City of Galveston – Finance and Fiscal Affairs Committee
September 3, 2024 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
Location: CH 100, 823 Rosenberg Street, Galveston, TX 77550

Call Order / Roll Call:	Edward Walsh-Chairman Abel Longoria-Member Stephen Maxwell-Member Jonathan Zendeh Del-Member Jon Curra-Member Arnette Rose - Member Gene Hornstein-Member Marie Robb – Ex Officio Member on TEAMS.
Absent:	None
Guests:	N/A
Staff:	Dan Buckley, Deputy City Manager Csilla Ludanyi, CFO Don Glywasky, City Attorney Trevor Fanning, Assistant City Attorney Debbi Pierce, Budget Manager Theresa Merrill, Sr. Budget Analyst Amanda G. Collins, Sr. Budget Analyst Michelle Walker, Senior Accountant Parvathy Mahesh, Accounting Manager

1. Quorum determination and call to order.
   With a quorum present, the September 13, 2024, meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm by Chairman Edward Walsh. Meeting attendees are listed above.

2. Approval of minutes from the August 13, 2024 meeting.
   Jonathan Zendeh Del moved a motion to approve the minutes with a second by Stephen Maxwell; unanimously approved by committee members present.

3. Mr. Eddie Walsh formally welcomed Ms. Arnette Rose to the committee.

4. Csilla Ludanyi presented various budget scenarios for FY2025 based a tax rate increase or no tax rate increase, and also budget cuts for various items.
   a. Eddie Walsh moved to recommend council to adopt Column 2 of the presentation with a second by Gene Hornstein; passed by a vote of 5 to 2. Dr. Abel Longoria and Mr. Stephen Maxwell cast dissenting votes. Motion passed on a majority vote.

b. Eddie Walsh also moved recommending that the City and staff actively look for alternative funding sources of income from the tourist community; Jon Curra seconded and the motion was unanimously approved by committee members present.

5. Mr. Eddie Walsh took a poll for the reasons for dissent. Dr. Abel Longoria indicated that he wanted both motions (Items 4 and 5) combined into one. Mr. Stephen Maxwell wanted staff to look into other sources of revenue. Recommendation for City and staff to look into additional funding sources of revenue from tourism and project the impact of revenue and expenses from this funding source for the next 10 years. Recommendations made for departments with a lot of increases in budget should be discussed at a later date.

6. Mr. Hornstein recommended that the first order of business for the new fiscal year would be to select a new Chairman. All were in agreement.

7. Committee member comments - none.

8. Csilla Ludanyi thanked the members who are term limited (Mr. Edward Walsh, Dr. Abel Longoria and Mr. Stephen Maxwell) for their many years of service.

9. Public comments – none.

10. Tentative date and time of next committee meeting will be determined via email polling.

11. Meeting adjourned at 2:49 PM.

Csilla Ludanyi 9/20/24