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# Council Work Session June 19, 2023

**DATE AND TIME:** Monday, June 19, 2023, 04:00 PM

## **Members Present:**

Mayor Mike Fuesser  
Mayor Pro Tem Ed Brown  
Councilmember Marion Ramsey  
Councilmember Stephanie Jarrett (virtual)

Councilmember Charles Brewer  
Councilmember Kellie Harrold  
Councilmember Matt Hickey

## **Staff Present:**

City Manager Dalton Pierce  
Municipal Clerk Amy Craig  
Finance Director Jeff Wilkins  
Police Chief Brian Trail  
Fire Chief Mike Regal  
Utilities Director Ben Wright

Human Resources Director Sarah Ramirez  
Community Engagement Director Becky Mestas  
Planning Director David Breakfield  
Public Works Director Chris Wallace  
Parks & Rec Director Chris White  
Police Captain Gary Messer

## **Participants:**

## **Others Present:**

(See Sign-in Sheet)

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### **1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Mike Fuesser

- Mayor Pro Tem called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm

### **2. PRAYER**

Mayor Pro Tem Ed Brown

### **3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Mike Fuesser

### **4. PRESENTATIONS**

#### **4.1. FY23-24 Budget Workshop #1**

City Manager Dalton Pierce provided an overview of the preliminary budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The preliminary budget is based off meetings with the management team and trying to align the budget with the initiatives set out in the Strategic Plan, which are to support resilient infrastructure, economic development, efficient and effective government, a dynamic community, enhance facilities, and current staff. A discussion took place about Rock Hill's water rates increasing, which will affect City of York's rates to match.

#### **4.2 Organizational Changes/Improvements**

Human Resources Director Sarah Ramirez proposed changes in April, and she gave a recap of the changes that she would like to see take effect by December 31, 2023. Those changes include an increase in pay to retain employees, extra holidays to include floating holidays, increase tiered accrual rates, and handbook revisions. Council mentioned an effective date of October 1 for the changes to be installed and requested that any changes made to the handbook be redlined. Any changes made will be sent to the MASC labor attorney for review.

#### **4.3 Hospitality and Accommodations Tax**

Community Engagement Director Becky Mestas outlined her recommendations and suggestions for the Special Event Permit process and Hospitality and Accommodations Tax Grant procedures. A question was raised by Council about signatures being necessary for certain events, such as block

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parties in neighborhoods due to residents potentially being opposed to road closures in their neighborhood. Becky stated that she could reword the section on signatures for road closures.

## 4.4 Pennies or Progress 5

Utilities Director Ben Wright provided a detailed overview of areas that he and Public Works Director Chris Wallace put together to demonstrate throughout the city that are in need of repair. The repairs include necessary improvements, resurfacing, widening, and sidewalks. He requested that Council assist him in prioritizing the order of importance for the repairs in preparation of the June 21, 2023, meeting with the Pennies for Progress Commission. Council suggested that Ben prioritize the needs as he deems necessary and present everything to the Pennies for Progress Commission exactly how he presented it to Council. Also, Council requested that Ben notate bike lanes for widening roads in his presentation to the Pennies for Progress Commission.

## 5. DISCUSSION

### 5.1. Moratorium Extension Ordinance 23-687 Update

Recently, Council was provided the Planning Commission report that included analysis and recommendations regarding Comprehensive Plan updates, desired growth parameters and development standards. Planning Director David Breakfield provided a summary of the Planning Commission report that was result of a recent moratorium on certain types of residential development. Since the City has experienced unprecedented growth and all evidence suggests that trend will continue in the future, the consideration and ultimate implementation of such standards/requirements is vitally important to the City. Council members expressed some thoughts regarding the report and discussion will continue at upcoming meetings and workshops. In particular, it was noted that, at this point, the proposed 500-lot yearly subdivision limitation is a guideline and not a requirement by ordinance.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

### 6.1 Webpage Host Update

City Manager Pierce stated that our current webpage is outdated, and Municipal Clerk Amy Craig has been obtaining quotes from other webpage hosts. The company more compatible for the City of York, due to the cost and congruency with other programs the City uses, is CivicPlus. The funds for the new webpage will come from the Hospitality Taxes and the setup will take approximately five months.

## 7. ADJOURN

Councilmember Hickey made a Motion to Exit the Work Session and Enter into Special Called, which was Seconded by Councilmember Brewer. With no Discussion, the Motion was passed unanimously. The meeting Adjourned at 6:37pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amy Craig  
Municipal Clerk