

Council Chambers
Municipal Building
June 6, 2017

The McAlester City Council met in a Special session on Tuesday, June 6, 2017, at 5:30 P.M. after proper notice and agenda was posted, June 5, 2017, at 10:33 A.M.

Call to Order

Mayor Browne called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Council Roll Call was as follows:

Present: Weldon Smith, Cully Stevens, Travis Read, Robert Karr, Buddy Garvin & John Browne
Absent: Jason Barnett
Presiding: John Browne, Mayor

Staff Present: Peter J. Stasiak, City Manager; Toni Ervin, CFO and Cora Middleton, City Clerk

A motion was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Garvin to open a Public Hearing to address the proposed fiscal year 2017/2018 Annual Operating Budget. There was no discussion, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Smith, Garvin, Stevens, Read, Karr & Mayor Browne
NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried and the Public Hearing was opened at 5:31 P.M.

Public Hearing

All persons interested in any ordinance listed under Scheduled Business shall have an opportunity to be heard in accordance with Article 2, Section 2.12(b) of the City Charter.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY OF MCALESTER PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET.

There were no comments, and a motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Councilman Smith. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Karr, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Smith, Karr, Stevens, Read, Garvin & Mayor Browne
NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried and the Public Hearing was closed at 5:31 P.M.

Scheduled Business

WORKSHOP

1. Discussion of Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Budget.

Manager Stasiak addressed the Council furnishing them an overview of the proposed fiscal year 2017/2018 Operating Budget. He explained the proposed Budget maintained the core competencies provided by the City and maintained the personnel both full-time and part-time with no reductions. He stated that it maintained the benefits including pension. He added that this year the pension would be funded at the actuarial amount of \$450,000.00. He commented that the budget also funded all outside agencies at the FY 2016/2017 levels. Manager Stasiak reviewed the number of employees in the coming year's budget and the proposed changes to various departments. He then turned the proposed budget review over to CFO Ervin.

CFO Ervin addressed the Council explained that included in the packet were the three (3) funds that had been changed since the initial presentation. She explained the changes that had been made to the Employee Retirement Fund, the Bond Trustee Fund and the MPWA Fund.

Manager Stasiak asked CFO Ervin the amount of the projected shortfall for the Dedicated Sales Tax for FY 2017-2018. CFO Ervin commented that it was \$425, 589.00.

Manager Stasiak explained that when the City had previously refinanced the Bonds the Sales Tax had been projected at a 1% annual increase but this year the projection was for a 2.5% decrease.

There was a brief discussion concerning the projected sales tax decrease and a liability that had ended the previous year.

There were no questions or comments from the Audit & Finance Advisory Committee members that were in attendance.

There was no vote on this item.

A motion was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Read to recess the Special Meeting for an Executive Session in accordance with Title 25, Section 307.B.3 and C.9, for the purpose of conferring on matters pertaining to Economic Development, including transfer or purchase of real property and discussion of option to purchase real property. There was no discussion, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Smith, Read, Karr, Garvin, Stevens & Mayor Browne

NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried, and the Special Meeting was recessed at 5:43 P.M.

Executive Session

Recess into Executive Session in compliance with Section Title 25 Section 307 B.3 & C.9 et.seq. Oklahoma Statutes, to wit:

- Consider and Act to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of conferring on matters pertaining to Economic Development, including transfer or purchase of real property and discussion of option to purchase real property per Title 25 Oklahoma Statute Sec. 307 B(3) & C(9).

Reconvene into Open Session

The Special Meeting was reconvened at 6:35 P.M. Mayor Browne reported that the Council had recessed the Special Meeting for an Executive Session in accordance with Title 25, Section 307.B.3 and C.9, for the purpose of conferring on matters pertaining to Economic Development, including transfer or purchase of real property and discussion of option to purchase real property. Only that matter was discussed, no action was taken, and the Council returned to open session at 6:35 P.M., and this constituted the Minutes of the Executive Session.

- Consideration and possible action to approve the City purchasing or entering into a contract for options to purchase real property through Economic Development

Councilman Read moved to exercise the 180 day Option to Purchase property at 14th Street and Highway 69 Bypass for \$600,000.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Garvin.

There was no discussion, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Read, Garvin, Karr, Smith & Mayor Browne

NAY: Councilman Stevens

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilman Smith moved for the meeting to be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stevens.

There was no discussion, and the vote was taken as follows:

AYE: Councilman Smith, Stevens, Garvin, Read, Karr & Mayor Browne

NAY: None

Mayor Browne declared the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 P.M.

ATTEST:

John Browne, Mayor

Cora Middleton, City Clerk