

**CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION
September 5, 2023**

ATTENDEES: Council members Rose, Arsanto, Tremblay, Smith, Burbank and Green.

Also in attendance were Mayor Burkett, City Administrator Brunell, Finance Director Hines and Deputy City Clerk Clark.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Budget Balancing with B&O Discussion and Forecast Alternatives:

Finance Director Hines and City Administrator Brunell presented the Council with a memo to provide follow-up information from the Council Study Session held Aug. 15, 2023. This memo is regarding the deficit in 2024 and following years for six years. Finance Director Hines added additional B&O tax information with different scenarios to offset the deficit and provided a table of an amount of B&O tax owed at different thresholds, generally the 0.1% tax would generate \$100 for every \$100,000 in gross revenue. Also included in this memo is a chart and table showing how Buckley's regular and EMS tax rates compare to all Pierce County cities.

Council all agreed that they would like to see a further draft for scenario number 4 that works with the options that the City already has to help with the deficit and not adding any new taxes. This option would mostly use the remaining ARPA funds and will still include the EMS levy. This way the EMS levy can go to the voters and the Council has expressed they support adding this.

City Council Comments:

Council member Arsanto brought forward a concern that was talked about at Transportation and Utilities Committee regarding Park Ave. Mr. Arsanto asked about adding crosswalks to Park Ave. and if the new sign that was placed has any data regarding what time vehicles are speeding the most to add a zero tolerance for that. Mayor Pro Tem Smith agreed and added that he has seen this on community pages and the safety of kids getting off the school buses. City Administrator Brunell answered the questions and will also look further into the data study since this was done before she was City Administrator.

Council member Tremblay wanted to thank the crew for opening Jefferson Street as of today.

Council member Burbank wanted to add to the crosswalk discussion and that the school district is looking for more bus drivers. That is why so many kids are now having to get dropped off further from their homes.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith wanted to address that there has been a RV parked on A Street that has not moved in over 72 hours. Council member Arsanto agreed and added onto that. City Administrator Brunell let the Council know that the Buckley Police Dept. has already been looking into this and was out there to inspect the RV this morning.

With nothing further, the Study Session was adjourned at 6:53 PM.


Courtney Brunell
City Administrator


Mayor

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