



WHEATON CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

MAYOR PHILIP J. SUESS

COUNCILMAN MICHAEL BARBIER | COUNCILWOMAN ERICA BRAY-PARKER | COUNCILMAN SCOTT BROWN
COUNCILWOMAN SUZANNE FITCH | COUNCILWOMAN LYNN ROBBINS | COUNCILMAN SCOTT WELLER

WHEATON CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 303 W WESLEY STREET, WHEATON, ILLINOIS 60187

Monday, Dec. 12, 2022

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The public hearing of the Wheaton City Council was called to order at 7 p.m. by Mayor Suess. The public hearing was held in the Council Chambers, Wheaton City Hall, 303 W. Wesley Street, Wheaton, Illinois.

Upon roll call, the following were:

Present: Mayor Suess
Councilwoman Fitch
Councilwoman Robbins
Councilman Weller
Councilman Barbier
Councilwoman Bray-Parker
Councilman Brown

Absent: None

City Staff Present: Michael Dzugan, City Manager
John Duguay, Assistant City Manager
Robert Lehnhardt, Director of Finance
Susan Bishel, Public Information Officer
Halie Cardinal, Public Relations Coordinator
William Murphy, Chief of Police
Princeton Youker, Deputy Chief of Police

II. Public Hearing – Calendar Year 2023 Budget

a. Staff Comment

Director of Finance Lehnhardt provided an overview of the 2023 Budget. He stated there were changes to the proposed 2023 Draft Budget based on the discussions at the Budget Workshops and other adjustments staff identified after the 2023 Draft Budget was published. Director of Finance Lehnhardt stated there was a \$1,565,603 change in expenditures, \$1.4 million of which was due to capital projects being carried over. Other changes included adding a part-time social worker and increasing the budget for the shared cost parkway tree program.

The 2023 budget includes no increase in the Property Tax Levy for the fourth consecutive year; no increase in water, sanitary sewer, storm water, or parking rates; and no new taxes or increases to current revenues. The budget includes capital investments of \$26,900,000, and the General Fund Reserve Policy target was achieved at 44.4% of operating expenditures. He stated there was a one-time funding of \$36,853,272 for the Police & Fire UAAL Pension Funds. Revenues are increasing 12%, and expenditures are increasing 11.5%. Projected fund balances for December 31, 2023, include total government funds at \$60,806,263, total enterprise funds at \$10,494,550, and total fiduciary funds at \$153,860,211.

Director of Finance Lehnhardt stated that revenues for all funds are \$111,359,828 with the largest source being taxes, which consists of property taxes, local sales tax, utility tax, real estate transfer taxes, and other locally imposed taxes. All funds expenditures are \$121,304,819, with the largest source being personnel services, which includes wages and salaries. He stated that the General Fund, which is the largest operating fund of the City, has total revenues decreasing by 1.7% and expenditures decreasing by 1.7%. General Fund revenues are \$50,130,880, with the largest source being taxes; and expenditures are \$50,130,880, with the largest source being personnel services.

In response to a question from Mayor Suess, Director of Finance Lehnhardt stated that the current reserve position as of 2022 is projected at 45.9%.

b. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

c. Council Comment

City Manager Dzugan stated the use of opioid settlement proceeds to partially fund the social worker position was determined to be an appropriate use of funds. He stated it is a one-time payment of \$19,000.

Councilwoman Bray-Parker stated that the use of opioid settlement proceeds to partially fund the social worker position is a good idea and suggested fully funding the position in the future. Councilwoman Fitch added that the opioid settlement proceeds have use limitations and that partially funding the social worker position is good use of the proceeds. Councilwoman Robbins concurred with this statement.

Mayor Suess thanked Director of Finance Lehnhardt and stated the budget addresses the needs of the community.

III. Adjournment

Councilman Barbier moved and Councilwoman Robbins seconded a motion to close the public hearing at 7:18 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes:	Councilman Barbier
	Councilwoman Bray-Parker
	Councilman Brown
	Mayor Suess
	Councilwoman Fitch
	Councilwoman Robbins
	Councilman Weller

Nays:	None
Absent:	None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Halie Cardinal

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