

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 5, 2018
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order by Council President Garnes at 6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Sheila K. Cherry, Larry Dordea, James Edwards, Julie Jakmides, Cindy King and Roger Rhome present. Brian Simeone arrived shortly after roll call approximately 6:33.

President Garnes noted the absence of Clerk Yost due to a family obligation and announced he would handle the clerical obligations for the evening unless council objected. President Garnes then read the notice of the special meeting.

President Garnes announced the reasons for the meeting and Mayor Andreani was given the floor.

Mayor Andreani announced that the recovery plan has been reviewed by the State Auditor's Office 3 or 4 times during the preparation and it seems to contain items that meet their approval. Mayor Andreani plans to ask for final Council approval at the March 19th Meeting so that it can be formally submitted to the Auditor's Office timely. Mayor Andreani outlined how the plan is set up with Tier I and Tier II components.

Councilman Edwards asked how many of the 15 items contained in the list he provided were Tier I and how many Tier II. The Mayor responded that all 15 items on the submitted list for current review were Tier I.

Mayor Andreani explained that the amount submitted for the Parks Levy revenue was less than the certified amount from the County Auditor because it accounted for actual collection amounts and some property owners are delinquent which means a lower amount of actual collection. In an effort to be as accurate as possible, the lower number was estimated and inserted.

Councilwoman Jakmides questioned why the Parks Levy revenue was higher than allocation in current budgets and how this is a revenue savings if we wouldn't spend it if the levy doesn't pass. Mayor explained that the levy also accounts for capital expenditures and improvements that aren't in the budget but need done.

Mayor Andreani explained the revenue estimates from timbering and explained the potential market for timber and city sources from the property behind Walmart.

Councilwoman Jakmides questioned other potential uses for this 75 acre property. Mayor Andreani explained the potential uses are limited due to the swampy nature of the land.

Mayor Andreani explained that the plan is not carved in stone and changes are expected as circumstances changes. The Mayor explained for example if the Parks Levy does not pass, the revenue generating portion will have significant changes.

Auditor Knowles explained the Cost benefits within the plan and explained that many if not all are already contained within the budget. The Auditor explained the 3 year history and the 3 year forecast and how it was attained. The Auditor further explained that the objective is to both reduce spending and increase revenue. We must reduce spending below the expected revenue restore the General Fund balance. This still does not address capital expenditures or street paving and we still need to reallocate to make the numbers work.

Councilman Edwards questioned what percentage of reallocation is necessary and the Auditor explained that it is the same amount we had to do for last year and this which is almost a complete transfer to the General Fund.

Councilwoman Jakmides questioned what was meant by the reference to Fire Department restructuring in the Plan since it isn't really explained and hasn't been discussed. Mayor Andreani explained that could be a variety of things such as part-time supplemental staffing and minimum manning requirements but we can't really openly talk about it since that would all be dependent on collective bargaining agreements and we don't want to disclose our intentions and objectives prior to the bargaining process beginning.

Councilman Dordea stated that we have significant overtime expenditures on the safety forces and that may be a target but Council needs more specific information before approving the action plan.

Councilman Rhome questioned registration fees and where that would fit into the plan. Mayor Andreani indicated it would be addressed in the Tier I ideas.

Council President Garnes then moved Council into the second matter for consideration and gave Auditor Knowles the floor to explain the 2018 Appropriations in Ordinance 17-18.

Auditor Knowles explained that the plan is always subject to changes and it is anticipated that it will be revised at least a few times during the recovery period. Things that affect revenue or expenses will necessitate revising the plan such as the voters not approving the Parks Levy will cause a significant modification since that revenue is calculated into the plan as it is formulated.

Councilwoman Cherry asked if coming up with a system of centralized billing is factored into the plan. Mayor Andreani stated centralized billing in the City has already been done.

ADJOURNMENT: Noting no further business presented or discussed with Council, President Garnes adjourned the special meeting of City Council at 7:02 P.M.

ARTHUR GARNES, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

GERARD YOST, COUNCIL CLERK