

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 22, 2019 6:30 P.M.
WORK SESSION
Council Chambers

PRESENT: The Honorable W. Eugene Hunt, Jr., Mayor
The Honorable Carey L. Freeman, Vice Mayor
The Honorable Herbert R. Green, Jr.
The Honorable Thomas J. Cannella II
The Honorable David A. Hux
The Honorable Charles M. Southall III

J. Randall Wheeler, City Manager
Evie Insley, City Clerk
D. Wayne Moore, City Attorney

Dr. Jennifer Parish, Superintendent, Poquoson Public Schools
Garry W. Carter Jr., School Board Member
Michelle B. Sheeler, School Board Member
Christina F. Helsel, School Board Member
Michael H. Troutman, School Board Member
Tonya O'Connell, Finance Director

ABSENT: The Honorable Jana D. Andrews

Mayor Hunt opened the work session at approximately 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

1. Joint Meeting with the School Board - Budget

Dr. Jennifer Parish, Superintendent of Poquoson City Schools presented Council with a brief overview of the School Board budget. One driving factor in the budget is the increase in health insurance cost. Although cost saving changes were initiated, the increase amounted to over \$150,000. A second factor in the budget is an increase athletic cost due to the school division moving down a classification which results into longer travel distance for athletic events. This increase will be supported by increasing athletic fees.

The School Board request of \$211,284 in additional local funding is reflected in the City Manager's proposed budget. The local funding would support two full time employees for new security vestibules at PPS and PHS and a 3% raise for the school division employees. The state budget funds support part of the state 5% raise over the biennium budget, however it only covers 67% of all PCPS position and 62% of cost of those positions and does not provide any funding for July and August of 2019. The City Manager's proposed budget would off-set the difference.

Dr. Parish then gave a brief update on the PMS modernization project. Architects met with faculty members and other key personnel to gain input into instructional and other needs for the future, and started design work. The Architects also oversaw the start of the field work at PMS. A community event will be held to allow anyone in Poquoson who would like to give input into the project. The community is also encouraged to go to the PMS Modernization Project website which is linked to the school division home page to see updates as the project moves forward. Dr. Parish thanked Council for the support provided to the school division.

2. FY2020 Annual Financial Plan

Finance Director, Tonya O'Connell advised Council of recommended changes to the FY 2020 Annual Financial Plan that was presented at the April 8, 2019 Work Session and they are as follows:

- \$3,325 decrease in anticipated support for total fringe benefits
- \$9,603 decrease in anticipated operating support for the Peninsula Regional Jail
- \$408 increase in anticipated support for Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
- \$12,520 increase in Transfer to Capital Project Fund to provide additional funding for the replacement of public safety equipment

Based on the changes for the General Fund, the total of the proposed budget remains at \$29,982,000. The net change to the Capital Project Fund is an increase of \$12,520. All other funds remain unchanged. The ordinance for the Budget Appropriation for the City of Poquoson for FY 2020 will be presented at the regular meeting of May 13, 2019 and will include these changes.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the work session was adjourned at approximately 6:52 p.m.