

City of St. Anthony  
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Minutes

August 8, 2022

**Present:**

**Mayor & Council**

Randy Stille, Mayor, Thomas Randle, Councilmember, Jan Jenson, Councilmember, Bernard Walker, Councilmember

**Staff:**

Charlie Yunker, City Manager and Shelly Rueckert, Finance Director

**Call to Order:**

Mayor Stille called the Work Session to order at 5:45 p.m.

**2023 Budget And Levy:**

Finance Director Rueckert presented the preliminary 2023 budget and levy and described the methodology in determining the budget and levy, as well as the major cost drivers. Preliminary base levy increase is proposed to be 4.93% with additional provisions for planned and possible increases in personnel costs, bringing the proposed levy increase to 5.39% for 2023.

Council discussed the preliminary budget and the drivers, and the proposed transfer of \$275,000 transfer from the Liquor Fund. Staff is proposing to take modest steps in increasing the transfer so future possible reductions would not cause major levy pressure.

Council and staff discussed the additional provisions on personnel costs relating to the medical skillset expansion in the Fire Department and reserves for unexpected personnel costs due to the challenging job market for recruiting and retaining talent.

Council was comfortable with the preliminary budget and levy and Staff will integrate any additional changes that may need to be made in the meantime into the final proposed 2023 budget and levy, and will bring to the regular City Council Meeting on August 23, 2022.

**Future Work Sessions:**

Next Work Sessions will be held on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 5:45pm in the Council Chambers.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Charlie Yunker, City Manager.