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BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE



Councilor Judy W. Thomas- Chairperson

Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen

Councilors: Jerry “Pops” Barnes, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis,
R. Walker Garrett, John M. House, Bruce Huff, Valerie A. Thompson
and Evelyn ‘Mimi’ Woodson

May 19, 2020 / 9:00 AM /
Council Chambers
Second Floor of City Services Center
3111 Citizens Way, Columbus, GA 31906

I. CALL TO ORDER - Chairperson Judy W. Thomas

II. ROLL CALL - Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis

PRESENT: Chairperson Judy W. Thomas and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen (entered at 9:02 a.m.) and Councilors Jerry ‘Pops’ Barnes, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis (entered at 9:02 a.m.), R. Walker Garrett, John M. House, Bruce Huff, Valerie A. Thompson and Evelyn ‘Mimi’ Woodson. Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III, City Manager Isaiah Hugley, Deputy City Managers Lisa Goodwin and Pamela Hodge, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Finance Director Angelica Alexander, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis and Deputy Clerk Pro Tem Tameka Colbert were present via video conference.

NOTE: *Due to the World Health Organization declaring Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) a world health emergency and pandemic, the Governor has issued a Statewide Executive Order to Shelter in Place. In accordance, this Council Budget Review Committee may alternatively utilize virtual meetings during the period of emergency in accordance with O.C.G.A. 50-14-1(g).*

Finance Director Angelica Alexander, outlined the current add/delete list. **A copy is on file in the Clerk of Council's Office*

A G E N D A

PRESENTATIONS:

BUDGET REVIEW ITEM #1

1. Police Department – Ricky Boren, Police Chief

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Police Chief Ricky Boren, provided an overview of the power point presentation entitled *Columbus Police Department FY '21 Budget Review*. **A copy is on file in the Clerk of Council's Office.*

Request(s)

- Purchase of fleet maintenance vehicles
- Healthcare benefit
- Increase in pay reform step
- Pension contribution reduction
- Increase to clothing allowance
- Building improvements for Public Safety building

ADD LIST: Request for purchase of 20 fleet maintenance vehicles for a total cost of \$1,395,511. *(Councilor Barnes placed on the Add List.)*

ADD LIST: Request for building improvements for Public Safety building for a total cost of \$100,000. *(Councilor Crabb placed on the Add List.)*

ADD LIST: Request for an increase to clothing allowance for a total cost of \$42,414. *(Councilor Huff placed on the Add List.)*

ADD LIST: Request for an update to longevity pay reform for a total cost of \$96,991. *(Councilor Thompson placed on the Add List.)*

REFERRAL(S):

- A request was made to take a look into the proposed healthcare benefit for the Police Department before open enrollment. *(Councilor Woodson)*

BUDGET REVIEW ITEM #2

2. Elections and Registration Office – Nancy Boren, Elections Director

ELECTIONS & REGISTRATIONS OFFICE:

Elections Director Nancy Boren, came forward with the following request:

Request(s)

- Temporary employees
- Full-size SUV

ADD LIST: Request for 1 full-size SUV for a total cost of \$46,067. (*Councilor Woodson placed on the Add List.*)

REFERRAL(S):

- A request was made for staff to check with other departments to see if there is a vehicle that can be shared with the Elections and Registration Department. (*Chairperson Thomas*)

BUDGET REVIEW ITEM #3

3. Clerk of Superior Court – Danielle Forte, Clerk of Superior Court

CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT:

Clerk of Superior Court Danielle Forte, provided an overview of the handout that was submitted to the Budget Review Committee. **A copy is on file in the Clerk of Council's Office*

Request(s)

- Full-time Deputy Clerk II position

ADD LIST: Request for 1 full-time Deputy Clerk II for a total cost of \$43,084. (*Councilor Garrett placed on the Add List.*)

BUDGET REVIEW ITEM #4

4. Solicitor General's Office – Suzanne Goddard, Chief Solicitor General & David Raineri, Assistant Chief Solicitor General

SOLICITOR GENERAL'S OFFICE:

Chief Solicitor General Suzanne Goddard, provided an overview of the power point presentation entitled *Solicitor General 3 Requests for Merit Pay Increase*. **A copy is on file in the Clerk of Council's Office*

Request(s)

- Three (3) requests for merit pay increase

BUDGET REVIEW ITEM #5

5. Clerk of Council – Sandra Davis, Clerk of Council

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S OFFICE:

Clerk of Council Sandra Davis, provided an overview of the power point presentation entitled *Board Management Software*. **A copy is on file in the Clerk of Council's Office*

Request(s)

- Funding for Board Management Software.

ADD LIST: Request for funding for Board Management Software for a total cost of \$14,700. *(Councilor Barnes placed on the Add List.)*

REFERRAL(S):

- A request was made for the Clerk of Council's Office Sub-Committee to bring forth a recommendation to Council in order to further look into conducting a study of the various boards. *(Chairperson Thomas)*

BUDGET REVIEW ITEM #6

6. FY21 Transportation Projects Update – Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager

TRANSPORTATIONS PROJECTS:

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge, provided an overview of the power point presentation entitled *FY21 Budget Transportation Projects*. **A copy is on file in the Clerk of Council's Office*

GOLF COURSES:

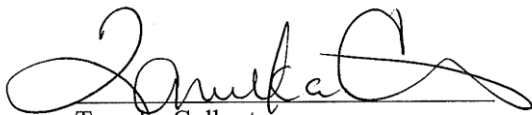
Add/Delete List Request:

Councilor Crabb requested to move some funding by reducing Oxbow Creek Golf Course subsidy by \$50,000 and moving that amount to Bull Creek Golf Course; therefore, both golf courses would have a subsidy of \$100,000.

REFERRAL(S):

- A request was made for a study to be conducted in regards to the golf courses. (*Councilor Woodson*)
- A request was made for staff to provide the cost to lease the vehicles for the Police Department. (*Councilor Davis*)

With there being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Thomas declared the adjournment of the May 19, 2020 Budget Review Committee Meeting, with the time being 12:04 p.m.



Tameka Colbert
Deputy Clerk Pro Tem