

**Council Room Borough of Neptune City
May 2, 2019**

The Council Budget Workshop Meeting of the Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor Brown at 7:00 p.m.

Deputy Borough Clerk Russell took roll call.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Renee, Wardell, Kocsis, Lewis, Calhoun and Mayor Brown

ABSENT: Councilmember Zajack.

Mayor Brown announced that the Notice Requirements of Chapter 231 P.L. 1975 have been satisfied by the publication of said notice in the Asbury Park Press, and the Coaster and by filing a copy with the Deputy Municipal Clerk.

Mayor Brown invited all to stand for the Flag Salute.

Mayor Brown explained the budget process.

PRESENTATIONS-

The Mayor invited Mr. Antonides to explain where we are with the budget.

Mr. Antonides explained that we had two items with revenue losses from last year, one of them being the court. The court is down 16%; \$38,272.00. The other department is the Construction Office which is down 40%. The other negative is State Tax Appeals.

Changes in the Budget this year are the Police salaries and wages have been separated from the Crossing Guards and clerical staff. There are some added Grants, The Body Armor is not in here but will be and Recycling will be added prior to the final Budget.

Some positives in this Budget, the Police Department is flat. The amount to be raised by taxes will be the same as last year. All debits continue to be in house. Fund balance is stable. The Capital Budget is a plan, you need to pass an ordinance to be able to spend it.

There was discussion back and forth about \$40,000.00 for a Master Plan Review or Redevelopment Plan for the property at 120 Third Ave.

C/Renee asked if they payment in lieu of taxes if that was Key East Commons. Mr. Antonides stated no, it was the Housing Authority.

The Mayor has a question about something that was put in this Budget. There is a Discretionary Capital Budget for \$20,000 a year for 5 years, what is this for. C/Lewis explained that it would be set aside and any person living in town ages 14-adult could come forward to the Council, C/Calhoun explained more that Freehold Borough does this, and they get matching grants where anyone over 14 can come forward with a project to do in the town. This money plus the grant money would be what is used to fund it.

There was continued discussion back and forth on this topic.

C/Calhoun talked about a request from the First Aid squad and they need help to get the Ambulance back on the road. Mr. Antonides stated since it was still being discussed, it was not put into the Budget yet.

There was some discussion on this.

ADJOURN 8:19 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by C/Renee. Seconded by C/Lewis.

Approved unanimously by roll call