

City Council
February 8, 2024
2:30 pm

The Atlantic City Council met in workshop session in the Council Chambers at City Hall with Mayor Garrett presiding. Upon roll call, the following were present: Mayor Garrett, Ward 1 Council Kennedy, Ward 2 Council Behrens, Ward 3 Council McDermott, Ward 4 Council Sarsfield, Ward 5 Council Halder, At Large Council Brink, At Large Council Otte, City Administrator Lund, City Clerk Barrick. Absent: None.

Motion by Brink; second by Halder to approve agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sequence of Budget Decisions. City Administrator Lund noted there were a lot of tough budget decisions to make this year. He would like the budget process to be more collaborative and communicative. The big budget item is how to pay for ambulance services. He is going to try to have the union negotiations done in 2-3 weeks. Lund then outline the budget and CIP planning process.

Ambulance Funding Options. Several options were outlined as Lund felt the Council needed to have more than one option to choose from. After a lengthy discussion regarding options and future ambulance funding, consensus of the council was to declare a utility surplus to fund the FY2025 ambulance service as this will not impact the property tax asking.

Local Option Sales Tax – LOST Progress. Lund outlined the various programs that LOST Progress currently funds and Council discussed what the city's priorities were. Lund also advised that he had received information about a city coalition; council discussed and would like more information before making any decisions.

Local Option Sales Tax- LOST Streets Funds. A summary of the proposed West 22nd Street project was given by Lund.

Budget meetings were scheduled for February 15th @ 3:00 and February 22nd @ 3:00.

Motion by McDermott; second by Halder to adjourn at 4:12 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Grace N. Garrett, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Barb Barrick, City Clerk