

TOWN OF GARLAND  
BUDGET PLANNING SESSION  
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2022  
6:30 PM

The Budget Planning Session of the Board of Commissioners for the Town of Garland was held on Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

The following members of the Board of Commissioners were present:

Carolyn R. Melvin  
Andy Johnson  
Ralph Smith Jr.  
Barbara A. Peterson

Also present: Town Clerk/Finance Officer Pamela Cashwell. Commissioner Jo A. Strickland was absent.

ADMINISTRATIVE

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

QUORUM

Mayor Pro Tem Melvin and Clerk Cashwell established there was a quorum present.

BUDGET PLANNING

Mayor Pro Tem Melvin recognized Town Clerk/Finance Officer Pamela Cashwell to begin budget planning discussions.

Clerk Cashwell reviewed a draft proposed budget for the General Fund, Water/Sewer Fund, and the Powell Bill Fund. Board members discussed various line items and made suggested changes in each fund. They were all pleased to be able to budget for police protection and funds for the fire department while maintaining all other services.

Mayor Austin Brown arrived at 7:30 pm. Board members discussed the proposed fee schedule for 2022-2023 and made suggested changes. Board members discussed several ways to decrease the cost of sanitation services currently being provided to avoid increasing the customer's rate fees. All services are costing more at this time due to increased supply chain issues, increased fuel costs and increased customer services expenses. Mayor Brown agreed to contact our representative with GFL to discuss ideas board members have to avoid increasing service rates for customers.

Mayor Brown reported the last time a Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) was given to staff was in July 2016 and was 3%. He stated he would like board members to consider giving one for F/Y 2022-2023. Board members asked Clerk Cashwell to compute the cost of a 1.5% and 2% COLA for them to consider.

ADJOURNMENT

Budget Planning Session adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Pamela Cashwell

Pamela Cashwell, Town Clerk/Finance Officer

BOARD APPROVED:

Austin Brown

Austin Brown, Mayor