

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT  
FISCAL YEAR 2017 BUDGET HEARING  
SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2016  
10:00A.M.**

**1. OPENING**

**1.1.1 Call to Order**

Councilmember President Simms called the meeting to order at 10:19a.m.

**1.1.2 Roll Call**

Present:, Councilmember Kelly Porter, Councilmember Elenora Simms, Councilmember Aretha Stephenson

Absent:

Mayor Eugene Grant, Councilmember Gerald R. Raynor, Sr., Councilmember Reveral Yeargin

Staff: Robert Ashton, Acting City Treasurer, Orson Carter, Assistant City Treasurer, Dashaun Lanham, City Clerk

**2. Meeting Topics**

**2.1.1. FY2017 Proposed Budget Hearing**

- City Council held the Budget Hearing Meeting in accordance to the City Charter and two residents were present.
- Robert Ashton, Acting City Administrator & City Treasurer explained from the Mayor's Transmittal Letter the expenditures and activity of the proposed budget for the City. Mr. Ashton informed the residents that the projections of the revenues are from the State Tax Assessment Office.
- Mr. Ashton explained the revenues for the City under the Taxes which totals \$2,966,289. If the categories are off it will make a difference in the expenditures.
- Mr. Ashton explained the Grants that the city has applied with notification from the prospective offices of forthcoming rewards.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:**

- Gloria Sistrunk-114 69th St., Seat Pleasant, MD-Ms. Sistrunk asked for an explanation on the Real Property and Personal Property Taxes. Ms. Sistrunk

inquired on the City Council Professional Development amount for the council to attend meetings and conferences. She feel that half of the council do not attend monthly council meetings. Councilmember Porter explained to Ms. Sistrunk regarding the professional development budget.

- Ms. Sistrunk stated that the Federal Government will not be providing a COLA this year and she has a concern regarding the COLA regardless of how small the amount.
- Mrs. Barbara Kennedy inquired on the Special Trash Pick-up in the revenue section of the budget. She wanted to know if the monies for the purchase of the trash receptacles are listed in another section of the budget.
- Mrs. Kennedy wanted to know if any of the staff position has been eliminated? Mr. Ashton stated that we have two reclassified positions in the Finance and Public Works departments.
- Mrs. Kennedy stated that she feel that the newsletter can be reduced from four pages to two pages when the months require it or re-evaluate the newsletter.
- Council President Simms stated that there will be changes to ensure the newsletter is more informative regarding services.
- Council President Simms stated that we do not have a job description for the Director of Community Services.
- Mrs. Kennedy stated that she thought the Administrative Assistant for Community Services will be phased out to just one position.
- Ms. Sistrunk stated that she's in agreement with the Public Works Department.
- Mrs. Kennedy stated that a lot of residents are upset regarding the promise of the carts that have not been delivered.

#### **4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**4.1.1. City Council Budget Review, Saturday, April 16, 2016, Council Chambers at 9:00am -5:00p.m.**

**4.1.2. Regular Work Session, Monday, May 2, 2016, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 6:00p.m.**

**4.1.3. Annual Seat Pleasant Day, Saturday, May 7, 2016, Parade at 11:00a.m., Goodwin Park from 12:00p.m.-5:00p.m.**

**4.1.4. Public Session, Monday, May 9, 2016, Council Chambers at 7:00p.m.**

The Budget hearing adjourned at 12:01p.m.

Submitted by,

*Dashaun N. Lanham*

Dashaun N. Lanham, CMC  
City Clerk

APPROVED 05/09/16