

City of Melbourne
Budget Workshop
February 26, 2023
6:00 Rec Center

Melbourne City Council was scheduled to meet for budget workshop session on February 26, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the Melbourne Rec Center. Council members present were Gary Fricke and Beth and Beth Smith. The other 3 members were on a fire call. Also present were Mayor Mansager and City Clerk Mary Pothast. It was decided to wait until the other members arrived to start the meeting. Fricke was called out to a First Responder call. At 7 pm, Fricke, Opperman and Bracy joined the group and the meeting was called to order. Motion to approve the agenda by Smith, 2nd by Fricke, all ayes.

The personnel committee of Fricke and Smith had met with PW employees and clerk on the 22nd to discuss wages and employment. There was some discussion. A wage resolution will be presented at a future meeting. Pothast stated she left the wages as they were in the current budget and added to them to obtain the budget expense figures she came up with. There should be enough to accommodate any raises or budget could be amended in the next fiscal year if needed for any unanticipated changes.

Pothast went over several different levy rate options from 1.86% increase in dollars requested to 11% increase. Consensus was that with the projects we have upcoming, that somewhere between the 4% figure (\$9242 increase in total dollars requested) and 8.3% increase (\$19,138) were most viable. Pothast suggested she run a figures for 6%, which would be a median amount for them to consider. City accounting is fund accounting, which means that each “fund” for example, general fund (fire, library, parks, etc.), streets, water, sewer, etc. has its own “pot” of money that can only be used for that particular area. It is legally how the city must conduct business.

Council will meet Wednesday morning, February 28 at 7:30 am at City Hall to vote on the levy rate. Figures are to be submitted to the state on Friday so the County can get letters out to residents March 20.

Motion to adjourn by Opperman, 2nd by Bracy. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

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