

**CITY OF SAINT MARYS COUNCIL
BUDGET WORKSHOP**

NOVEMBER 10, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The scheduled Council Budget Workshop of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Louis Radkowski on Monday, November 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Room of City Hall, 11 LaFayette Street. Notice of this meeting was sent to Council on October 29, 2020, posted at City Hall and published in the Daily Press.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Louis Radkowski, Deputy Mayor Chris Pletcher, Andrew Mohny, Bob Roberts, and Joe Fleming, Manager Timothy Pearson, Recording Secretary Lorrie Levenduski.

Gina Vrobel dialed in.
Margie Brown was excused.

City Staff: Public Works Director Tim Brennan, Public Works Deputy Director Travis Skrzypek, Finance Director Carol Muhitch, Chief of Police Tom Nicklas

VISITORS

There were no visitors.

**BUDGET DISCUSSION:
2020 Budget Overview**

Manager Pearson explained there were revenue shortfalls and COVID-19 losses. The Operational budget was stable. The Capital Reserve Fund receives 85% of the 2019 Earned Income Tax increase for projects and has a projected shortfall.

General Fund Budget

Carol Muhitch explained the 2021 General Fund was budgeted with conservative revenue estimates due to the uncertainty with the economy. The 2021 revenue actual shortfall was \$193,975. Revenues for tax income were reduced due to the following 2020 projected shortfalls. The Earned Income Tax was projected to be \$95,000 short for the 2020 budget. The 2020 Local Service Tax as of the 3rd quarter was \$40,000 short and due to a reduction in interest earnings there was a 2020 projected short fall of \$35,000. 2021 Liquid fuel funds will be reduced \$39,000 from 2020 budgeted amount.

Funds from the 2019 Unrestricted Fund Balance and accumulated funds from Municipal Benefit Services which is a rate mitigation account that will offset the City's premium payments will balance the 2021 General Fund budget.

It was noted all the following operational budget increases were due to scheduled increases in wages and benefits and no changes were made.

- Administration
- Public Safety
- Public Works
- Parking/Community & Economic Development

Capital Funds

The following funds were reviewed, and no changes were made:

- Capital Reserve Fund
- Streets, Roads and Storm Sewer Fund

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- Bridges Fund
- CDBG Fund

Council had a brief discussion on the need to increase revenue for the Capital Reserve Fund in order to continue necessary projects in the future. It was recommended to increase the Earned Income Tax beginning in 2022 to provide a revenue source for the Capital Reserve fund. 85% of the EIT increase would be earmarked for capital projects within the Capital Reserve Fund.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Radkowski made the following announcement:

- Council will hold an Executive Session on Thursday, November 12, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- Council's next regular meeting will be on Monday, November 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Andrew Mohny made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mayor Radkowski. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.



Recording Secretary



Mayor