

**CITY OF CLEVELAND**  
**CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**2020/2021 BUDGET HEARING**  
**JUNE 1, 2020**  
**MINUTES**

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**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The Called City Council Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Cleveland was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Stanley at 6:00 p.m.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion by Nan Bowen, seconded by Bradley Greene, and carried unanimously, the Mayor Pro Tem and Council voted to approve the agenda for the June 1, 2020 Called City Council Meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to hold a public hearing and adopt the 2020/2021 budget.

**2020/2021 BUDGET HEARING – 1st CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION**

**General Fund Revenue**

FY20	FY21	% Change
\$3,778,251	\$3,745,429	-.095

- Traditional revenues decrease, user related revenues, such as electricity, are increasing
- Using almost \$16,000 less fund reserve in proposed budget than FY20

**Hotel/Motel Fund Revenue**

FY20	FY21	% Change
\$19,500	\$19,500	0

- Anticipated revenue to remain flat

**Confiscated Cash Fund Revenue (Police)**

FY20	FY21	% Change
\$10,005	\$10,005	0

- Amount estimated to remain the same

**Water and Sewer Fund Revenue**

FY20	FY21	% Change
\$2,490,875	\$2,615,310	5.00

- Larger customers expected to come on-line – assisted living facility, restaurants
- Adjustment increase in utility rates to help pay for the wastewater plant upgrade and line upgrades.

**2020/2021 BUDGET HEARING – 1st CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION – continued**

**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**

FY20	FY21	% Change
\$920,595	\$930,505	1.08

- Cost of living adjustment
- Increase in worker's compensation, liability insurance and computer software support
- Reduction in expenditures in a number of operational line items

**General Government – City Shop**

FY20	FY21	% Change
\$80,310	\$84,830	5.63

- Shift in personnel from street department to shop
- Increase in cost of supplies

**General Government – Municipal Court**

FY20	FY21	% Change
\$139,475	\$143,640	2.99

- Cost of living adjustment
- New computer equipment needed

**General Government – Public Safety - Police**

FY20	FY21	% Change
\$1,619,726	\$1,581,469	-2.36

- 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.

**General Government – Public Safety - Fire**

FY20	FY21	% Change
\$458,870	\$470,405	2.51

- Increase in assigned staff hours due to call volume
- New computer hardware equipment needed
- Reduction in supplies, equipment, and capital outlay

**General Government – Street Department**

FY20	FY21	% Change
\$197,620	\$184,350	-4.18

- Reduction in personnel costs
- Reduction in supplies and equipment

**2020/2021 BUDGET HEARING – 1st CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION – continued**

**General Government – Sanitation Department**

FY20	FY21	% Change
\$319,855	\$311,230	-2.70

- Reduction in commercial pick up services creates a reduction in estimated tipping fees
- Reduction in supplies, repairs, equipment, and capital outlay

**General Government – Culture and Recreation**

FY20	FY21	% Change
\$197,620	\$184,350	-4.18

- Reduction in supplies, repairs, equipment, and contingency

**Hotel/Motel**

FY20	FY21	% Change
\$19,500	\$19,500	0

- Expenses, like the revenues, are expected to be flat
- Approximately \$10,974 allowed to transfer to the general fund

**Confiscated Fund – (Police Equipment)**

FY20	FY21	% Change
\$10,005	\$10,005	0

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

**Water Department**

FY20	FY21	% Change
\$1,540,535	\$1,613,405	4.73

- Cost of living adjustment
- Increase in overtime due to emergency calls on waterline breaks – city crews continue to replace aging lines
- Increase in cost of water purchases from White County Water Authority

**Sewer (Waste Water) Department**

FY20	FY21	% Change
\$950,340	\$1,001,905	5.43

- Cost of living adjustment
- Increase in costs of supplies for plant treatment
- Increase in employee training (certifications)
- Wastewater plant loan from GEFA
- City staff is doing a good job meeting environmental standards

**SPLOST**

FY20	FY21	% Change
\$700,000	\$700,000	0

- Anticipated reduction in the last few months of SPLOST 4 Revenue due to COVID-19 impact on consumer purchases
- SPLOST \$ ends in October 2020 and SPLOST 5 begins in November 2020. City percentage of SPLOST increases from 13% to 20%

**2020/2021 BUDGET HEARING – 1<sup>ST</sup> CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION** – continued

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

General Fund Revenues	\$3,745,429
General Fund Expenditures	
General Government (Admin, Shop, Court)	\$1,158,975
Public Safety (Police and Fire)	\$2,051,874
Streets	\$184,350
Sanitation	\$311,230
Cultural and Recreation	\$39,000
Hotel/Motel Revenues	\$19,500.01
Hotel/Motel Expenditures	\$19,500.01
Confiscated Cash Fund Revenues (Police equipment)	\$10,005
Confiscated Cash Fund Expenditures (Police equipment)	\$10,005
Water/Sewer Revenues	\$2,615,310
Water Expenditures	\$1,613,405
Sewer Expenditures	\$1,001,905

**Summary totals**

FY20	FY21	% Change
\$6,298,631	\$6,390,244	1.45

Bradley Greene thanked all the department heads for making cutbacks on expenditures and putting the budget together.

Mayor Pro tem Stanley asked if anyone in attendance had any comments on the budget.

Dean Dyer, WRWH Radio, asked if there were funds available for a new ladder truck for the fire department. Mr. O'Bryant answered there are various options the city can consider, but the issue is the city must show payment can be made on a million dollar piece of equipment in the year it is obtained. The city is not able to ensure this type of purchase in this budget. Mr. Dyer questioned the use of SPLOST funds and Mr. O'Bryant responded there is not enough SPLOST funding for the purchase and the city would continue to look for affordable options and grants.

Mr. Dyer asked about the future trail and if it was included in the budget. Mr. O'Bryant answered the city is depending on grants from Georgia Department of Natural Resources. The city applied last year. DNR funded the top twelve applicants, the city's application was fifteen. The city will apply again



**2020/2021 BUDGET HEARING – 1<sup>ST</sup> CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION** – continued

On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Nan Bowen, and carried unanimously, the Mayor Pro Tem and Council voted to approve the first consideration of the 2020/2021 Budget Hearing.

On motion by Nan Bowen, seconded by Bradley Greene, and carried unanimously, the Mayor Pro Tem and Council voted to adjourn the Called Council Meeting of June 1, 2020 at 6:23 p.m.

**VACANT**

Office Vacant/open Seat

Mayor

Kevin Stanley,

Council Member  
Ward No. 3  
Mayor Pro Tem

Nan Bowen,

Council Member  
Ward No. 1

Bradley Greene,

Council Member  
Ward No. 4

**VACANT**

Office Vacant/open Seat

Council Member  
Ward No. 2

ATTEST:

Connie Tracas,

City Clerk

