

1 **Finance Commission**
2 **Meeting Minutes**
3 **August 23, 2023**
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6 **Roll Call/Announcements**
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8 The Finance Commission (FC) meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Vice-Chair Sagisser
9 called the roll.

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11 **Commissioners Present:** Siafa Barclay, Bruce Bester, Karin Derauf, and Dan Sagisser
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13 **Commissioners Absent:** Wanda Davies, Sadiq Dahir, and Joe Tupy
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15 **Staff Present:** Finance Director Michelle Pietrick and City Manager Patrick Trudgeon
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18 **Receive Public Comments**
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20 There being no one present wishing to speak to the Commission on an item not on the agenda,
21 the Vice-Chair moved to the next agenda item.
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23 **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
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25 Commissioner Bester moved, seconded by Commissioner Barclay to approve the July 11, 2023
26 meeting minutes as amended. **The motion carried unanimously.**
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28 **Discuss the 2024 City Manager Recommended Budget and Tax Levy**
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30 City Manager Patrick Trudgeon reviewed the 2024 City Manager recommended Budget and Tax
31 Levy.
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33 Vice-Chair Sagisser asked if the compensation study was going to stop the arguments and
34 inflation issue brought up by the various unions.
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36 Mr. Trudgeon indicated it would and would also help with non-union employees by keeping and
37 attracting employees to the City of Roseville.
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39 Commissioner Derauf asked if Roseville is currently charging credit card fees to users.
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41 Mr. Trudgeon indicated the City is not currently charging credit card fees. He has suggested it
42 each year, but the challenge is it can be built into the fees, but the City wants to be sensitive to
43 that, especially with Park and Recreation fees. The City wants to make sure things are
44 affordable. Right now, the City is paying the fees but this is something staff will continue to
45 look at.
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Mr. Trudgeon continued with the presentation.

Commissioner Bester indicated the nine percent levy increase proposed, covered partly by the median value increases, related to that, the whole nine percent kind of disappoints him, but there might be some brighter news, depending on what comes from Ramsey County. Last year, the levy proposed ended up being pretty close to what the property tax increase was for homeowners.

Ms. Pietrick explained that last year the average median valued residential property went up 12.9 percent and the City's ending levy increase was six percent. The city levy is the total dollar amount that is needed to balance the budget. The impact is going to be different across the various property types because Ramsey County takes the dollar levy the City submits, and then spreads it across the entire tax base. The commercial and apartment values have increased greater than the residential so there will be a shift in the allocation of levy dollars. Right now, based on the percentages and based on history, the single family, homesteaded residences are not going to necessarily see a nine percent increase.

Commissioner Bester thought that the history of the assessed property values jumped quite a bit in commercial, not so much in residential and this is where he sees some hope because the City has been adding a lot of housing units and a lot of that is apartments and commercial properties.

Mr. Trudgeon indicated that was correct. He indicated the EDA levy is going down \$40,000 which will help offset some increases. He indicated if the Commission has questions to reach out to either himself or Ms. Pietrick before the September meeting.

Receive Commission Recommendations Tracking Report

Commissioner Bester reviewed the Finance Commission tracking report.

Continued Review of the Capital Improvement Plan

Finance Director Michelle Pietrick reviewed the Capital Improvement Plan in order for the Commission to discuss. She indicated the City is going to close the IT Fund and the fund balance is being disbursed to other funds, which offset any increased property tax levies in those funds.

The Commission indicated they would have more discussion once all the information has been received and reviewed.

Staff Update

Ms. Pietrick updated the Commission on fiscal disparities and Ramsey County valuation report.

Identify Discussion Items for the Future Meeting

Ms. Pietrick indicated in September there will be a maintenance facility tour before the meeting. She reviewed the plans with the Commission.

92 **Adjourn**

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94 Commissioner Bester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Derauf to adjourn. The
95 **motion passed unanimously.**

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97 The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.