



**Board of Commissioners Budget Workshop  
May 20, 2026, 10:00 AM  
City Hall**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Winecoff called the meeting to order at 10:00 am

**Attendance:**

Mayor Jeff Winecoff  
Commissioner Kim Sherwood  
Commissioner Todd Ausborn  
Commissioner Teagan Hall

City Manager, Gordon Hargrove  
Assistant City Manager Nicole Morgan  
Finance Director, Brandon Stevens  
Sara Goodwin Parks and Rec. Director  
Jim Stachura Stormwater Engineer  
City Clerk, Tanya Shannon

**Absent:**

Commissioner Lovin

- The budget meeting aimed to finalize the budget, with Mr. Hargrove emphasizing that it didn't need to be the final meeting, allowing for adjustments and reconvening in the coming weeks. The process includes public review and a special meeting for adoption.
- Discussions addressed several revenue line items, including adjustments to motor vehicle ad valorem taxes and building permits, with some proposed increases being reconsidered due to potential slowdowns in building activity.
- Discussion regarding the Buildings and Grounds budget, specifically the increase in part-time custodian salaries. This was explained by a shift from a full-time to a part-time position, with clarification on hourly rates and budgeted hours.

- The group insurance costs were a point of concern, with a notable increase attributed to new rates and a change in providers after the League of Municipalities stopped offering insurance. The lack of a large employee group also impacts rate negotiations.
- The budget for contract services, specifically generator maintenance, saw a significant jump, prompting questions about bids and estimates, with the intention to secure a third bid.
- The conversation shifted to personnel costs, including increases in group insurance and retirement contributions for the police department, attributed to new employees and rate adjustments.
- The meeting also covered software systems, with discussions on the cost of replacing Edmunds software versus potentially resolving issues with the current system, and the validity of the VC3 contract.
- A portion of the discussion focused on the sound system upgrade for the meeting room, with a quote of \$20,000 to replace outdated equipment and improve audio quality, which was proposed to be added to the budget.
- The Board also addressed the replacement cost of security firewalls, estimated at \$27,000, and the need to assess the validity of the VC3 contract before making a decision.
- The Parks and Recreation budget was reviewed, with a decision to remove a proposed part-time position and a discussion on adjusting adult program funding.
- The timeline for budget adoption was clarified, with a special meeting planned for June 22nd for public hearing and adoption, and a potential final budget review on June 4th.
- The meeting concluded with discussions on the upcoming city manager hire and the financial health of the city, noting a significant increase in fund balance over recent years.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ausborn to adjourn, and seconded by Commissioner Sherwood. **Vote 4-0; Motion Carried.**

Adjourned –11:17 am

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Jeff Winecoff, Mayor

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Tanya Shannon, City Clerk