

**CITY OF ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO
CITY COMMISSION BUDGET WORK SESSION
6:30 P.M.,
FIRE STATION 5, 1492 S. FLORIDA AVE.
APRIL 21, 2016**

**RICHARD BOSS, MAYOR
JASON BALDWIN, COMMISSIONER
NADIA SIKES, COMMISSIONER
JENNY TURNBULL, COMMISSIONER
SUSAN PAYNE, COMMISSIONER**

**AL HERNANDEZ, MAYOR PRO-TEM
ERICA MARTIN, COMMISSIONER
GEORGE STRAFACE, INTERIM CITY MANAGER
STEPHEN THIES, CITY ATTORNEY
NANCY JACOBS, CITY CLERK**

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Mayor Boss called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll Call was taken by the Public Information Officer, Laurie Dean. Commissioner Payne was absent and Commissioner Baldwin came in after roll call. Public Information Officer Dean announced there was a quorum present.

WORK SESSION

Interim City Manager Straface opened the meeting. He said they were going to review the budget for FY 2016-2017. He asked if there were any questions from the last budget meeting. There were no questions.

1. The Finance Staff presented the preliminary FY 2016-2017 City of Alamogordo Budget for further discussion and consideration. (*LeeAnn Nichols, Finance Director*)

Finance Director Nichols mentioned they added the budget resolution that was adopted. She said their focus that night was the general fund. (see agenda book for Power Point)

Interim City Manager Straface noted the city was given public dollars to provide public service to the community; the city was not a savings institute, it was a service institute.

Commissioner Baldwin joined the budget meeting at 6:36 p.m.

Mayor Boss asked if they were using half of the fund balance in the general fund. Interim City Manager Straface answered yes, but it would change after direction from the commission.

Finance Director Nichols went over three options for the balanced budget. (see agenda book for Power Point). Interim City Manager Straface recommended redirecting GRT.

Public Works Director Cesar said Fund 49 was going to be used for the Desalination Facility and the rehab on Bonito Lake. City Attorney Thies explained the steps to redirect Fund 49. Interim City Manager Straface recommend redirecting the fund.

Commissioner Baldwin stated Option One is not an option. Interim Finance Director Nichols spoke on the 3/8th GRT, Option Three. City Manager Straface recommended leaving Option Three as a last resort.

Accounting Manager Hall spoke on the GRT and the Hold Harmless impact. (see agenda book for Power Point)

Commissioner Baldwin asked how much money comes out of the general fund expenditures for employee salaries and benefits. Accounting Manager Hall answered it was 68%.

Interim City Manager Straface recommended Option Two and if the Commission moved in that direction, he said he would work with Finance Director Nichols and City Attorney Thies to prepare the ordinance.

Commissioner Baldwin stated the reasons why he was in favor of Option Two because it takes ZIA Transportation out of the general fund and he is also a no tax person. Interim City Manager Straface said they had general consensus to move along the lines of what Commissioner Baldwin put forward.

Commissioner Martin wanted clarification on recurring expenditures. Finance Director Nichols explained it to her.

Interim City Manager Straface and the Commission spoke about the concerns with the Germans leaving HAFB.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hernandez moved to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Commissioner Baldwin seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 6-0-0.

Mayor Richard Boss

ATTEST:

City Clerk Nancy E. Jacobs

(Prepared by Rachel Hughs, Deputy City Clerk)
Approved at the Regular Meeting held on May 10, 2016.