

TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND

Town Council Budget Workshop

August 11, 2023

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MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mayor Gregg called the August 11, 2023, Town Council Budget Workshop to order at 1:00PM. Councilwoman Finke, Councilmen Goldstein and Kortvelesy, Town Administrator Joe Cronin, Building & Grounds Manager Robert Meyer, and Assistant Town Administrator Katharine Watkins participated in the meeting.

2. Items for Information/Discussion

- FY 2024 Budget Calendar

Town Administrator Cronin summarized the upcoming FY 2024 Budget Calendar and inquired when the next Budget Workshops would be best for members of Council. Council decided to have the next budget workshops to be on the following days:

- Budget Workshop #1 on October 13th at 1:00PM
 - Budget Workshop #2 on October 20th at 1:00PM
 - Budget Workshop #3 on October 26th at 1:00PM
- Review of Fund Balances as of December 31, 2022

Town Administrator Cronin summarized the fund balances as of December 31, 2022.

- Initial Revenue Projections for FY 2024

Town Administrator Cronin summarized the initial revenue projections for FY 2024 and recommendations for restructuring the coding of the budget going forward.

The council clarified how the change of the account numbers will affect the day-to-day operations and if the state has a suggestion for account numbers to be used for each fund.

The council inquired if this has been reviewed by the town's accountant to see if this works as well.

The council discussed the process for approving the recommendation of the use of State Accommodations Tax (ATAX) funds from the ATAX Advisory Committee.

- Discussion of Alternate Revenue Sources

Town Administrator Cronin summarized some potential alternate revenue sources for the council to consider.

- Review and Discussion of Priorities for FY 2024

Town Administrator Cronin summarized some of the staff priorities for FY 2024.

The council discussed what percentage to use when looking at a potential cost of living adjustment.

The council inquired when a proposed nuisance ordinance would be drafted and when it would be reviewed.

The council discussed the contract for beach patrol and costs associated with that contract.

The council discussed the priorities they would like to see in FY2024 budget.

- Discussion of Long-Term Capital and Facility Needs

The council discussed the costs related to the improvements and repaving of Seabrook Island Road and how to pay for the project.

3. Adjournment

Mayor Gregg adjourned the meeting at 3:16PM.

Date: August 11, 2023

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