

THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL MET IN SPECIAL SESSION APRIL 24, 2023, AT THE MIAMI PUBLIC LIBRARY AT 6:00 PM WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bless Parker, Mayor  
Brian Estep, Councilmember Ward 1  
Kevin Dunkel, Councilmember Ward 2  
Dwain Sundberg, Councilmember Ward 3  
Brad Williams, Councilmember Ward 4

Bo Reese, City Manager  
Ben Loring, City Attorney (Absent)  
Melissa Moore, City Clerk

Notice of a special meeting of the Miami City Council, Miami, Oklahoma, called by Mayor Bless Parker, was displayed in the main lobby of the Miami Civic Center and by posting on [www.miamiokla.net](http://www.miamiokla.net) starting at 2:00PM on April 19, 2023, pursuant to 25 O.S. §311(9) (a) and (b) and the agenda was displayed and posted in the same manner on April 21, 2023, at 1:40PM.

**THE COUNCIL MAY TAKE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS: DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND VOTE FOR APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ANY ITEM LISTED IN THIS AGENDA:**

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Parker called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

**2. Discussion on Councilmember led Community Clean up**

Mayor Parker recommended scheduling a Saturday where each Councilmember leads a cleanup in their ward. There was discussion about teaming up with the County to help clean up the community and inviting community members to assist each other with picking up and hauling items to the solid waste facility. The City Clerk will make sure a public notice is posted and communicate with Council on possible Saturday dates.

No action taken.

**3. Discussion of Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget**

City Manager Bo Reese explained the budget process and that the budget will continue to change before it is brought to Council for a vote in June. Reese explained the initiatives for this year and the change in expenses. The budget discussed is a balanced budget. Jill Fitzgibbon presented the two thousand twenty-three through two thousand twenty-four (2023-2024) budget starting with the general fund. Fitzgibbon discussed the projected sales tax revenues for the upcoming year. Fitzgibbon reminded the Council that the carryover amount will continue to change until the budget is approved. Three months of bond expenses are kept in reserve. The budget for the Coleman Theatre will include approximately four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000.00) to assist with capital improvement projects instead of the ninety-five thousand dollars (\$95,000.00) for operations. It was explained that at this time there is an amount of carryover that could be utilized for operating expenses of the Coleman Theatre. The list of potential capital improvement projects included building a sidewalk from the high school to Elm Street, the Coleman Theatre structure improvement, and resurfacing the Main Street parking lot between Central and 1<sup>st</sup> NE. There was a discussion of infrastructure, streets, and grant projects that departments are anticipating for the upcoming year. There was an explanation that the full-time equivalents (FTE) revert to last year's approved amount before amended. The requested FTE will be increased for the upcoming fiscal year. There was a discussion regarding the Rt. 66 Heritage Fest and the expenses. There will be continued discussion about what changes could be made to improve the revenue generated from this event. The Council would like staff to research insurance and broker costs and bring back to the May work session. The Council requested the May work session include an update on the fiscal year two thousand twenty-three through two thousand twenty-four (2023-2024) budget that will be brought forward for a vote in June.

No action taken.

**4. Adjournment**

Councilmember Sundberg moved to adjourn. Councilmember Dunkel made the second. The Council was polled with the following results:

Sundberg, Aye

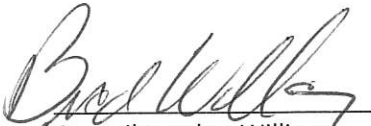
Dunkel, Aye

Estep, Aye

Williams Aye

Parker, Aye

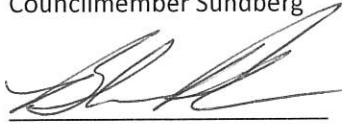
Mayor Parker declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.

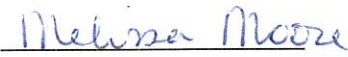
  
Councilmember Williams

Absent  
Councilmember Sundberg

  
Councilmember Dunkel

  
Councilmember Estep

  
Mayor Bless Parker

ATTEST:   
Melissa Moore, City Clerk

