

**CITY OF FREEPORT
BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES**

July 27, 2023, 5:30 PM
Council Chambers, Freeport City Hall

Council Members Present: Mayor Russ Barley, Councilwoman Elizabeth Brannon, Councilman Bud Day, Councilwoman Elizabeth Haffner, Councilman Tracey Dickey, and Councilman Eddie Farris

Staff Members Present: City Attorney Clay Adkinson, City Manager Mark Martin, City Clerk Kathie Gatewood, Finance Officer Sara Bowers, Planning Director Latilda Hughes-Neel, Senior Planner Samantha Graves, Parks Directors Charles Bartlett, Water Supervisor Larry Tuggle, Billing Supervisor Rebecca King, and HR Generalist Chris Quinley

1. Meeting called to order

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by Mayor Barley in the Council Chambers of Freeport City Hall.

2. Budget Workshop Discussion

Finance Officer Bowers went over the changes to the budget after City Council guidance from the previous Budget Workshop.

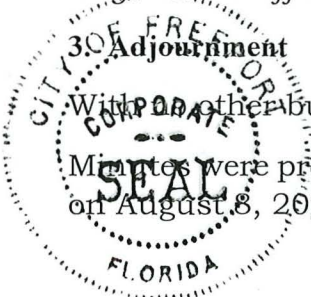
There was also discussion regarding on-call pay for staff, direction for raises, and a newly proposed position for event coordinating and administration assistance for the Parks Department.

Walton County Economic Development Alliance Executive Director Uriah Matthews gave a budget request presentation and asked for feedback.


City Clerk's Note: A copy of the WCEDA presentation is available to view in the City Clerk's Office.

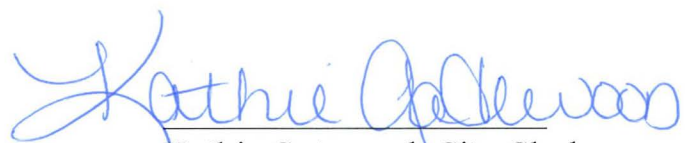
Adjournment
With no other business, Mayor Barley motioned to adjourn at 6:26 p.m.

Minutes were prepared by City Clerk Gatewood and approved by the City Council on August 8, 2023.



ATTEST:


Russ Barley, Mayor


Kathie Gatewood, City Clerk