**Regular Meeting Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 11:26 AM.

**Roll Call**

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| Teri Murphy | Mayor | Present |
| Donald Burchett | At-Large | Present |
| Ora Allen | At-Large | Present |
| Mike Daugherty | Ward 1 | Arrived 11:30AM |
| Dave Miller | Ward 2 | Present |
| Shirley Whitt | Ward 3 | Present |
| Jeanette Marcus | Ward 4 | Present |

City Manager Michael Davis reported Mr. Daugherty will be arriving late.

Mrs. Allen moved to excuse Mr. Daugherty's absence.

**RESULT:** Passed *(Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0)*
**MOVER:** None
**AYES:** Teri Murphy, Ora Allen, Dave Miller, Shirley Whitt, Jeanette Marcus, Donald Burchett
**NAYS:** None
**ABSTAIN:** None

**Business**

**2026 Budget Discussion**

Finance Director Annetta Williams provided a PowerPoint presentation to Council. She reviewed appropriations that were recently passed and that are upcoming. She recapped the 2025 Budget highlights. She reported the total revenue estimate for 2025 is $49.6 million and reviewed 2025 expenses.

Mr. Daugherty joined the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Mrs. Williams also reviewed the 2026 revenue projection for all funds of $55.6 million. She noted the income tax is projected to be down by $462,000.00 due to the loss of DMAX in 2026. She indicated that income tax provides 48 percent of the City's revenue. She summarized the General Fund expenses and explained transfers from the General Fund that go into other funds such as the Street Fund, Parks Fund, etc., to subsidize department operations. She noted those funds have a limited source of revenue, if any at all. She said personnel is the City's most valuable resource but is also 72 percent of the budget. Mrs. Williams and Mr. Davis discussed levies, the Fire and Police Pension Funds and the five-year Capital Improvement Plan.

Mr. Davis remarked that a lot of the asks on the CIP are wish lists and what Council will be approving today to move forward is not all the items for 2027-2030. He said a harder look will be taken later to see what projects can be addressed. A Capital Projects summary comparing 2025 and 2026 was presented to Council.

Mr. Davis discussed with Council the possibility of changes to TIF funding for West Carrollton Schools.

The following departmental funds and expenses were discussed.

Building Maintenance

- In addition to the listed project requests, the department is requesting an additional part-time position. The Table of Organization (TO) currently allows for two positions, and one position would need to be added to the TO.
- The Police Division has requested additional fencing and gates for security measures which will be funded through the Facilities budget, a training facility to share with Fire, and a pull-through carport. Mr. Davis reviewed the plans with Council.
- Deputy Chief Jason Neubauer was contacted who explained security concerns and the request for an inside training facility,
- Building Maintenance Supervisor Rocky Bangert was contacted to answer questions regarding requests for replacements and repairs throughout City departments and City facilities.

The meeting recessed at 12:49 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

City Manager

- There is an increase in some of the Human Resources service costs due to it becoming its own department and needing a little more than what was originally budgeted.
- Council asked questions regarding the City Law Director's billing, expenses and rates. Mr. Davis said he will look into the contract and provide information to Council at a future date.
- Executive Assistant Kim Wallace was contacted to provide information regarding waste collection through the City of Dayton.
- Benefits of MVCC aggregation for street lighting were discussed.

Council/Clerk of Council

- There are budget increases due to City Council member pay increases and general operational expenses due to new membership with the National League of Cities.
- The Clerk of Council budget showed a cost decrease in insurance, and there was a large decrease in Merit System testing expenses.

Clerk of Courts

- Mayor Murphy discussed the possibility of raising court costs. Mr. Davis indicated the Law Director is looking into options.
- There was an increase in healthcare and printing expenses. Furniture expenses from the building renovation were taken from the 2025 budget.
- Computer software expenses were discussed.

Community Development

- The department is requesting one additional part-time position for a Community Development Assistant which will help with the workload. This was originally discussed during the Council Retreat.
- The department will finish under budget for 2025 due to the unfilled Director position.
- Minor increases for contractual services and maintenance agreements were discussed.
- TIFs were briefly discussed along with future infrastructure projects.
- The Moraine Home Improvement Fund and possible future programs vs. ending the

Fund was talked about; funds remain in the account.
- Various funds and projects were reviewed.
- The Engineering Department's Capital Improvement projects, budgets, projects, and grant monies were discussed at length.

Finance

- Mrs. Williams discussed several retirements coming up within the next year or two. Due to the retirements, training overlaps were budgeted.
- A full-time clerk position was requested to replace the part-time position that has not been filled. This position would concentrate on non-filers and unpaid taxes.
- Funds for Parks and Recreation and City logos redesign, the 1016 account and various other funds, expenses, and accounts were discussed.
- The healthcare plan and possible modifications to the plan were considered.
- There was discussion regarding hypothetical lawsuits and the Insurance Reserve Fund.

Fire

- Mrs. Williams reported budget increases in staffing for overtime wages and the addition of two positions. Mr. Davis requested that another part-time position be added. He predicted a reduction in training costs and overtime in 2027.
- The Capital Improvement Plan, Funding and Grants were explained to Council.

Information Technology

- Mr. Davis explained the necessary increase in expenses due to Cybersecurity training, software updates, server supplies, parts, and maintenance of equipment and computer and server replacements.

Parks and Recreation

- There is an increase in services for electric and a decrease in licenses, permits and recreational supplies through the Civic Center Department.
- The only increase in the Payne Recreation Center was in personnel.
- Operating expenses increased in 2025 at the Payne Recreation Center due to Administrative Staff moving in from the Municipal Building.
- Capital Fund projects and costs were reviewed.
- The purchase of restrooms was discussed; Mr. Davis said he will look into options and possibly add the purchase to the Building Maintenance budget.

Police

- Personnel costs are increased due to healthcare costs and retirement overlap hires.
- The budget and need for an off-road utility vehicle and various equipment was explained.
- Various Capital Fund projects and costs were reviewed.
- There is an increase in the budget for TCSU shared equip-crime scene scanner and a GPS Pursuit Management System and future operating costs.

Street

- The Street Department has requested an additional part-time position; after Council debate, Mr. Davis will confirm if the position is seasonal or permanent.
- The various funds and projects were reviewed and included vehicle and equipment purchases.

**Voice Vote**

Mr. Davis said he and Mrs. Williams will follow up with Council regarding the discussions and changes made during budget review. He asked for a vote to move this budget forward for legislation in November.

Ms. Marcus moved to approve the preparation of legislation approving the budget.

**RESULT:** Passed *(Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0)*
**MOVER:** Jeanette Marcus
**AYES:** Teri Murphy, Ora Allen, Mike Daugherty, Dave Miller, Shirley Whitt, Jeanette Marcus, Donald Burchett
**NAYS:** None
**ABSTAIN:** None

Mayor Murphy confirmed with Mr. Davis that this item will go forward to the Regular Council meeting and Mrs. Williams will make the suggested changes.

**Any Other Business - None**

**Executive Session - None**

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 5:03 PM.

Mayor Teri Murphy

Karen Powell

ATTEST: Clerk of Council, Karen Powell