



ELGIN CITY CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
August 27, 2024
6:45 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McShan called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Theresa Y. McShan, Mayor
Joy Casnovsky, Council Member
YaLecia Love, Council Member
Al Rodriguez, Council Member
Matthew Callahan, Council Member
Forest Dennis, Council Member
Sue Brashar, Mayor Pro Tem

Absent:

Arthur Gibson III, Council Member
Chuck Swain, Council Member

Staff:

Thomas L. Mattis, City Manager
Owen Rock, EDC Director
Michael Gonzalez, Public Works Director
Chris Noble, Chief of Police
Amy Miller, Community Services Director
Beau Perry, City Engineer/ Dev. Serv. Dir
Pam Sanders, HR Director
Sonia Browder, Media Specialist
Elizabeth Marzex, Rec & Leisure Manager
Dodie Navejas, UB Customer Serv. Manager
Esmeralda Rangel, Assistant City Secretary

PRESENTATION

- 1. Review and discussion of the proposed City of Elgin FY24-25 Annual Operating Budget as presented by the City Manager, including but not limited to possible discussion of all departments, operations, functions, personnel, infrastructure, facilities, taxes, and tax rates; and all revenues, and expenditures related thereto.** Mr. Mattis emphasized that this year's budget focus differed from last year's, adopting a more conservative approach. However, he noted that a budget amendment could still be made later in the year. He assured that there would be no reduction in services. He also

pointed out that over a million dollars had been allocated for street and drainage improvements in Wards 1 and 2. Mr. Perry clarified the concept of development service fees and their impact on the budget. Mr. Dennis raised the issue of the over-65 tax freeze for senior citizens. Ms. Casnovsky discussed the animal service fees and the matter of alley cats. The City Council posed various questions, all of which were addressed by staff. Ms. Casnovsky inquired about the EDC section of the budget, to which Mr. Rock explained that the EDC operates with a more reactive budget, responding to specific developments. Ms. Love brought up the topic of council pay and referenced figures she had previously mentioned at a past meeting. This led to further discussion.

No action was taken by the city council.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McShan adjourned the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

ATTEST:


Theresa Y. McShan, Mayor


Esmeralda Rangel, Assistant City Secretary