

**CITY OF CLEVELAND**  
**CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**2021-2022 FISCAL BUDGET HEARING**  
**JUNE 7, 2021**  
**MINUTES**

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**CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The Called City Council Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Cleveland was called to order by Mayor Josh Turner at 6:00 p.m.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Nan Bowen, Rebecca Yardley, Kevin Stanley, and Bradley Greene.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Rebecca Yardley, in favor – Nan Bowen and Kevin Stanley and carried unanimously, the Mayor and City Council voted to approve the agenda for the Called City Council Meeting of June 7, 2021.

**2021-2022 FISCAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING – 1<sup>st</sup> consideration**

Mayor Josh Turner explained the purpose of the called meeting is to review the 2021-2022 budget and to allow for public discussion. Mayor Turner asked Mr. Tom O’Bryant to go over the details.

Mr. O’Bryant presented the draft 2021-2022 Fiscal Budget for the City of Cleveland and provided the following information:

**General Fund Revenue**

FY21	FY22	% Change
\$3,745,429	\$3,850,360	2.80

- Increase in sales tax and franchised based revenue
- Using no fund reserve to balance the budget

**Hotel/Motel Fund Revenue**

FY21	FY22	% Change
\$19,500	\$20,880	7.08

- Slight increase in revenue in anticipation of the city adopting a short term vacation rental ordinance

**Confiscated Cash Fund Revenue (Police)**

FY21	FY22	% Change
\$10,005	\$10,005	0

- Amount estimated to remain the same

**2021-2022 FISCAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING – 1<sup>st</sup> consideration - continued**

**Water and Sewer Fund Revenue**

FY21	FY22	% Change
\$2,615,310	\$2,769,005	5.88

- New customers continue to come on-line
- Adjustment increase in utility rates to help pay for the wastewater plant upgrade and line upgrades.

**General Fund Expenditures**

- General Government (Administration, City Shop, Municipal Court)
- Public Safety (Police and Fire Departments)
- Street Department
- Sanitation
- Culture and Recreation

**General Government - Administration**

FY21	FY22	% Change
\$930,505	\$960,705	3.25

- Cost of living adjustment
- Large increase in health insurance and computer software support
- Reduction in expenditures in a number of operational line items

**General Government – City Shop**

FY21	FY22	% Change
\$84,330	\$91,705	8.10

- Increase in health care costs
- Computer software support line item added

**General Government – Municipal Court**

FY21	FY22	% Change
\$143,640	\$145,535	1.32

- Cost of living adjustment
- Health insurance increase

**General Government – Public Safety - Police**

FY21	FY22	% Change
\$1,678,725	\$1,655,540	-1.38

- Large reduction in computer software support and capital outlay. Last budget reflected a software purchase that has been paid for and is not needed in proposed budget.
  - New computer hardware equipment needed – approximately 12 computers
  - Former building rent absorbed by utilities, maintenance, and repairs at the Oak Springs building.
- Police Chief Shoemaker jokingly stated in his first six-months he was able to reduce the department's budget.

**2021-2022 FISCAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING – 1<sup>st</sup> consideration - continued**

**General Government – Public Safety - Fire**

FY21	FY22	% Change
\$470,405	\$485,000	3.10

- Increase in assigned staff hours due to call volume
- New computer hardware equipment needed
- Reduction in supplies, equipment, and capital outlay. Funds moved to building rent to house fire trucks due to the demolition of Talon.

**General Government – Street Department**

FY21	FY22	% Change
\$184,350	\$138,215	-25.23

- Reduction in LMIG safety (\$41,000). The Department of Transportation has not yet confirmed they will offer the LMIG safety program this year. If available, the city can amend the budget.

**General Government – Sanitation Department**

FY21	FY22	% Change
\$311,260	\$331,160	6.40

- Increase in salaries, health care related costs, tipping fees and repairs.
- Reduction in supplies and capital outlay.

