

City of St. Anthony
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Minutes

August 8, 2023

Present:

Mayor & Council:

Randy Stille, Mayor, Bernard Walker, Jan Jenson, Thomas Randle, Wendy Webster, Councilmembers

Staff:

Charlie Yunker, City Manager, Shelly Rueckert, Finance Director, Jeff Spiess, Police Captain

Call to Order:

Mayor Stille called the Work Session to order at 6:00 p.m.

Updated Levy Scenarios/Detailed General Fund Budget:

Finance Director Rueckert reviewed the updated preliminary levy scenario that includes the recommendations made by staff at the previous work session on the 2024 levy scenarios that included staff cost of living adjustments and police staffing needs. Rueckert described the additional information gathered since the July 11th work session that refined the revenues and expenses. From the initial scenario being a 6.38% levy increase for 2024, the revised scenario results in a 5.80% levy increase.

This also included a review of the cash position for the liquor operation, and the future anticipated usage of some of the money in the fund for store rehabilitation needs after 20 years of operation since the locations opened.

Council discussed the proposed budget and noted that the bulk is personnel related for the retention and recruitment of staff, and maintaining and expanding the capabilities of the Police Department. Council was supportive of the proposed budget and thanked staff for the work to draft the budget.

Staff will bring the full presentation to the August 22, 2023 regular City Council meeting, with any minor revisions needed but do not anticipate a change in the proposed levy increase.

Future Work Sessions:

Next Work Session will be held on September 12th, 2023, at 5:45pm in the Council Chambers.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Charlie Yunker, City Manager.