

TUESDAY WORK SESSION AGENDA
June 27, 2023
Courthouse Conference Room

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Approximate Time

AGENDA

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| 9:00 a.m. | 1. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE |
| | 2. COMMENTS (for items not on this agenda and limited to 3 minutes) |
| | 3. APPROVE MINUTES OF June 20, 2023 |
| | 4. CITY OF DALLAS – GENERAL FUND SERVICES & COMMUNITY OUTREACH- Brian Latta & Ken Woods |
| | 5. NON-LISTED ITEMS (Pursuant to ORS 192.640) |

Regular meetings of the Board of Commissioners are held on Tuesday and Wednesday each week. The meetings are held in the Board of Commissioners' conference room, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon. Each meeting begins at 9:00 a.m., and is conducted according to a prepared agenda that lists the principal subjects anticipated to be considered. Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners may consider and take action on subjects that are not listed on the agenda. The Board also holds a department staff meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Every Monday in the Commissioners Conference Room at 850 main Street, Oregon.

A public meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners will be held on June 28, 2023, at 9:00 A.M. in the Polk County Courthouse. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 as approved by the Polk County Budget Committee. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at the Board of Commissioners office, Polk County Courthouse, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. This budget is for an annual budget period and is prepared on a basis of accounting that is consistent with the preceding year.

A public meeting of the Polk County 4-H, Master Gardener, Agriculture, Forestry, Extension District will be held on June 28, 2023 at 10:00 am at Polk County Courthouse Conference Room, Dallas, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 as approved by the Polk County 4-H, Master Gardener, Agriculture, Forestry, Extension District Budget Committee. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at the Board of Commissioners Office, Polk County Courthouse, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same used the preceding year.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS

The Board sets aside a time at each regular meeting for comment by the public on subjects not appearing on the Agenda. Individuals may come forward and make any statement they wish, but not to exceed three (3) minutes in length, except as is required to give concise answers to questions from Board members. If the subject will require a lengthier presentation, or merits inclusion as an item on the Agenda of a future meeting, the Board shall schedule it accordingly.

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
June 20, 2023

1. At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Gordon declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session and led the Board and attending audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Pope was present and Commissioner Mordhorst was present via Zoom.

2. COMMENTS (for items not on this agenda):

None.

3. MINUTES: **COMMISSIONER POPE MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF June 13, 2023**

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

4. DISTRICT ATTORNEY UPDATE:

Aaron Felton, Polk County District Attorney, provided an update on his department to the Board of Commissioners and Staff. Before his update, DA Felton wanted to thank the Commissioners for inviting him to provide an update to the Board and for the public to hear. DA Felton also wanted to share an experience he had over the weekend where he witnessed a theft at a local hardware store. DA Felton's update went over their current staffing levels and stated that they are fully staffed on paper. DA Felton stated that he is thankful that the public passed the Public Safety Levy, for all the hard work of the Sheriffs Office, and the leadership from the BOC office. Commissioner Pope wanted to talk about Measure 110 and asked DA Felton what is the thinking in regards to the challenges that are coming from Measure 110. DA Felton answered his question. Both Commissioner Mordhorst and Commissioner Gordon provided their opinions on this topic and thanked DA Felton.

5. NON-LISTED ITEMS - (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.)

None.

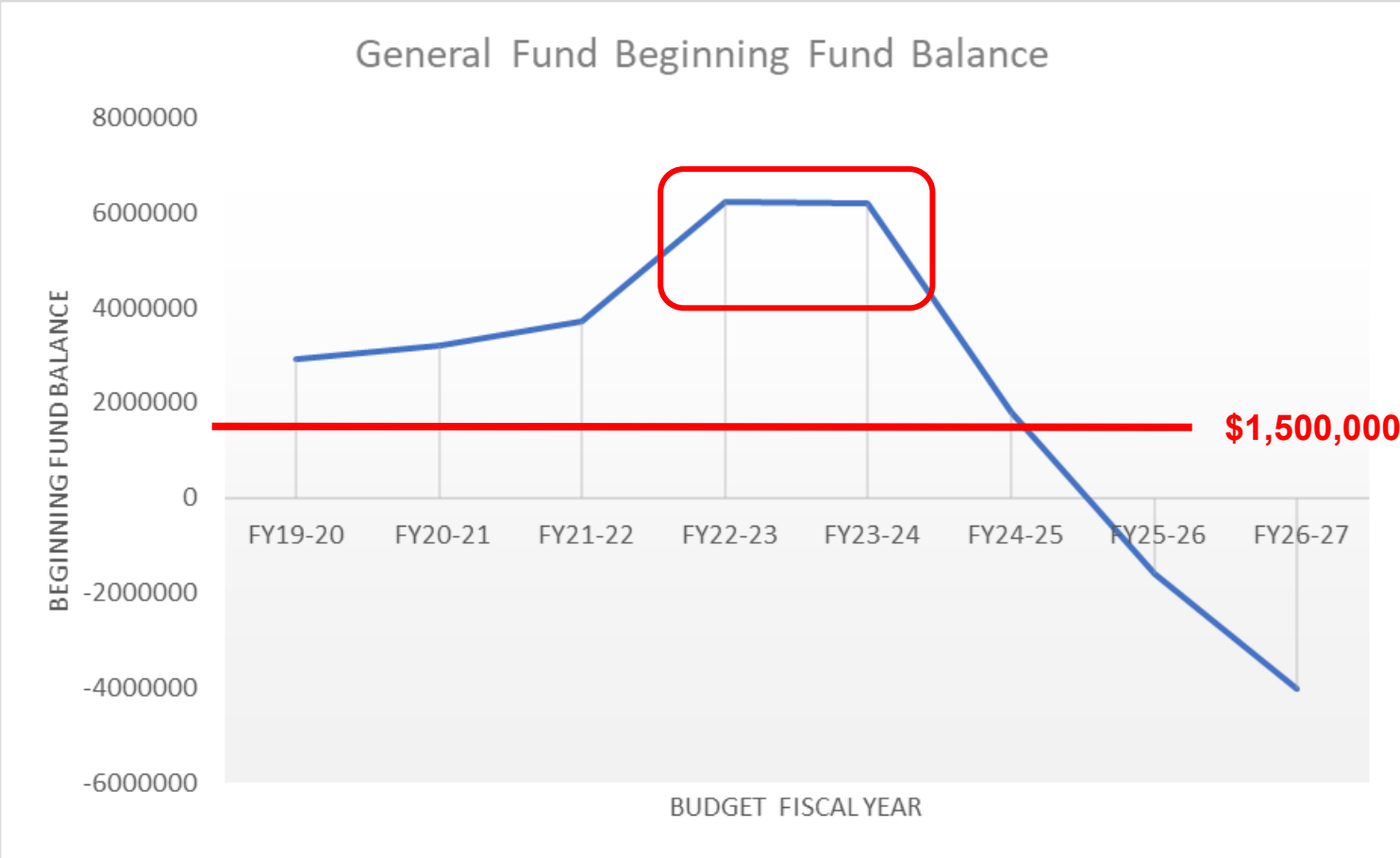
Commissioner Gordon adjourned the meeting at 9:29 a.m.



