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**HIGH SPRINGS  
CITY COMMISSION BUDGET WORKSHOP  
APRIL 11, 2024 5:30 PM**

**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 Wayne Bloodsworth - Present  
Commissioner Andrew Miller- Present  
Commissioner Byran Williams- Present

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Jeremy, 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  
Kristyn Adkins, Planning Technician  
Mike Vogel, Interim Fire Chief

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Invocation by: Commissioner Byran Williams

Pledge of Allegiance

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**Budget update on capital spending, and funding sources, and begin discussion on operating budgets.**

Staff Wilson gave a presentation and overview on the status of the budgets for Capital Funding Sources,

Vice Mayor Grunder expressed concerns for using ARPA funds for re-occurring expenses and would like to research and discuss this further.

Mayor Weitz discussed potential costs and changes to the WW Treatment plant and wetlands and if funds could be reallocated if needed to improve them.

The City Clerk's Budget was discussed and reviewed. The budget is slightly over-expensed due to an additional Election not planned for but was overall in good standing.

The Fire Department budget was discussed and is doing well. They have decreased personnel costs as well as limited spending where possible.

Water and Wastewater capital budgets were discussed and are currently below projected budgeted expenses. Repair and Maintenance & Grinder Pump repair line item budgets are over-budget.

Mayor Weitz asked could the boat at the fire department be sold. Staff Wilson and interim Fire Chief Vogel advised that yes it potentially could be.

Commissioner Miller questioned could the city revisit certain fees and projects to discuss.

Public comment:

Rick Testa – as a taxpayer, he would like to see the fire equipment, new paging system, and apparatus re-evaluated to see if they could be sold to lower costs.

Interim Fire Chief Vogel – explained the process and procedure for utilizing the special equipment at the fire department specifically the “heavy rescue” apparatus and how he lowered its matrix down to a “squad” rather than the heavy rescue designation that was more costly in both time and training. He advised it is a very costly apparatus and understands the citizens concerns.

City Manager Marshall – advised he would be meeting with Interim Chief Vogel to discuss a transition plan as well as how to approach planning with the new Fire Chief who will be arriving soon.

**Vice Mayor Grunder Motion to adjourn.**

**Mayor Weitz adjourned the meeting at 6:27pm.**