

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

October 3, 2023
Conference Room #119
5:30 P.M.

Present: Commissioners: Mayor Pro-Tem Robert Coughlin, Betsy Artz, Ron Draayer, Maurice Groce, Clarkston Morgan, Jessica Ann Tyson, and Mayor Stephen Kepley.

Staff present: Finance Director Emeritus Tom Chase, City Attorney Dave Eberle, Executive Assistant Stephanie Fox, Deputy City Administrator Shay Gallagher, Finance Director Keyla Garcia, DPW Director Chad Griffin, City Assessor Andy Johnson, City Clerk Dan Kasunic, Police Chief Bryan Litwin, Fire Chief Brent Looman, Deputy Police Chief Stephanie Morningstar, Fire Department Administrative Assistant Nancy Shane, City Treasurer Laurie Sheldon, and Sabo Representative Anna Kendall.

MAYOR'S OFFICE:

A. POLICE EMPLOYMENT RETAINER PROGRAM PRESENTATION.

Finance Director Garcia reviewed the amount of eligible personnel for the retainer program and who would be eligible going forward if they met the requirements. Deputy Police Chief Morningstar noted the officer has a positive attitude with the changes and that there are expected additions to the force from other departments. Finance Director Garcia noted training costs and costs of training through an academy.

B. ANNEX HOUSING PILOT AGREEMENT DISCUSSION.

City Attorney Eberle along with City Assessor Johnson informed the committee that the Annex point person is no longer working for the company and another representative will be working with the city. He noted the deadline for Annex is October 12; however, they could get an extension if several items were set by then. He explained there could be a burden to the city regarding services. They noted the amount of the PILOT and the difference in revenue to the City that would not be collected. The Committee discussed several points of the project expressing their concerns. By consensus all members were not in favor of moving forward with the TEFRA hearing.

MAYOR'S OFFICE/FINANCE DEPARTMENT:

A. POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT MILLAGE PROJECTIONS DISCUSSION.

Finance Director Garcia reviewed scenario 3(a) and 3(b) noting one is a proposed straight millage and the other option was with a staggered millage. The option was for a request for a proposed 2.6% mill. She noted the reduction from prior conversations is because of reduced staffing levels requested. This led into a discussion of what-ifs. City Assessor Johnson and City Treasurer Sheldon

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provided additional information pertinent to cost to homeowners. City Attorney Sluggett reviewed the next step if the city decides to move forward and when to place the question on the ballot noting much education would need to be done. The consensus is to move forward with the City Attorney's Office in formalizing the request.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 P.M.

Dan Kasunic
City Clerk

Robert Coughlin
Mayor Pro-Tem