

June 26, 2023

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON, IDAHO, met in a Special Meeting Budget Session #4 at the Bell Building Second Floor Conference Room at 215 D Street. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y2P6pOIJXlk>

I. CALL TO ORDER

COUNCILORS PRESENT: Mayor Johnson; Council President Liedkie; Councilor Forsmann; Councilor Kleeburg; Councilor Schroeder; Councilor Spickelmire.

COUNCILORS EXCUSED: Councilor Tousley.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

IV. BUDGET ITEMS

A. LEGISLATIVE & EXECUTIVE:

Mayor Johnson reviewed the Legislative and Executive budget for the upcoming fiscal year 2024. Public Information Officer Maurer then provided an overview of the public information office, including where funding goes and accomplishments.

B. LEGAL:

City Attorney Hermann presented a brief overview of the Legal department and its budget, which includes providing legal assistance to the Mayor, City Council and City departments.

C. POLICE:

Police Chief Kuzik provided a structural overview of the Police Department followed by the budget overview for fiscal year 2024. Capital expenditure requests include software/maintenance upgrades for FLEX; an increase in the communications budget; funding for a department audit; and improvements to the range, which is used regionally.

D. FIRE:

Interim Fire Chief Rightmier explained the challenges the Fire Department faces, along with the current department's needs. Budget requests for fiscal year 2024 include training improvements; technical rescue enhancements; and the reactivation of an EMS Chief.

E. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

Community Development Director Shannon Grow reviewed the Community Development department, which includes Building, Planning, Administration and Transit. She explained the Community Development Department has no budget requests and reviewed the strategic plan goals they will be undertaking during the 2024 fiscal year.

F. TRANSIT:

Transit Manager Suzanne Seigneur gave an overview of the Transit department, as well as staffing challenges, changes to scheduling software, operating changes and capital budget for the 2024 fiscal year. She introduced microtransit as a way to eliminate the CDL staffing challenges through the purchase of smaller buses and meet the department's Strategic Plan goal of making transit more convenient.

V. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

A. CITY COUNCILOR COMMENTS:

None.

B. MAYOR COMMENTS

None.

VI. ADJOURNMENT - Action Item

There being no further business to come before the Lewiston City Council, Councilors Liedkie and Forsmann moved and seconded, respectively, to adjourn the June 26, 2023 Budget #4 Session. The motion carried 5-0 and the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:59 p.m.