

City of Tamarac
City Commission Special Budget Workshop Meeting - Minutes
Wednesday, June 3, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Gomez called the Wednesday, June 3, 2020, Virtual City Commission Special Budget Workshop to order at 2:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Michelle J. Gomez, Vice Mayor Marlon Bolton, Commissioner Julie Fishman and Commissioner Debra Placko were in attendance. Commissioner E. Mike Gelin joined meeting at 2:03 pm.

Also present were City Manager Michael C. Cernech, Assistant City Attorney Michael Cirullo and City Clerk Jennifer Johnson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: City Clerk Jennifer Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Gomez turned the meeting over to City Manager Michael Cernech who gave an overview of the meeting's agenda. Cernech stated that there will be a presentation to update the Commission on the current fiscal year budget as well as the upcoming fiscal year. Cernech outlined that there will be an update on how the city is dealing with the shortfalls from the impacts of COVID-19, the actions that have been taken and the actions being contemplated. Cernech also stated that there are other items on the agenda relating to an employee separation program and an update on the Colony West project.

Mr. Cernech turned the meeting over to Mayor Gomez.

Assistant City Attorney Michael Cirullo went over meeting procedures for a virtual workshop.

1. FY2020 General Fund Budget Forecast

Interim Financial Services Director Christine Cajuste gave a presentation, which is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

City Manager Cernech stated that to put some perspective to the City's financial crisis, Cernech stated the financial impact from COVID-19 made in 3 months what happen over 3 years during the great recession from 2008-2010. Cernech outlined the uncertainties relating to COVID, and that the city will be taking a very conservative approach moving forward. Cernech provided an update on a request made by the Commission to take monies from the general fund to assist residents affected by COVID-19. Cernech noted that Maxine Calloway [Community Development Director], will provide ways in which the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) could be tweaked to assist more residents during her presentation.

Human Resources Director Lorenzo Calhoun provided a presentation about a potential employee Voluntary Separation Program, which is on file in the City Clerk's Office. Community Development Director Maxine Calloway gave a presentation regarding the CDBG Housing Assistance Program.

City Manager Cernech, HR Director Calhoun, Interim Financial Services Cajuste, Community Development Director Calloway and Economic Development Manager Lori Funderwhite responded to questions from the Commission.

Mayor Gomez recessed the meeting at 3:15 p.m. and reconvened at 3:25 p.m.

City Manager Cernech updated the Commission regarding the Colony West Project and the City's red-light camera program. Cernech outlined the clubhouse portion of the project is moving forward but the pandemic has caused the hotel construction to seize due to funding being frozen. Cernech stated that this has affected the joint contract between the City and the hotel developers. However, the City is considering ways to fix these issues and will move forward in the best interests to the City.

Cernech stated that the red-light camera program contract is slated to expire in July 2020, and he will allow the contract to expire at the end of the 10-year agreement, unless the Commission indicates differently.

OTHER

None.

There being no additional business to discuss, Mayor Gomez adjourned the meeting at 3:37 p.m.

Minutes respectfully transcribed and submitted by Assistant City Clerk, Kimberly Dillon.

Kimberly Dillon
Assistant City Clerk

Michelle J. Gomez, Mayor

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