



LAKE MARY CITY COMMISSION

**Lake Mary City Hall
100 N. Country Club Road**

**WORKSHOP
MINUTES
THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2023 5:00 PM**

NO VIDEO RECORDING WAS MADE FOR THIS MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Mayor David Mealor at 5:06 P.M.

Roll Call

David Mealor, Mayor
Jordan Smith, Commissioner
George F. Duryea, Commissioner
Justin York, Commissioner
Kevin Smith, City Manager
Brent Mason, Finance Director
Michael Biles, Police Chief
Michael Johansmeyer, Fire Chief
Allison Marcous, Human Resources Director
Sabreena Colbert, Community Development Director
Danielle Koury, Public Works Director
Bryan Nipe, Parks and Recreation Director
Pedro Ramos, Information Technology Administrator
Amber Branton, Acting City Clerk

1. Items for Discussion

A. FY 2024 Proposed Budget

Kevin Smith, City Manager, discussed information as presented in the FY 2024 Proposed Budget, which was included in the agenda packet for review. He stated that at the conclusion of this workshop, he would be seeking a consensus to bring forward an agenda item at the Commission meeting to set the preliminary millage rate at 3.5895 mills, set the rollback rate at 3.3362 mills, and set the first public hearing for September 7, 2023, at 7:00 P.M.

The proposed budget was shown on the overhead.

Mr. Smith started the presentation stating that the Fiscal Year 2024 budget is balanced and totals just over fifty-three million dollars. It's about a 13.5% increase over the prior year. It is important to note that the majority of that increase is attributed to the capital projects being funded from both ARPA and the Penny Sales Tax. There are some increases attributable to salary adjustments mainly in our Public Safety departments. The property values used to help to fund the budget are increasing almost 8% this year as well. Our total general fund revenue is just under twenty-seven million dollars.

Mr. Smith continued the presentation stating that the City remains debt free.

Commissioner York stated he was happy to see the septic to sewer conversion in the budget. He asked Mr. Smith if he could elaborate on the sewer stub out mentioned.

Mr. Smith stated that it would be routine maintenance and upgrades to our overall system.

Commissioner York asked if any component referred to assisting a resident with funding to convert from septic to sewer with a grant or similar.

Mr. Smith stated that they are working to put a plan in place.

Danielle Koury, Public Works Director, came forward and gave a brief update on the downtown projects.

Commissioner Smith asked if it was possible to post information on the City's website as the projects get underway.

Mr. Smith stated that they are going to bring everything together in one document to present to Commission. Once that has been completed it will be posted on the website.

There were no further questions and Mr. Smith concluded his presentation.

There being no further business. The meeting adjourned at 5:49.