

TOWN OF GARLAND  
BUDGET PLANNING SESSION  
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2022  
6:30 PM

The Budget Planning Session of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Garland was held on Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

The following members of the Board of Commissioners were present:

Carolyn R. Melvin  
Jo A. Strickland  
Andy Johnson  
Ralph Smith Jr.

Also present: Mayor Austin Brown and Town Clerk/Finance Officer Pamela Cashwell.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Mayor Austin Brown called the budget planning session to order at 6:30 pm and thanked everyone for attending the budget planning session tonight.

QUORUM

Mayor Austin Brown and Clerk Cashwell established there was a quorum present.

BUDGET PLANNING

Mayor Brown recognized Town Clerk/Finance Officer Pamela Cashwell to begin discussions on the proposed budget for 2022/2023. Clerk Cashwell provided everyone a budget worksheet, current fee schedule and reviewed the following data with board members:

2022-2023 BUDGET PLANNING DATA

REVIEW OF FEE SCHEDULE:

Last increase for Garbage Services: 7/1/2018 Increased 1.00. (GFL) charges the town a CPI annually which averages 2-3% increase in charges.

Water/Sewer Rates: Went back as far as 7/1/2017 and no increase. Rate study was completed in 2019-2020 suggesting an increase in rates.

EMPLOYEES:

AWAITING RATE CHANGES FOR MEDICAL, DENTAL, SHORT TERM DISABILTY, VISION & LIFE

RETIREMENT RATES WILL INCREASE. Have heard it will increase to 12.1% from 11.42%. Employee rate is 6%.

FED & FICA 7.65% STATE 5.25%

COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT- Last one given was 7/1/2016 and it was 3%.

MERIT RAISES:

P. Cashwell- Hire Date 7/2/2014. Last increase 7/2/21 of \$1.00.

R. Boone- Hire Date 11/27/2019 as Temporary Employee. Last increase was 6/16/2020 of .50.

A. Ricketson- Hire Date 11/9/2020. Last increase 5/9/2021 of .75.

INSURANCE:

AWAITING RATE CHANGES FOR PROPERTY & LIABILITY AND W/C

DUES/FEES ANNUALLY

SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT \$100.00

MID-CAROLINA COG \$150.00

NC ASSOCIATION OF MC \$160.00

MAYOR ASSOCIATION \$100.00

NCLM \$1276.00

RURAL WATER \$285.00

DEBT SERVICE:

WATER METER PAYMENT \$12,719.00 ANNUALLY UNTIL 2035

DUMP TRUCK PAYMENT \$11,890.00 LAST PAYMENT IN 2023

SERVICE PROPOSALS:

PITNEY BOWES- POSTAGE MACHINE

ONSOLVE-

SUEZ WATER TANK MAINTENANCE

SOUTHERN SOFTWARE \$5,464.00

NEPTUNE CORE & MAIN \$11,261.75

CUSTOM CONTROLS

LEGAL PROPOSALS

CEMETERY BIDS

PRE-BUY HEATING OIL

REQUESTS:

GARLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT \$36,000.00

Board members discussed appropriating \$60,000.00 in the proposed budget for police protection. Clerk Cashwell advised each board member to plan for any capital projects or purchases they have for their respective departments so the money can be placed in the proposed budget.

Plan is to work on budget planning for the General Fund at the next budget planning session and hopefully some additional information will be available then as well.

ADJOURNMENT

Budget Planning Session adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Pamela Cashwell

Pamela Cashwell, Town Clerk/Finance Officer

BOARD APPROVED:

Austin Brown

Austin Brown, Mayor