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**HIGH SPRINGS
CITY COMMISSION BUDGET WORKSHOP
APRIL 25, 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 (arrived at 5:27pm)
Commissioner Wayne Bloodsworth - Present
Commissioner Andrew Miller- Present
Commissioner Byran Williams- Present

STAFF PRESENT:

Angela Stone, City Clerk
Jami Echeverri, Assistant City Clerk
Antoine Sheppard, Police Chief
Ashley Mauldin, Executive Assistant
Alan Alligood, Building Official
Jason Kytte, Interim Public Works Director
Kristyn Adkins, Planning Technician

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation by: Mr. Henry Zmunda

Pledge of Allegiance

BUSINESS ITEMS:

UPDATE ON FY24 GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET

Finance Director Wilson gave an update on the various departments' general fund accounts.

Commissioner Miller questioned where the cost of the civic center improvements came from. Staff Wilson advised that it was a Parks and Recreation expense from their fund. The security

glass for the downstairs Utility Billing customer service window was an unplanned expense that had to be replaced due to safety concerns and was an unexpected cost from Facilities.

Commissioner Miller asked could a Parks and Recreation director be acquired via contract rather than hiring to save on salary and benefits.

Staff Wilson advised that could be a possibility and would be up to the City Manager.

Mayor Weitz inquired about a project the attorneys were working with former City Manager Stathatos regarding foreclosed properties with unpaid taxes and could those properties be acquired to be sold to offset some costs.

Staff Wilson advised she was unaware of where in the process that project lie but it would be an option for the current City Manager to research.

Commissioner Miller questioned if we were on track for the Audit report.

Staff Wilson advised that we were behind schedule due to a 3-month staffing absence.

Commissioner Miller asked when the Catherine Taylor Park would be complete and available for rent.

Interim Public Works director Kytile advised it was very close, windows doors and paint were all complete and the project was going well. He advised staff was also obtaining bids for the parking lot as it wasn't included in the original project quote.

Mayor Weitz asked could Wild Spaces public places funds be used for the parking lot.

Staff Wilson advised yes that is a possibility.

Commissioner Bloodsworth asked what was the status on the Canoe Outpost property.

Building Official Alligood advised that at this time it was not in use at this time.

Vice Mayor Grunder stated he would like to close the gates for safety concerns. He would like to see a plan for this facility at some time in the future.

Vice Mayor Grunder Motion to adjourn.

Mayor Weitz adjourned the meeting at 6:06pm.