

**HOPKINS CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION PROCEEDINGS  
JULY 12, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a work session of the Hopkins City Council was held on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 1010 1<sup>st</sup> Street South.

Mayor Hanlon called the meeting to order with Council Members Balan, Beck, Garrido and Hunke attending. Others attending included City Manager Mornson, Assistant City Manager Lenz, City Clerk Domeier, Finance Director Bishop, Fire Chief Specken and Public Works Director Stanley.

**2023 General Fund Budget and Tax Levy; Bishop**

Finance Director Bishop presented the 2023 General Fund Budget, Tax Levy and General Fund Budget Surplus as outlined in the staff memorandum.

Council Member Beck requested more information on the 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue South street light project. Director of Public Works Stanley explained the lighting project upgrades and future pedestrian upgrades.

Mayor Hanlon acknowledged that expenditures have kept in line with inflation.

Council Member Balan requested more information on the Fire Command Officer. Fire Chief Specken provided information about the position. Council Member Hunke questioned the SAFER grant. Mr. Specken also explained the grant application process and potential outcomes. Mayor Hanlon asked Mr. Specken to explain the need for the staffing study. Mr. Specken shared the planning required with the current call loads, projected growth and challenges with finding paid on call firefighters. The study will include cost recovery models.

Mayor Hanlon questioned the ARPA fund balance. Mr. Bishop estimated about \$415,000 and explained it can be used for any government purpose. Mayor Hanlon supported using ARPA funds towards existing projects.

Council Member Hunke supported the building inspector position. Mayor Hanlon questioned the cost recovery being reviewed in the fall. Assistant City Manager Lenz stated that staff is reviewing fees and will be presenting amended fees this fall.

Council Member Balan encouraged staff to find opportunities to further lower the budget. Council Member Beck stated with the current condition of economy and other factors there may be some community pushback. He also supported using the ARPA funds towards existing projects or reducing the art center deficit. Mayor Hanlon acknowledged the improvement in the proposed levy and also encouraged staff to find opportunities to further lower the budget. Ms. Lenz noted that the one time expenditures are being paid for out of the reserves.

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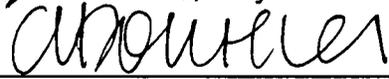
**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Hanlon adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amy Domeier, City Clerk

ATTEST:

  
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Patrick Hanlon, Mayor

  
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Amy Domeier, City Clerk