

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regularly scheduled meeting of the Spring Lake Park City Council Work Session was held on August 9, 2021 at the 1301 81st Ave NE, Spring Lake Park, at 5:30 PM.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Nelson
Councilmember Wendling
Councilmember Delfs
Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff
Councilmember Dircks

STAFF PRESENT

Chief Antoine, Public Works Director Randall, Building Official Baker, Recreation Director Okey, Accountant Barker, Administrator Buchholtz

OTHERS PRESENT

Bonnie Dircks, 773 83rd Ave NE
Heidi Leaf, 8220 Taylor Street

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2022 General Fund Budget Presentation

Administrator Buchholtz presented the proposed 2022 General Fund budget. He stated that the proposed 2022 budget is balanced, with both revenues and expenditures proposed at \$4,890,665, an increase of 5.59% over the 2021 budget. The proposed property tax levy for General Fund spending and debt service is \$3,829,836, an increase of 5.46% over the 2021 property tax levy.

Administrator Buchholtz noted that there are still a number of unknowns associated with the 2022 budget, particularly with the Classification and Compensation Study underway and union negotiations set to commence this fall. He stated that staff is hopeful to be able to reduce the proposed property tax levy before it is finalized in December.

City Councilmembers discussed the proposed budget, spending significant time on the staffing request to make the Code Enforcement Inspector position full time and a discussion of enhancing the Executive Assistant position to take on Human Resource responsibilities.

CONSENSUS of the City Council is to recommend approval of the proposed 2022 budget and tax levy for City Council action at its September 7, 2021 meeting.

B. Watershed District Boundary Change Concurrence Discussion

Administrator Buchholtz provided an overview of a request from Rice Creek Watershed District for concurrence to their request to adjust their political boundaries to more closely align with the hydrologic boundary of the Rice Creek watershed. He stated that this change will affect 62 parcels within the City, of which 56 parcels will move from Rice Creek Watershed District and into Coon Creek Watershed District and 6 parcels will move from Coon Creek Watershed District into Rice Creek Watershed District. He stated that there would not be a financial impact to the City as a result of the change. He noted that he could not see a reason to not approve Rice Creek Watershed District's request.

CONSENSUS of the City Council was to direct staff to prepare a resolution granting concurrence to the proposed watershed district boundary change.

C. Set Date for Neighborhood Meeting – Garfield/Hayes/80th Avenue Improvements

Administrator Buchholtz asked for feedback from the Council on a date to hold an informal neighborhood meeting on the 2022 Street Improvement Project, which will consist of the reconstruction of Garfield Street, Hayes Street and 80th Avenue. Councilmember Dircks inquired if it was possible to create a video of the presentation for those residents who are not able to attend the neighborhood meeting. Administrator Buchholtz stated that he would coordinate production of the video with North Metro TV.

CONSENSUS of the City Council was to schedule the neighborhood meeting for Monday, September 13, 2021 at 5:30pm.

3. REPORT

A. Council Member Reports -- No reports

B. Administrator Report – No report

4. ADJOURN

Mayor Nelson adjourned the meeting at 7:32pm.

Robert Nelson, Mayor

Attest:

Daniel R. Buchholtz, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer