

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Commissioner Flynn
INVOCATION - City Manager Mike Flynn

PRESIDING :

Mayor Edallen York Burtner

PRESENT:

Commissioner JoEllen Reed
Commissioner Shannon Cox
Commissioner Ramsey Flynn
Commissioner Kitty Strode

City Manager Mike Flynn, Deputy City Clerk Dianna Layne, Interim Finance Director Michelle Lucas, Purchasing Officer Teresa Henry, and the City Clerk were present.

Upon determining that a quorum was present for the transaction of business, Mayor Burtner called the May 17, 2021 special budget work session to order at 9:30 a.m. in the Commission Chambers of City Hall.

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Allen Curtis was present for the Solid Waste/Operation Pride Program requesting \$3,000 for litter/trash & special events, educational public outreach, and year-round tire disposal. He stated any grant funds they received were not allowed to be used for anything than what the grant is for.

Stephan Fink with the Farmer’s Market requested \$4,000 to assist with the Market Manager salary during the peak of the market season.

City Manager Flynn noted the Canopy project is in the process but we do not have a date for delivery of final product. He stated he requested Mr. Fink to supply a request letter to the Finance Director for the budgeted \$50,000 for this project.

Ms. Sandy Stults and Mr. Jack Jones, Bluegrass Heritage Museum requested \$48,000 for the museum in the FY 2022 budget. Ms. Stults noted the museum still had bills to pay during the Covid shutdown. She noted the museum has been open for tours and they are looking at having their Second Thursday programs and other programs that had to be cut during the pandemic.

Ms. Stults requested \$2,500 for the Winchester/Clark County Unity Martin Luther King Celebration to assist with costs for this yearly event. She noted there was no funding in the FY2021 budget.

Ms. Debbie Barnes requested on behalf of Holly Rood and the Clark County/Winchester Heritage Commission \$15,000, \$3,000 to go to the Heritage

Commission and \$12,000 going to the upkeep and insurance for Holly Rood. She stated they are now getting back into hosting weddings and other events. She stated they were in the
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process of renovating and updating the upstairs bedroom, bathroom, and one other room in the upstairs of Holly Rood the brides use.

Ms. Nancy Turner, W/CC Tourism Director requested \$20,000 for FY 2022 for tourism marketing. These funds would assist with the promotion of Winchester/Clark County, Video footage and photography, group travel asset development, kiosks for the new visitor’s center opening later in the year, and brochure distribution.

Ms. Turner requested \$7,000 for the beautification program. She noted the Public works Department is replacing flower boxes and hanging flower baskets.

Commissioner Strode noted Public Works is building new planters they had to buy lumber for the new planters. She commended Public Works for their hard work on this project. She stated she would like to have the corner of Heritage Park perked up.

Ms. Turner requested \$5,000 for the Annual Daniel Boone Pioneer Festival to assist with expenses incurred for this event.

Mr. Todd Denham, W/CC Industrial Development Authority Director requested \$165,000 for FY 2022. This request is in keeping with the terms set forth in the Oversight Agreement established in 1993. Mr. Denham stated he is working on new businesses that want to look at Winchester/Clark County.

Ms. Addie Wills, Clark County Animal Shelter is requesting \$20,000 for FY 2022. She noted the success of the Spay and Neuter Clinics during the last year. Ms. Wills noted with the grant the City provided for the Animal Shelter, the feral cat population had been decreased.

Recess

On motion by Commissioner Cox, seconded by Commissioner Reed, and with unanimous vote, the board recessed for lunch.

Resume

Mayor Burtner called the meeting back into session.

It was recommended in the Commission Budget for FY 2022 that Account 10.350 Equipment and Furniture be increased to \$5,000 and put into the capital equipment account. This is to replace the chairs with arms in the Commission Chambers and to add six tables with wheels.

It was recommended in the Commission Budget for FY 2022 to increase Account 10.420 Special Projects from \$5,000 to \$7,500. Finance Director Michelle Lucas stated the Special Projects account is for Halloween Main-IA, fireworks, and other events.

Mr. Jeff Lewis, W/CC Parks & Recreation requested \$482,845 General, \$250,000 Capital, and \$57,000 Recreation for FY 2022. Mr. Lewis stated there were several capital purchases and projects that needed to be completed. He also reported this year the Parks Department will hold the Summer Camp program.

Mayor Burtner recommended that Mr. Lewis remember to discuss budget needs with the Clark County Fiscal Court.

Ms. Janna Smith, Board member and Ms. Holly Shaver, Parks Administrative Assistant were also present.

Ms. Tracey Miller, Winchester Council for the Arts requested \$35,000 in the FY 2022 budget. She stated the Leeds Theater will need some remodeling with the Marquee leaking and needs to be replaced. She also stated the building needs to be repainted. She reported the ticket company the Theater used for pre-sale tickets had closed and the theater is responsible for reimbursing those patrons.

Ms. Sherry Hampton with the Winchester Labor Day Committee requested \$15,225 in the FY 2022 budget to assist with the costs of the annual Labor Day Parade and other events. She stated these funds will also be expended to recruit the Kentucky State Band for the annual parade.

Mr. Brett Chevront with the Committee was also present.

Ms. Denise Wells, Nursing Home Ombudsman Agency requested \$6,000 in the FY 2022 budget. She stated the funds will assist with the salary for Mr. Gene Layne, the Ombudsman diligently working for Clark County residents in nursing homes and the transitional care unit at the Clark Regional Medical Center.

Commissioner Cox, Chairperson of the Winchester Group Work Camps requested \$10,000 in the FY 2022 budget to assist with the costs of housing students across the country visiting the community for repairing the homes of residents that have applied for assistance.

Rob Jeffries, Planning & Community Development Director requested the Historic Preservation Commission have the \$500 request be placed in the Winchester/Clark County Board of Adjustments, bringing the Board of Adjustments request in the FY 2022 budget from \$1,500 to \$2,000.

ADJOURN

With no further business, on motion by Commissioner Cox, seconded by Commissioner Reed, and with unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned.

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Edallen York Burtner, Mayor

Joy Curtis, City Clerk