

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**6:00 P.M.**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2024**  
**SCHIEFFELIN HALL**  
**(CORNER OF FREMONT AND FOURTH STREET)**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Dustin Escapule called the Special Council Meeting to order on Tuesday, May 28, 2024.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Mayor Dustin Escapule led the Common Council and the general public in a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **ROLL CALL**

Councilmember Colin Regan	Absent
Mayor Pro-Tem Bill Barlow	Absent
Councilmember Matt Faulk	Present
Councilmember Jim Newbauer	Present
Mayor Dustin Escapule	Present

Also, in attendance: Charissa Presti, Interim City Clerk  
Shelly Kazda, Interim Deputy City Clerk

*Mayor Escapule declares a Quorum.*

*Mayor Escapule announces that the Financial Consultant has chosen not to renew contract. All financial matters will be handled at City Hall by the City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk. He requests that everyone be patient as City Hall makes this transition.*

**I. BUDGET WORK SESSION – Presentation of the Draft for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget**

*City Clerk Charissa Presti and Deputy Clerk Shelly Kazda present the Draft Budget created by the Financial Consultant. As each department is presented the department head is available for questions or concerns.*

*Councilmember Faulk provides a list of questions to be answered at next budget work session.*

*Senior Center Manager Debbie Hankerd is concerned that not all revenue is being reported accurately in the budget. Deputy Clerk Kazda lets her know that the YTD is only through April 18 and does not include May and June. A new report will be ran and further discussions will occur to explain any other discrepancies and misunderstandings of how the number read.*

*During the Sanitation section of the agenda, a discussion occurred on the cost of collecting vs. the amount received from Waste Management for the cardboard. We are paying more to collect the cardboard three days a week, than what we receive. Also, an audit of trash cans must be done, as we are paying for more trash cans than are being used. The current contract was made prior to Mayor Escapule taking office and will be reexamined at the time of expiration, per Deputy Clerk Kazda it could be as early as 2026.*

*Mayor Escapule announced that we are on the final list of 15 candidates eligible for a \$998,000 grant to upgrade the Waste Water Treatment plant.*

*Fire Chief explains that the cost of SEACOM is not just for the Marshal's Department, but SEACOM is also used to dispatch the Fire Department.*

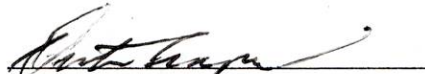
*There was a discussion on the errors within the report that was provided by the Financial Consultant. The city secretary is working on creating a new format in Excell as the city only received a PDF format. The new format will be easier to read and understand and all errors that were brought to the administration's attention will be fixed. The new format will allow for easier inputting of changes. The council will be presented with the new format by the next meeting.*

*City Clerk asks if the council will like an extra work session and it was determined to have one on June 4, 2024 following the Home Rule Public Hearing.*

*Ruben Villa will not be attending the budget work sessions or public hearing, nor will he be attending the public hearings on Home Rule. This was Ruben's decision following the notice of non-renewal of contract. Ruben's contract ends on June 30, 2024.*

**IV. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**MOTION** by Mayor Pro-Tem Barlow, **SECOND** by Councilmember Faulk, to adjourn The Special Council Meeting for Tuesday, May 28, 2024.

  
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Dustin Escapule, Mayor

  
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Charissa Presti, Interim, City Clerk