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MINUTES REGULAR MEETING June 17, 2021

A Regular Meeting was held by the Schertz City Council of the City of Schertz, Texas, on June 17, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Hal Baldwin Municipal Complex Council Chambers, 1400 Schertz Parkway, Building #4, Schertz, Texas. The following members present to-wit:

Present: Mayor Ralph Gutierrez; Mayor Pro-Tem Jill Whittaker; Councilmember Mark Davis; Councilmember Rosemary Scott; Councilmember Michael Dahle; Councilmember David Scagliola; Councilmember Allison Heyward; Councilmember Tim Brown

City Staff: City Manager Dr. Mark Browne; Assistant City Manager Brian James; Assistant City Manager Charles Kelm; City Secretary Brenda Dennis; Assistant to the City Manager Sarah Gonzalez; Finance Director James Walters; City Attorney Dan Santee; Economic Development Director Adrian Perez; EMS Director Jason Mabbitt; Director of Human Resources & Purchasing Jessica Kurz

Call to Order

Mayor Gutierrez called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Hearing of Residents

No one signed up to speak.

Workshop

- Discussion and direction regarding the American Rescue Plan. (M. Browne)

Mayor Gutierrez stated Dr. Browne will be providing a plan overview regarding the timing and distributions of funds. He indicated that the City is receiving \$9,166,792.19. He stated that last week Congressman Gonzales presented the City with the ceremonial check.

City Manager Dr. Mark Browne provided the following PowerPoint presentation answering questions and gathering Council's feedback:

Background

- \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill passed by 117th United States Congress
 - Will deliver \$350 billion for eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments
- Signed into law by President Biden on 3/11/21
- Intent is to speed up the recovery from the economic and health effects of the Covid-19 pandemic

- Expected stimulus package – \$9 million
- Expected to receive funds in two tranches
 - First tranche - (equal to 50% of the allocation - \$4.5 million) within 60 days of enactment
 - Second tranche (the remaining 50%) not earlier than one year after the first disbursement
- Key dates to keep in mind
 - December 31, 2024: Funds must be obligated
 - December 31, 2026: End of period of performance

Limitations on Spending

Areas where money can be spent

- Category 1: Support public health expenditures
- Category 2: Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency
- Category 3: Replace lost public sector revenue
- Category 4: Provide premium pay for essential workers
- Category 5: Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure

At pre-budget retreat discussed putting money in each category

Proposal for Spending

- Staff's spending proposal for 1st tranche - \$4.5 million
 - Category 1: Support public health expenditures - \$423,250
 - Category 2: Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency - \$1.4 million
 - Category 3: Replace lost public sector revenue - \$63,500
 - Category 4: Provide premium pay for essential workers - \$500,000
 - Category 5: Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure - \$2.2 million
- Combined proposed amount: \$4,586,750

Category 1: Support public health expenditures

- Funding COVID-19 mitigation efforts certain public health and safety staff, etc.

- Overtime amounts for Public Safety

Proposed spending amount: \$423,250

- \$296,400 for Police
- \$126,850 EMS

Category 2: Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency

- Develop matching grant program for businesses/non-profits

Proposed spending amount: \$1.4 million

Category 3: Replace lost public sector revenue

- Lost revenues from Rentals (Civic Center, Parks Pavilions) experienced due to the pandemic – budget to actual

Proposed spending amount: \$63,500

Category 4: Provide premium pay for essential workers

- Lump sum of \$1,000 for every employee

Proposed spending amount: \$500,000

Category 5: Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure

- Master Communication Plan - \$500,000
- Generators - \$500,000
 - Edwards Wells and NACO Tower (\$225K)
 - I35/Morning Drive and Corbett Water Towers (\$262K)
- Water/Sewer projects (Crest Oak Sewer Line) - \$1.2 million

Proposed spending amount: \$2.2 million

Second Tranche - \$4.5 million

- Same structure, or;
 - Use entire amount in category 5 – investments in water, sewer, and broad Loop Line Construction (\$664K)
 - Aviation Heights Phase 8 Waterline replacements (\$550K)
 - SCADA replacement Phases 1,2,3 (\$189K total)
 - Replace I35 Elevated Storage Tank piping (\$400K)
 - Greenshire Drive AC Waterline Design & Construction (\$3.3M)
 - Ware-Seguin Water Tank (\$350K)
 - Wastewater Town Creek Phase IV Route Study/Design/Easement (\$900K)
 - band infrastructure

- Greytown to Pfeil

Members of Council commented on the following:

- Possible reimbursement for COVID-19 Clinic clean up
- Matching grant programs for businesses - non-profits - application process, amount of match
- Emphasis on businesses that were impacted during COVID-19 pandemic
- Permit fees - shortage of building materials
- Premium pay for essential workers, amount to the workers was discussed
- Debt revenue - funds city lost during the pandemic

Adjournment

Mayor Gutierrez adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Ralph Gutierrez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda Dennis, City Secretary