Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Rapid City was held at City Hall, 300 Sixth Street, in Rapid City, South Dakota on Monday, August 15, 2022 at 5:30 P.M.

The following members were present: Mayor Steve Allender and the following Alderpersons: Greg Strommen, Lance Lehmann, Jason Salamun, Ritchie Nordstrom, Pat Roseland, Laura Armstrong, and John Roberts; the following Alderpersons arrived during the course of the meeting: Bill Evans; the following attended telephonically: Pat Jones; and the following were absent: Jesse Ham

Staff members present included: Finance Director Pauline Sumption, Deputy Finance Director Tracy Davis, IT Director Jim Gilbert, Communications Coordinator Darrell Shoemaker and Administrative Coordinator Heidi Weaver.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
Council President Lehmann called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Motion was made by Strommen, second by Armstrong and carried to adopt the agenda. Motion carried 9-0.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – No speaker request forms received.

NON-PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS - Items 1-2
NON-CONSENT ITEMS – Items 1-2

2023 Mayor Allender’s Budget Presentation
Mayor Allender started the presentation with Rapid City’s core values and economic indicators, which include GDP, average weekly wages and unemployment in Rapid City. He went over the Rapid City Regional Airport Enplanements, RC General Sales Tax Collections, BBB Tax Revenue, and Building Permit Valuations from 2015-2021.

Mayor Allender discussed some of the challenges facing Rapid City. The demand for City services is growing along with the population. He went over the figures regarding single family units added, multi-family units added, water production, water taps installed, solid waste accounts, utility bill used for solid waste disposal, and yard waste disposed by the ton. The other challenges that the city faces is homeless population is growing quickly; emergency service employees are overworked and understaffed; increased need for human services delivery; workforce is lean and bordering on scarce and community / political division.

He presented the numbers for general fund revenue. The total source of funding includes sales tax, property tax, other taxes, grants/government revenue, licenses and permits, court fines, sales of goods/services, miscellaneous, interdepartmental charges/PILT, transfers out, previous years unspent budget authority. Mayor Allender said the addition of the grant's management division will be very beneficial. He also said the addition of JourneyOn and Volunteers of America have been a great help to the city. This has saved RCPD about $592,525 in personnel and other resources. Their efforts in providing service calls, transportation and other resources has saved the taxpayers $1,097,029. He also went over the general fund expenses and showed the amounts for each department.
The Enterprise Funds consist of The Monument, Fire Department, RC Regional Airport, Parks and Recreation, and Public Works which include solid waste collection, solid waste disposal, MRF, solid waste capital projects, water and water reclamation. Infrastructure spending includes CIP Streets, Urban Systems (Streets), Water, Water Reclamation, Storm Water and Parks.

Mayor Allender ended the presentation with opportunities. He said that Rapid City has the 4th hottest housing market in the nation. Elevate Rapid City has the innovation incubator and daycare grant programs. Block Five will break ground in September. Ellsworth personnel with begin growth in 2025 @ 200 per year, recent influx of young professionals, downtown living is on the rise, currently dozens of new companies considering locating to Rapid City, several national chain retailers / restaurants are considering Rapid City and we have been typically insulated from the worst effects of recession.

Nordstrom said he would be sending some questions to Mayor Allender. Salamun spoke highly of the JourneyOn and Volunteers of America groups. He said they offer a great benefit to the city. Motion was made by Salamun, second by Roberts to acknowledge the presentation. Motion carried 9-0. The next special council meeting for the budget will be on Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in council chambers.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, motion was made by Strommen, second by Roberts and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

CITY OF RAPID CITY  
s/ Steve Allender  
Mayor

ATTEST:  
s/ Pauline Sumption  
Finance Director  
(SEAL)