

**CITY OF GRIFFIN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORKSHOP
ONE GRIFFIN CENTER, W. ELMER GEORGE MUNICIPAL HALL
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2015**

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Chairperson Doug Hollberg presided, calling the workshop to order at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Joanne Todd, Cynthia Reid-Ward (arriving late), Rodney McCord (arriving late), Dick Morrow, and Ryan McLemore attended. Absent was Commissioner Cora L. Flowers. Also present were City Manager Kenny L. Smith, City Attorney Andrew J. Whalen, III and Teresa Watson to record minutes.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-2(1) for the purpose of meeting with its attorney to discuss pending/potential litigation, a Closed Session is requested under the attorney-client privilege, to discuss such pending/potential litigation.

Motion/second by Commissioners Todd/Morrow to enter into Executive Session at 9 a.m. carried by a vote of 4-0. (Commissioners McCord and Reid-Ward arrived late during Executive Session).

Motion/second by Commissioners Todd/Ward to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene to Open Meeting at 9:23 a.m. carried 6-0.

Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget Presentation. *City Manager Kenny Smith will address.*

Mr. Smith provided an overview of the FY 2015-2016 Budget via a PowerPoint presentation which is attached to and becomes a part of these official minutes. He answered questions posed by Commissioners and summarized the budget in general and with specifics via a Budget Summary, also attached to and becoming a part of these official minutes. Some discussion was held with occasional questions to directors. The general consensus of the Board was approval of this balanced budget that addressed most of the Commissioners' stated goals, with no decrease in service to citizens and no projected tax or fee increase. One regret stated by the City Manager was that employees would not realize any additional disposable income through salary increases, but he pointed out that the City was absorbing some significant increases in health care, dental care, retirement, and workers' compensation. In essence, employees were getting added compensation through benefits, but no across-the-board salary increases. Mr. Smith concluded by saying he hoped the Board would allow him to review the City's financial situation by mid-year and potentially consider some type of reward for the City's dedicated employees. The rebound in the previously depressed economy has been slow but there are signs of growth and opportunity.

Motion/second to adjourn by Commissioners Ward/Todd at 10:50 a.m. carried 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenny L. Smith, City Manager/Secretary

Accepted:

Douglas S. Hollberg, Chairperson