



City Council
January 16, 2024
Special Session
5:30 p.m.

Call to order

Mayor Chris Hoffman called the January 16, 2024 Special Session of the North Liberty City Council to order at 5:31 p.m. at Council Chambers, 3 Quail Creek Circle. Councilors present: Brian Leibold, Paul Park, Ere Sittig, Brent Smith, Brian Wayson.

Others present: Ryan Heiar, Grant Lientz, Tracey Mulcahey, Deb Hilton, Ryan Rusnak, Tom Palmer, Shelly Simpson, Jennie Garner, Nick Bergus, Chief Diane Venenga, Chief Brian Platz, Greg Metternich, Guy Goldsmith, Michael Pentecost, and Drew Lammers.

Approval of the Agenda

Sittig moved, Wayson seconded to approve the agenda. The vote was all ayes. Agenda approved.

General Fund

Heiar provided an introduction to the overall budget process.

General Fund Revenues

Heiar presented the summary of the proposed General Fund revenues.

Public Safety

Heiar presented a summary of the Police, Fire, Building Inspection, Animal Control and Emergency Management budgets. The council discussed the Animal Control vehicle, the Flock System and Fire Department staffing.

Public Works

Heiar presented a summary of the budgets on the trash and transit programs. Council discussed the proposed budgets with Heiar, specifically the per rider cost for the Coralville bus.

Culture and Recreation

A summary of the proposed Library, Recreation, Parks, Cemetery, Aquatic Center, and Community Center budgets was presented. Council discussed these budgets including what did not make the budget with cuts this year, Library construction projects, equipment replacement, maintenance on city vehicles, and purchase vs. leasing vehicles.

Community and Economic Development

The Economic Development, Planning and Zoning and Communications budgets were summarized for the City Council. The council discussed the Community Relations budget and Economic Development budget including rates charged by Shive-Hattery and the new Community Relations position.

General Government

Heiar summarized the Mayor/City Council, Administration, Legal, and Personnel budget proposals for FY 25. The council discussed the proposed budgets in this section including the Finance Officer position, and potential council and mayor pay increases.

The council discussed the General Fund budget overall.

Road Use Tax Budget

Heiar presented information on the proposed Road Use Tax budget.

Storm Water Budget

The Storm Water budget for FY 25 was presented. Council discussed the budget including projects that were postponed in this fiscal year.

Water Budget

Heiar offered additional information the draft Water budget for FY 25. The council discussed the draft including appreciation for keeping the rate flat.

Wastewater Budget

Heiar advanced the proposed budget for the next fiscal year. The council discussed the proposal including vehicle replacement timelines.

Final Questions and Wrap Up

Heiar reported an early start next week, January 23 at 6 p.m. for the Capital Projects work session.

Councilor Wayson thanked the Department Heads for all they do for the city. Councilor Leibold acknowledged Department Heads hard work. He encouraged public education.

Adjournment

At 7:19 p.m., Sittig moved, Wayson seconded to adjourn. The vote was all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

CITY OF NORTH LIBERTY

By: _____
Chris Hoffman, Mayor

Attest: _____
Tracey Mulcahey, City Clerk