

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Rapid City, South Dakota

August 15, 2019

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Special meeting of the City Council of the City of Rapid City was held at the City/School Administration Center in Rapid City, South Dakota on Monday, August 15, 2019 at 5:30 P.M.

The following Alderpersons were present: Greg Strommen, Lisa Modrick, Ritchie Nordstrom, Laura Armstrong (Council President), Bill Evans, John Roberts Becky Drury and Chad Lewis; the following Alderpersons arrived during the course of the meeting: Darla Drew; and the following were absent: Chad Lewis.

Staff members present included: Finance Officer Pauline Sumption, Police Chief Karl Jegeris, Fire Chief Rod Seals, Community Development Director Ken Young, Parks and Recreation Director Jeff Biegler, Deputy Finance Officer Tracy Davis, Library Director Terri Davis and Administrative Coordinator Heidi Weaver-Norris.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Don Stover, representing the Rapid City Concert Association, addressed the council. He spoke in favor of not decreasing the Rapid City Concert Association funds. They receive most of their funding from memberships and donations. He asked the council not to cut their funding.

Jody Morganstern spoke on behalf of the Rapid City Children's Chorus. She is not in favor of cutting the funds for the arts. She said a large portion of students will be impacted negatively by the cut.

Review and Discussion of Mayor's 2020 Budget Presentation – Common Council –

Modrick spoke on behalf of Allied Arts. Drew arrived at 5:40 p.m. Drew said she was in favor of leaving the budget how it is. She has faith that the organization can raise the money. Drew gave encouragement regarding digital donating. In response to a question from Drury, Sumption explained that most salaries are contracted and benefits are budgeted. Those are not items that can be changed. Evans said arts should be figured as an investment not an expense. He is against the 25% cut. Nordstrom wants to talk further on revenue diversity. He wants to find more diverse sources of revenue. Drury asked Sumption what other avenues they can look at to increase revenues. Sumption stated that permits and licenses have a possibility of increasing if Council chose that route. In response to a question from Drury, Sumption said the CPI is included in the budget. She explained that the percentage taken is 3% or CPI whichever is lower. In response to a question from Nordstrom, Sumption said the 22% city hall maintenance is due to the schools moving out and now there is no cost sharing for the building. She did indicate possible rental revenue if they rented out space in the building. Modrick said she wanted to look at trying to get the arts their 25% back. Evans agreed. Substitute motion was made by Drury, second by Roberts to send to the next budget meeting with no recommendation. Motion carried 7-2 with Modrick and Evans voting no.

Sumption went over future budget hearing dates. Council agreed that August 26, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. would work best. Sumption asked that all questions be directed to her. Nordstrom asked that information regarding PILT, the arts and revenue diversity be discussed at the next meeting.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, motion was made by Drury, second by Lehmann and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

CITY OF RAPID CITY

ATTEST:

Finance Officer

(SEAL)

Mayor