

# CITY OF HAM LAKE

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## CITY OF HAM LAKE CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2024

The Ham Lake City Council met for a workshop meeting on Monday, August 19, 2024 directly following the adjournment of the regularly scheduled City Council meeting in the Conference Room at the Ham Lake City Hall located at 15544 Central Avenue NE in Ham Lake, Minnesota.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Brian Kirkham and Councilmembers Jim Doyle, Al Parranto, Gary Kirkeide and Jesse Wilken

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Finance Director, Andrea Murff; and City Administrator, Denise Webster

### 1.0 Call to Order

Mayor Kirkham called the meeting to order at 6:44 p.m.

### 2.0 Discussion of the Proposed 2025 Budget and CIP Review

Finance Director Murff stated the only changes to this draft budget memo from the July draft budget were the adjusting of Audit costs due to the new contract, updated tax capacity rates due to receiving preliminary tax capacity and fiscal disparity figures from Anoka County and pulling the Sunrise Watershed and Upper Rum River Watershed expenditures out from the General Fund in order to create new funds for the Watersheds' tax levies. Finance Director Murff also stated RFC Engineering anticipates a 3 percent increase in their fees for 2025, but due to the various factors such as the number and complexity of the projects it is hard to highlight that specifically in the budget.

Mayor Kirkham stated based on the information and options given he is in favor of a 3 percent levy increase for the General Fund. **It was the consensus of the City Council that the 3 percent General Fund levy increase option should be presented as the Preliminary Budget for approval.**

### 3.0 Discussion of the 2025 Law Enforcement Contract

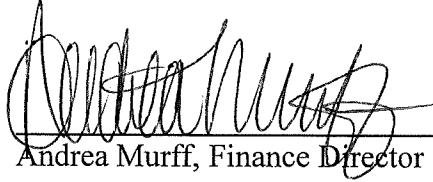
City Administrator Webster reviewed the options of the Anoka County's Sheriff contract with City Council. Mayor Kirkham stated he was in favor of the contract including half an investigator. **It was the consensus of the City Council to go with half of an investigator for \$1,567,123 for 2025 Law Enforcement Contract.**

### 4.0 Discussion of Local Affordable Housing Aid

Finance Director Murff stated the City received \$30,533.38 from the state for Local Affordable Housing Aid and that the grant could be used for emergency rental assistance, financial support to a nonprofit affordable housing provider, and the construction or rehabilitation of homeowner projects or rental housing projects. Finance Director Murff continued that there were income requirements in place and any grant program would need to be administrated by a third party to ensure the grant was

administered correctly. **It was consensus of the City Council that the \$30,533.38 be returned since there were no affordable housing rental units within the City.**

**Motion by Kirkeide, seconded by Parranto, to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.**



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Andrea Murff, Finance Director