

Budget Committee
Volusia Growth Management Commission

MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD
Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Daytona Beach City Hall
City Commission Chambers
301 S. Ridgewood Avenue
Daytona Beach, FL

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Budget Committee Chair Christy Gillis. The following committee members were also present: Jon Greene, Joe Hammett, Paul Manning, Teresa Pope and Thomas Wright. Also present was VGMC Operations Manager Merry Smith.

Approval of Minutes

January 22, 2020 Budget Committee Meeting

Joe Hammett made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2020 Budget Committee meeting as presented; motion seconded by Jon Greene. Motion carried unanimously.

2020-21 VGMC Budget Update

Ms. Smith explained that the proposed 2020-21 budget before the committee tonight was reviewed by both the committee and commission at the January 22, 2020 meeting and there were no changes requested. She stated the committee will vote on the proposed budget and then bring the recommendation before the full commission at the regular meeting for final approval.

Ms. Pope stated there is \$80,000 in the proposed planning budget for S&ME and VHB, and asked more specifically who those firms were. Ms. Smith responded that VHB is the same planning firm the VGMC has used since the inception of the VGMC, and they currently serve generally as the backup planner. S&ME is the planning firm in which Chris Dougherty works, and they serve as the primary planner to the commission.

Mr. Greene asked why there has been such a decrease in the legal ads budget in the past several years. Ms. Smith explained that prior to the 2016 changes to the consistency rules and regulations anyone could petition for hearing as an affected party. Therefore, all notices of application were published in the Daytona Beach News Journal. Since the 2016 changes, only units of local government are allowed to be a party to an application. As a result, the notices of application are no longer published in the News Journal. Instead, they are sent to all of the units of local government and published on the VGMC website.

Joe Hammett made a motion to recommend the full commission approve the proposed 2020-21 budget; motion seconded by Teresa Pope and carried unanimously.

Review 2019-20 Fiscal YTD Expenditures

There were no questions, discrepancies or concerns noted relating to the current fiscal year expenses.

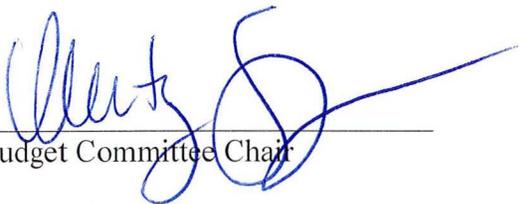
Other Business

Relating to member travel reimbursements, Mr. Manning asked if the County could donate an individual member's reimbursement directly to a charity. Ms. Smith stated she would check with the County accounting division.

Ms. Pope asked if Ms. Smith is the only employee paid out of the salary budget. Chair Gillis responded affirmatively.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.



Budget Committee Chair