

Urbandale City Council Minutes  
Budget Work Session  
January 23, 2019

The Urbandale City Council met on Wednesday, January 23, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 3600 86<sup>th</sup> Street, with Mayor Robert D. Andeweg presiding. Answering roll call were the following Council Members: Mike Carver, Creighton Cox, Tom Gayman, Ron Pogge, David Russell. Absent: none. Also present were City Manager A.J. Johnson, Finance Director Nicci Lamb, Assistant Finance Director Kim Keisler, Accountant I Addison Riebkes, Chief of Police Rob Johansen, Assistant Fire Chief Mike Cardwell, Assistant Fire Chief Scott Lyon, Community Development Director Steve Franklin, Director of Engineering & Public Works Dave McKay, Assistant Director of Engineering John Larson, Assistant Director of Public Works Tim Stovie, Director of Parks & Recreation Jan Herke, Assistant Director of Parks Kevin James, Senior Center Coordinator Carissa Williams, Human Resources Director Karla Lower, Assistant City Manager/Director of Economic Development Curtis Brown, Director of Risk Management & Administrative Services John Konior, Marketing and Communications Specialist Derek Zarn, Director of Technology James Briear, City Treasurer Donald J. Brush, City Clerk Nicole Lunders.

Mayor Andeweg recited the CHARACTER COUNTS! statement.

Gayman moved, seconded by Cox to approve the agenda as posted. On roll call, Ayes: Gayman, Cox, Carver, Russell, Pogge. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The City Manager thanked the Council and staff for their attention through the budget process. Staff will follow the direction given by Council through the budget document.

Council Members and Department Directors reviewed and discussed proposed expenditures for the Roadway Maintenance, Street Lighting, Traffic Safety, Engineering Services, Solid Waste Collection, Sanitary Sewer & Wastewater, Storm Water Utility and Engineering & Public Works Administration activities in the Public Works function; the Economic Development, Code Enforcement, Community Development and TIF Fund activities in the Community & Economic Development function; the Mayor & City Council, City Manager, Finance & Records, City Clerk, General Support, Human Resources, Technology, and Marketing fund activities in the General Government function; Capital Improvements in the Debt Service function; and the Cultural and Convention – Hotel/Motel Fund activities in the Culture & Recreation function.

Review and discussion was held on regarding changes to the proposed budget and timing of a potential Polk County LOSST referendum.

Following changes by Council and staff, the revised budget recommends a tax levy of \$10.52, which is \$0.50 higher than the FY2018-19 levy. This includes a General Fund levy reduction from \$7.24 to \$7.05, Deb Service reduction from \$2.20 to \$2.00, Chapter 411 Fire and Police Retirement levy increase from \$0.58 to \$0.62 and implementing an Employee Benefit levy at \$0.85.

The public hearing to finalize the FY 2019-20 operating budget will be held on March 12, 2019, at which time the budget can be reduced, but not increased.

Russell moved, seconded by Gayman to adjourn at 8:37 p.m. On roll call, Ayes: Russell, Gayman, Carver, Cox, Pogge. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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Robert D. Andeweg, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Nicole Lunders, City Clerk