

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT  
FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET HEARING  
MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020  
6:00P.M.**

**1. OPENING**

**1.1.1 Call to Order**

Councilmember President Yeargin called the meeting to order at 6:04p.m.

**1.1.2 Roll Call**

Present: Mayor Eugene W. Grant, Councilmember Charl Jones, Councilmember Hope Love, Councilmember Lamar Maxwell, Councilmember Shireka McCarthy, Councilmember Kelly Porter, Councilmember Gloria Sistrunk, Councilmember Reveral Yeargin

Staff: Dashaun N. Lanham, City Clerk, Devan Martin, Acting Chief Operating Officer, Diamond Plater, Council Clerk

**2. Meeting Topics**

**2.1.1. FY2020-2021 Proposed Budget Hearing**

- Mayor Grant stated that we had submitted a budget with the reduction in revenues and primary reason is due to the COVID-19. The second case will impact our communities this coming fall.
- The protection services through Public Safety, Public Works The Economic Development, Public Engagement Budgets on page 11 we are looking at a 47% reduction in revenues.
- Mayor Grant stated that we are looking at the following percentage increase or decrease:
  - No change in license
  - violation 2.2%
  - investment income 0%
  - Donations 100% reduction
  - miscellaneous income
  - Bond Bill 100% Increase
  - USDA Project 2.5% reduction
  - Prior Year Reserves

- Prior Year Speed Camera
- Red Light
- Total Proposed Budget Amount of \$9,606,604
- Page 12 shows We have 76% decrease in the overall budget.
- We are taking a conservative approach to ensure that the primary services for the citizens are provided. We are feeling a pinch and we will be continuing to provide our primary services to the government.
- We are thankful to the Council for approving some of the services.
- Council President Yeargin thanked the Mayor and the Executive Staff for the work that they have done on the budget.
- Mayor Grant stated that the we do not know what the future will hold with regards to the market. The businesses are struggling, and people are losing their jobs. This is a hypothesis and the revenue could be better and the Executive will make a recommendation on how the revenue will be projected. We are making the recommendation on the seven strategic outcome or the COVID-19.
- Mayor Grant stated that these numbers are conservatives, and this is what we believe.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:**

- Keyana Simmons-Are there any projections in personal property taxes increasing?
- Mayor Grant stated that there are no proposed tax increases. Ms. Simmons inquired if the reduction in Public Safety will be in police services or law enforcement?
- Mr. Martin stated that there is 10% reductions and it does address public safety and the fire department. The numbers are coming from Capital Outlay, firearms, vehicle lease payments. The reductions are in capital outlay and the projects are either complete, or not being funded this year.
- Ms. Simmons stated that the police or fire department staff will not lose their jobs.
- Mayor Grant stated that we do not fund the volunteer fire department, but no police officers will be losing their position.
- Councilmember Sistrunk inquired of the contingency on Page 24.
- Mayor Grant stated that the number will change it was not included in the submission.
- Maurice Simpson-Inquired if there will be revenue for the infrastructure?

- Mayor Grant stated that we will not need to fund the infrastructure
- Mrs. Riley inquired on the data used to come up with the projections for the budget and when will you provide the actual? What she understands is that the data has been wrong in the previous years.
- Mayor Grant stated that the data was wrong due to the actual monies that has been received. The consideration has been taken into for COLA, Emergencies such as the COVID-19.
- Mrs. Riley stated that how do you conduct or run a government without using actual figures?
- Mayor Grant stated that we have used information we had received from the state regarding the reduction of 27% to the states. Each department has made sacrifices by reducing their expenditures.
- Mayor Grant stated that our core services will be provided.
- Council President Yeargin inquired of the Approved Budget numbers or FY2019-2020 and if the Mayor and Council are comfortable with the proposed budget numbers?

#### **4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**4.1 Constant Yield Hearing, Monday, April 13, 2020, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 6:30p.m.**

**4.2 FY2020-2021 Budget Hearing, Saturday, April 18, 2020, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers from 10:00am-11:30am**

**4.3 City Council Budget Review, Saturday, April 18, 2020, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers from 12:00p.m.-5:00p.m.**

**4.4 Ward V Monthly Meeting, Monday, April 20, 2020, Seat Pleasant Activity Center, 5720 Addison Rd., Seat Pleasant, MD from 9:30am-11:30a.m.**

**4.5 Regular Work Session, Monday, May 4, 2020, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers, 311 68th Pl., Seat Pleasant, MD at 6:00p.m.**

**4.6 Public Session, Monday, May 11, 2020, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers, 311 68th Pl., Seat Pleasant, MD at 7:00p.m.**

#### **Adjourn:**

The Budget hearing adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

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*Dashaun Lanham*

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Dashaun N. Lanham, CMC

City Clerk

APPROVED 06/08/2020