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**HIGH SPRINGS
CITY COMMISSION BUDGET WORKSHOP
JANUARY 11, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Weitz called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL CITY COMMISSION:

Mayor Katherine Weitz – Present
Vice Mayor Tristan Grunder – Present
Commissioner Andrew Miller- Present
Commissioner Byran Williams- Present

STAFF PRESENT:

Ashley Stathatos, City Manager
Angela Stone, City Clerk
Jami Echeverri, Assistant City Clerk
Antoine Sheppard, Police Chief
Kevin Mangan, PIO
Alan Alligood, Building Official
Thomas Henry, Public Works Director
Andy Burkhalter, Deputy Fire Chief
Kristyn Adkins, Planning Technician
Chris Barnes, Codes Enforcement Officer

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation by: Commissioner Byran Williams

Pledge of Allegiance

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Update on the fiscal Year 2023/2024 budget.

City Manager Stathatos gave an explanation of the different departments that would be discussed and the reason for focusing on those departments.

Police Department

Chief Antoine Sheppherd gave an explanation and update of the Police Department's current budget status and any budget cuts he felt he could make as well as why certain budgets are still vital to remain as they are.

Fire Department:

Deputy Chief Andy Burkhalter gave an explanation and update of the Fire Department's current budget status and any budget cuts he felt he could make as well as why certain budgets are still vital to remain as they are.

Mayor Weitz questioned how often the Fire-boat is currently being used and does he know the total operational cost of it. She believes this could be an opportunity to cut costs. Additionally she asked are the current SUVs all in use and necessary at this time.

DC Burkhalter advised that as of now it has not been deployed so far yet this year, but has been placed on "call out" twice. He is unaware of the total operation costs at this exact time. Deputy Chief Burkhalter advised yes that current staffing and operations make them necessary.

Public Works:

Water: Mr. Thomas Henry gave an explanation and update of the Water Department's current budget status and any budget cuts he felt he could make as well as why certain budgets are still vital to remain as they are.

Sewer: Mr. Thomas Henry gave an explanation and update of the Sewer Department's current budget status and any budget cuts he felt he could make as well as why certain budgets are still vital to remain as they are.

Streets: Mr. Thomas Henry gave an explanation and update of the Streets Department's current budget status and any budget cuts he felt he could make as well as why certain budgets are still vital to remain as they are.

IT Budget:

Eric May with Emerald Data gave an update of savings he was able to work out for the City as well as an update of the necessary expenses and operations.

Commissioner Miller Motion to adjourn.
Mayor Weitz adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.