue Plan - Mayor Treece Presentation](#)

This discussion began at approximately 12:39 p.m.

Treece presented the American Rescue Plan. Based on the Citizen Satisfaction Survey, he wanted to prioritize streets and sidewalks or public safety. He discussed different ideas of how to use the funding in these areas. He suggested developing a behavioral treatment center, workforce development by investing in programs in the community, stormwater projects along the business loop, an emergency shelter, and broadband.

After these suggestions, Treece discussed ideas to use the remaining funding. He mentioned that tourism was hit hard during the pandemic, so the Council should

consider finishing the sports field house. Additionally, finishing the Molly Bowden Community Policing Center. He advised using this funding for the greatest benefit for the greatest number of people. He discussed the COLT railroad, and ways to connect the downtown community with I-70.

The City Council discussed their different ideas for this unique opportunity, and discussed public input ideas.

Skala asked for the City Manager's feedback. Glascock stated that we should encourage inviting the public to discuss the funding. His priorities are funding the Climate Action & Adaptation Plan's (CAAP) priorities, cybersecurity, streets, and the pay plan.

The Council discussed adding the council memos to include CAAP impacts.

Lue said the Finance Department is working on a document that shows the parameters of the funding, which could be a pre-council topic or a report.

For additional information on this topic discussion, please review the recording of the meeting.

All Other Items the Council May Wish to Discuss

No other items were discussed during this time.

This item is open to the public: Motion for the City Council to go into closed session to discuss:

- Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded pursuant to Section 610.021(3) RSMo.
- Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment pursuant to Section 610.021(13) RSMo.

At approximately 1:49 p.m., Treece made a motion for the City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri, to immediately go into a closed meeting in Conference Room 1A/1B of City Hall, 701 E. Broadway, Columbia, Missouri, to discuss the hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded pursuant to Section 610.021(3) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, and individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment pursuant to Section 610.021(13) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri. The motion was seconded by Mr. Skala.

The vote was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: THOMAS, PITZER, PETERS, TREECE, FOWLER, WANER, SKALA. VOTING NO: NO ONE.

This item is closed to the public: Closed meeting in Conference Room 1A/1B

At approximately 1:55 p.m., the City Council went into closed session in Conference Room 1A/1B pursuant to RSMo Sections 610.021(3) and (13).

II. ADJOURNMENT

The closed meeting adjourned at approximately 2:29 p.m.

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