

Special City Commission Workshop: Mini Budget May 24, 2022

Video of the meeting and agenda can be found [here](#):

Commissioners present: Mike Kolody, Randy Hartman, Jake Sachs, and Vice-Mayor Jason McGuirk. Mayor Russ Owen was absent. Vice-Mayor McGuirk ran the workshop.

Economic Development Director, Chris Edwards, gave a short [presentation](#). He covered the department and gave an overview of operations, grants, community resources, recent accomplishments, priorities, and the percentage of the FY 2021-22 budget expended as of the end of April. He then listed the following requests for the FY 2022-23 budget:

- Administrative Specialist II (FT): This will provide administrative support for both him and the Community Resource Coordinator. Cost \$45,919.
- Economic Development Plan: update the Economic Development Strategic Plan to include Resiliency and Performance Indicators, etc. Cost \$25,000.
- Update CRA Master Plan: Recommended by the Florida Redevelopment Assoc. every five years. The last update was seven years ago. Cost \$110,000
- Grant writer: requested for EPA Cleanup Grant Subsequent to \$600,000 Brownfield Assessment Grant. Cost \$5,000.
- Capital Outlay: New department vehicle as staff have been using their own vehicles for City business. Cost, \$33,000

Commissioners' comments/questions:

- Commissioner Sachs asked about the Update of the CRA's Master Plan, what do these costs cover and who would be hired to help with this? Mr. Edwards replied that our plan has old data. Statistical and quantitative analyses need to be done so we can move forward. We will utilize contractors.

Information Technologies: Mr. Thomas Farmer, the IT Director, gave the Information Technology gave a short [presentation](#) providing an overview of the department (420 computers, 245 landline phones and 155 cellphones). Recently enabled Starlink satellite internet at EOC which will keep us online during emergencies, updated both Wifi and the City Network at the Coronado Civic Center and Airport, and enabled new back up with cloud storage.

For FY 2022-23, some of the listed objectives are:

- 3rd Party Security Assessment
- Continue Reviewing and implementing Cybersecurity Best Practices
- Replace Cisco Desk Phones
- Plan Hardened Datacenter west of I-95

Keeping the seven staff positions, requests for FY 2022-23 are:

- Operating Multi-year subscription renewals Microsoft Server licensing
 - 3-year Barracuda Total Email Protection
 - 3-year StormWind Studios training
 - 2-year MS Office
- 365 E3 licensing Network Security Assessment by external auditor
- Desk Phone replacements
- Commission replacement equipment
- Training for staff added last FY

- Internet, Data Center and Phone costs moved to IT
- Redundant Internet connections
 - Full year of new secondary connection
 - Speed increase of existing connection

Commissioners' comments/questions:

- Commissioner Hartman asked about phone upgrades to which Mr. Farmer responded that only the handsets are outdated and no longer supported, so only they would be swapped out.
- Vice-Mayor McGuirk stated that the phone units were working fine, but since the handsets are no longer supported, that may cause a security risk. He also asked what the city was doing regarding security, so we aren't attacked and held hostage like other cities have been. Mr. Farmer responded that first, by having immutable back-up and putting our information into the cloud, our information is separated and will keep us from being "compromised" and held "hostage". The Vice-Mayor also asked what the west of I-95 Data Center was exactly with the response being, a site far from the intercoastal is needed should there be flooding. City data is currently housed at the police department.