A Sustainable City of Dallas General Fund

By: Ken Woods Jr., Mayor
Brian Latta, City Manager

What is the Issue?



Why does this issue exist?

- Expenses are more than Revenues
- Increased demand for City services
- Inflation is bad for City operations
- Deferred capital purchases and projects



How do we resolve this issue?

Long-term solution - Grow the City's industrial and commercial tax base

Immediate solutions - Increase Revenues **or** Reduce City Services

Both the long-term and immediate solutions are needed to make and keep the General Fund sustainable now and into the future

What is the long-term solution?

Grow the City's tax base

- Best accomplished by adding and expanding commercial and industrial businesses into the Dallas economy



What Are the Immediate Solutions?

1. Approve a Public Safety Operations Levy **and** remove the Public Safety Fee on the City Bill
2. Create a Parks and Recreation District **and** Increase the Public Safety Fee on the City Bill
3. Approve a Public Safety Operations Levy **and** Increase the Public Safety Fee on the City Bill
4. Widespread Reductions of General Fund Services

Option 1: Public Safety Levy and Removing the Public Safety Fee

- A 5-year property tax
- Approved by the registered voters inside the City limits of Dallas
- Remove the \$4.95 public safety fee from the City bill

This option sustains the General Fund by adding revenues directly to public safety services



Option 1: Public Safety Levy and Removing the Public Safety Fee

Costs:

- Public Safety Levy is \$1.90 / \$1,000 of assessed property value
- Remove public safety fee

A Dallas property owner whose property is assessed at \$300,000 would pay \$570 more a year in property taxes. No one would pay the monthly public safety fee.

Option 2: Parks & Recreation District and Public Safety Fee

- A new taxing district
- Created by a vote of the registered voters inside the district boundary
- A fixed permanent tax rate
- Increase \$4.95 public safety fee



This option sustains the General Fund by removing parks and recreation expenditures, **and** by adding revenues directly to public safety services.

Option 2: Parks & Recreation District and Public Safety Fee

Costs:

- Parks and Recreation District is \$1.25 / \$1,000 of assessed property value
- Public Safety Fee is \$10.50 per month

Under Option 2, a Dallas property owner who also pays a monthly City bill, whose property is assessed at \$300,000 would pay \$441.60 more a year.

Option 3: Public Safety Levy and Public Safety Fee

- A 5-year property tax
- Approved by the registered voters inside the City limits of Dallas
- Increase the \$4.95 public safety fee



This option sustains the General Fund by adding revenues directly to public safety services.

Option 3: Public Safety Levy and Public Safety Fee

Costs:

- Public Safety Levy is \$1.30 / \$1,000 of assessed property value
- Public Safety Fee is \$10.50 per month

Under Option 3, a Dallas property owner who also pays a monthly City bill, whose property is assessed at \$300,000 would pay \$456.60 more a year.

Option 4: Reduction in General Fund City Services

- Eliminate 6 positions from Fire & EMS Department
 - 3 Paramedic/EMTs, 2 Firefighter/EMTs, and 1 Division Chief
- Eliminate 6 positions from the Police Department
 - A Sergeant, Traffic Safety Officer, School Resource Officer, Detective, and 2 Patrol Officers
- Close the Aquatic Center, and eliminate 36 positions
- Close the Library on Saturdays, and eliminate 1 position
- Eliminate the Parks Manager position, 1 Code Services position, a half-time Parks Maintenance position, and a half-time Facility Maintenance position

What's Next?

- The City Council wants your feedback
- Considering your feedback, the City Council will decide which of the four options to pursue
 - If options 1, 2 or 3 are selected a ballot measure will be placed on the May 2024 election
 - If option 4 is selected or an attempted ballot measure fails, reduction in services will take effect on July 1, 2024

Thank You!

Questions?

Please complete the feedback form