

**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION
TWIN OAKS CITY HALL
CITY OF TWIN OAKS BOARD OF ALDERMEN
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2021**

The Work Session was called to order by Mayor Russ Fortune at 6:00 p.m. pursuant to public notice and agenda. Roll Call was taken:

Mayor Russ Fortune-yea

Aldermen Lisa Eisenhauer –yea
Tim Stoeckl-yea
April Milne – yea
Dennis Whitmore – yea

Also Present: Paul Rost, City Attorney
Jeff Blume, Financial Consultant

2020 BUDGET AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Jeff Blume, Financial Consultant, reviewed with the Board the Budget and Capital Improvement Plan process. The City is required by State Statute to annually publish a Budget for the City. This budget must include last year's actual, the forecast for the current year and the budget for next year.

In preparing the Budget for 2022, the Board will need to consider the inflation rate which at this time is between four and six percent. Mr. Blume predicted that it will most likely go up in 2022. Mr. Blume feels that 2022 will be a rocky road financially.

Sales tax receipts dropped by \$100,000 in 2020. At this time the City is seeing a softening in sales taxes. Mr. Blume reviewed the sales tax revenues from 2019 to 2020. The Pandemic has had a large effect on tax receipts. The City depends on sales tax receipts. However, tax revenues are not behaving how they should and there is no clear explanation for this. There are a lot of factors involved affecting the revenues.

Mr. Blume reviewed the City's expenses. At this time the City is operating at a deficit. Mr. Blume strongly urged the Board to operate conservatively in 2022.

Mr. Blume and City Clerk/Administrator Johnson had a meeting with Enterprise Bank regarding the City's debt service payment on City Hall. The meeting was very productive. They appreciate the City's business. Enterprise Bank will do some research into refinancing. The Bank was hesitant about refinancing for a 10 year loan and locking

into the lower interest rate. They will be back in touch with the City in the upcoming weeks.

Alderman Whitmore presented the possibility of increasing the sewer lateral fee to help increase the dollar amount in the Sewer Lateral fund. Discussion ensued on possible options. One thought was to put certain requirements in place before a reimbursement can be made. Some of the options discussed were the resident would need to get more than one cost estimate on repairs and/or set a cap on the reimbursement amount.

The Board agreed on moving the November 3rd Board meeting to Tuesday, November 9th. The Board Work Session would begin at 6:00 p.m. and will focus on the budget and the Regular Board meeting would begin at 7:00 p.m.

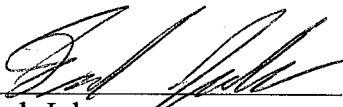
ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Whitmore motioned to adjourn the Work Session Meeting at 7:15 p.m., seconded by Alderman Eisenhower and motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Board of those present.

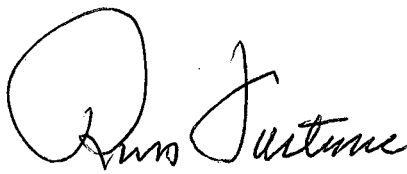
Drafted By: _____
Theresa Gonzales,
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Date of Approval: 11-9-2021

ATTEST:



Frank Johnson,
City Clerk



Russ Fortune,
Mayor, Board of Aldermen