Mr. O'Bryant added the White County Board of Commissioners manage the transfer station and expect to have increases on tipping fees in the next year.

**General Government – Culture and Recreation**

FY21	FY22	% Change
\$39,000	\$42,500	8.97

- Overall increase in operations – repairs, supplies, electricity

**Hotel/Motel**

FY21	FY22	% Change
\$19,500	\$20,880	7.08

- Slight increase in projected revenue to be expended.
- Portion is allowed to transfer to the general fund

**Confiscated Fund – (Police Equipment)**

FY21	FY22	% Change
\$10,005	\$10,005	0

- Expenses, like revenues, is projected to be flat
- Subject to collection of revenue

**2021-2022 FISCAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING – 1<sup>st</sup> consideration - continued**

**Water Department**

FY21	FY22	% Change
\$1,613,405	\$1,709,870	5.98

- Increase in personnel expenses
- Large increase in health insurance costs
- Increase for repairs

**Sewer (Waste Water) Department**

FY21	FY22	% Change
\$1,001,905	\$1,059,135	5.71

- Increase in health insurance
- Increase in engineering services and repairs
- Computer software support line item added
- Wastewater plant loan from GEFA

**SPLOST**

FY21	FY22	% Change
\$700,000	\$951,000	35.85

- SPLOST V is in place with a higher percentage for the city from 13% to 20% of collections
- Sales taxes have increased due to internet sales (location of purchase)
- Large percentage dedicated to sewer plant and for new city hall.

The Mayor and City Council will consider the adoption of the summarized numbers of each department as follows:

General Fund Revenues	\$3,850,360
General Fund Expenditures	
General Government (Admin, Shop, Court)	\$1,197,945
Public Safety (Police and Fire)	\$2,140,540
Streets	\$138,215
Sanitation	\$331,160
Cultural and Recreation	\$42,500
Hotel/Motel Revenues	\$20,880
Hotel/Motel Expenditures	\$20,880
Confiscated Cash Fund Revenues (Police equipment)	\$10,005
Confiscated Cash Fund Expenditures (Police equipment)	\$10,005

Water/Sewer Revenues	\$2,769,005
Water Expenditures	\$1,709,870
Sewer Expenditures	\$1,059,135

**Summary totals**

FY21	FY22	% Change
\$6,390,244	\$6,650,250	4.07

- Increase of \$260,006 over all departments for the fiscal year.

Ward Gann, who always has something useful to ask or say, asked what percentage is paid from the hotel motel tax. Mr. O’Bryant answered eight-percent. Mr. Gann questioned the amount of revenue expected and asked if the city received the whole eight-percent and Mr. O’Bryant answered he did not know the exact revenue collected from the local motels, he just knows the city collects eight-percent.

Mr. Gann asked if the city was receiving federal funds. Mr. O’Bryant answered yes, the city is in the process of completing the applications and there will be parameters to follow on how the funds are expended. The funds will be allocated, by the state, over a two-year period.

Mayor Turner asked if there were any more questions or comments regarding the 2021-2022 Fiscal Budget. There were no further comments.

On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Nan Bowen, in favor – Rebecca Yardley and Kevin Stanley and carried unanimously, the Mayor and City Council voted to approve the first consideration of the 2021/2022 Budget.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Rebecca Yardley, seconded by Nan Bowen, in favor – Kevin Stanley and Bradley Greene and carried unanimously, the Mayor and City Council voted to adjourn the Called Council Meeting of June 7, 2021 at 6:24 p.m.

Josh Turner  
 Josh Turner Mayor

Kevin Stanley  
 Kevin Stanley Council Member  
 Ward 3

Nan Bowen  
 Nan Bowen Council Member  
 Ward 1  
 Mayor Pro Tem

Bradley Greene  
 Bradley Greene Council Member  
 Ward 4

Rebecca Yardley  
 Rebecca Yardley Council Member  
 Ward 2

ATTEST: Connie Tracas  
 Connie Tracas City Clerk

