



CITY OF LITHONIA
MINUTES–FINANCIAL BUDGET COMMITTEE VIRTUAL MEETING
Thursday, January 28, 2021 @ 3:00 PM

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Shameka S. Reynolds. A roll call was not recorded however all council members were present except for Diane Howard. City Accountant Keshaa McGurn and former City Accountant Craig Lymburner were present.

II. Discussion

a. Financial Budget Committee Meeting

City Accountant Keshaa McGurn provided a detailed overview of the \$51,000.00 budget overages for 2020: accounting, legal, maintenance and repairs, auto repair maintenance, liability insurance, and debt service. There is \$16,000.00 remaining to pay Georgia Power, \$165,000.00 remaining in the Covid-19 fund with some items that have not been entered. Chief Nathan Pollard made a request to include the purchase of vehicles in the budget and hiring more officers; Keshaa indicated that the money is not there.

Former City Accountant Craig Lymburner provided recommendations and an overview for 2020: missed revenue from movie filming and court, along with everything that Keshaa indicated accounted for the downward trend as the city has suffered. Recommending the city start looking at this as more of a business to control expenses. The last stimulus announcement did not include anything related to governmental although adjoining with other municipalities through the state could be an avenue, 40% of revenue comes in during the last four months of the year before you will see any significant changes, and on a good note property values are still appreciating with a likely increase down the road as well.

Councilwoman Inman wanted to know of anticipated revenues from Granite Crossing, Mayor Reynolds indicated that City Administrator Sands checked with the attorney and it will be years before the city receives any monies from Granite Crossing. Councilman Dodd asked for an update on the Denmark referral to search for franchise fees and would like to see the contract. Councilwoman Inman inquired about increasing the rate on background checks, Chief Pollard will have Cheryl Knowles run a report on the background check fees to determine if an increase is warranted.

Keshaa then inquired about next steps regarding the 2021 budget to finalize. Councilman Dodd indicated the 2020 budget was adopted and council will look at amending it mid-year. Keshaa will adjust some of the line items based on the existing discussions, provide an updated copy to Mayor and Council requesting feedback. Mayor Reynolds proposed having a finance committee meeting once per month and everyone agreed.

III. Executive Session (N/A)

IV. Adjournment

Mayor Shameka S. Reynolds adjourned the Financial Budget Committee Meeting at 4:21 PM.