

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 21, 2020

*NOTE: Due to COVID-19, this meeting was held virtually (via ZOOM),
and was live streamed on the City's website*

Mayor Casavant called the Budget Committee to order at 5:48 p.m.

Roll Call: William Emhiser, John McCurry, Jr., Stephen St. Cyr, Robert Quattrone, Jr., Amy Clearwater, Michael Ready, Marc Lessard

Norman Belanger and Doris Ortiz were excused.

Discussion: FY21 TIF Budget

City Manager, Jim Bennett gave an overview of the TIF Fund. He explained that this ideally should have been reviewed and approved during the budget process; however, Staff needed more time to gather and present the most current information.

Councilor McCurry asked if it would be possible to use TIF funds to hire a Codes Officer, hired specifically for the downtown area due to all the new development. Jim explained that assuming the Council approves the TIF Fund at tonight's Council Meeting, a number of projects can be looked at to see if they meet the requirements for TIF spending. This could also include more pedestrian lights in the downtown.

Councilor St. Cyr asked if road and sidewalk improvements, as well as stormwater improvements would qualify for TIF funds. Jim answered that road and sidewalk improvements would definitely qualify, but he would have to look into whether stormwater projects would qualify.

Councilor Clearwater asked if the Council could be provided with a list of items that do qualify under TIF spending. Jim will get this information out to the Council.

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Lessard to adjourn.

Vote: Unanimous.

Time: 6:02 p.m.