

MINUTES
PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION-BUDGET HEARING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2020, 1:30 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
COUNTY CITY BUILDING

PRESENT: Richard Meginnis, Roma Amundson, Chris Callihan, Sean Flowerday and Jane Raybould

OTHERS PRESENT: Kerin Peterson, Yohance Christie, Nick Hanna, Dan Mulligan, Brian Johnson, and Margaret Bohy

Chairperson Richard Meginnis gave an opening statement at the beginning of the Public Budget Hearing, held August 11, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers of the County City Building.

Good Afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen: A copy of the Open Meetings Act is available on the wall at the rear of this room. My name is Richard Meginnis; I am the current chairperson of the County/City Public Building Commission. Other Commission members are Roma Amundson, Vice Chairperson, County Commissioner; City Councilperson, Jane Raybould, County Commissioner, Sean Flowerday and Chris Callihan, representing the Public. Other staff introductions may be made as necessary to answer your inquiries or comments. This hearing is being held pursuant to public notice published on August 6, 2020, a copy of which is available should you require one. The Lincoln Lancaster County Building Commission's budget for 2020/2021 consists of three components: (1) the operating budget, (2) capital improvements budget and (3) the tax levy budget. The operating budget not counting capital improvements or bond payments is \$7,483,916.00, or a 1.9% increase over last year's budget. The increase reflects ongoing energy efficiency projects, increased costs due to COVID-19 and increased costs of materials and contracted services. There is a capital improvement portion of the budget this year which will consist of capital expenditures of \$1,105,016.00 related to a variety of projects, many of which involve the Hall of Justice, the County/City Building and the Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department. Relating to the tax levy side of the budget, we are requesting an assessment of 1.7 cents per \$100 levy which is projected to total \$4,751,640.00 This amount is committed to bond payments for the master plan implementation, K Street Storage Facility, Court House Plaza, Health Department, 2nd and 3rd Floor Renovation Project, Parking Project bonds, and the renovation of the 605 Building and 825 J Building. The overall principal and interest payments for these bonds total \$3,659,226.00 for this budget year. This is an overview of the total budget projected along with its revenue sources. The Building Commission staff are here to assist in answering any questions you may have. To discuss any part of the proposed budget, please step to the microphone and state your name and address for the record prior to your inquiry or comment. We would appreciate a limit of 5 minutes but will take such time as may be required to provide information. Please Begin.

Kerin Peterson spoke with comments regarding the 2020/2021 budget. She thanked the Commissioners for their acceptance of the new OpenGov format provided by Lancaster County. Kerin stated the capital improvements budget includes an operating deficit for 233 South 10th St., which is offset by revenue we receive from Park and Go for monthly parking permits and event parking proceeds of about \$30,000.00 per year. Revenues reflect rental rates that have not increased as well as the security pass through charges and the parking surcharge. Both surcharges are calculated per square foot of office space. On the expenses side the "Other Charges" is payroll for security, maintenance, mailroom and cleaning staff. Also included in "Other Charges" are the contract fees which include architect and engineer fees for each project.

With no public comments Sean Flowerday motioned to approve the 2020-2021 budget. Jane Raybould seconded the motion. The motion passed and the budget was approved.

Roma Amundson moved to adjourn the Public Budget Hearing and Chris Callihan seconded the motion and the vote carried. The Public Budget Hearing was adjourned.