

**BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
JUNE 21, 2016**

ROLL CALL: Members of the City Council present included Mayor Michael Richbourg, Scott Stalnaker, Eric Gaither, Antonio Carter, Walt Steward and Mellissa W. Brown.

STAFF PRESENT: Mandy Luke, Jackie Jordan, Jill Wise, John Reynolds, Henry Yawn, Chief Edwards and Peter Schultz.

The Budget Workshop meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. Mandy Luke presented hand outs and a power point presentation for her proposal of the FY 2017 budget along with balances of each fund (see attachments for the general, water, gas, SPLOST and Hotel Motel tax). Mandy spoke of recent projects over the last few years explaining the loans, grants and matching funds for those projects. She explained the TE Project for sidewalks for Dogwood will probably not start until after the next Fiscal Year so she did not put the matching funds in the budget this time although she has been doing it previously. She discussed the gas line extension to Alapaha, which has been completed, explaining the bridge loan for it is what we are currently trying to get the RDLG loan for. Mandy discussed the information in the hand out for the proposed FY 2017 budget. She mentioned the SPLOST funds and what those funds may or may not be used for. Mandy briefly discussed the permits, taxes and timeline of construction on the new apartment complex to be built on Smith Avenue. Mandy explained the City's salaries as compared to other cities our size according to the DCA's salary survey and her proposition of salary increases and adjustments in accordance with same. Mandy briefly explained the savings she has managed to build up in her time with the City. She also explained payment of radio read water meters if that takes place. Chief Edwards spoke briefly concerning the Police Department's salaries and the need for adjustments in order to be more comparable to the departments in surrounding areas. Chief Edwards also mentioned the condition of the Police Department's current vehicles and the need for replacements in the future. There was also a brief discussion of equipment that may needed in the near future for the Water Department and Fire Department as well. She also mentioned property taxes have not been raised in seven years and raising by one mil will generate approximately \$83,000 - \$85,000.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Michael Richbourg

Alderman Antonio Carter

Alderman Walter Steward

Alderman Billy Retterbush

Alderman Mellisa Watson

Alderman Scott Stalnaker

Alderman Eric Gaither

ATTEST

Jackie Jordan, City Clerk