1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eidinger called the special meeting to order at 9:00am.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Daryl Eidinger, Councilmember John C. West, Councilmember Mark Creley, Councilmember Ryan Day, Deputy Mayor Tyron Christopherson, Councilmember Stephanie Hunter, Councilmember Roseanne Tomyn. Excused: Councilmember Nate Lowry.

Staff Present: Assistant City Administrator Dave Gray, City Clerk Rachel Pitzel, Public Works Director, Jeremy Metzler, Police Chief Micah Lundborg, Accounting Manager, Stephanie Goff, Senior Planner, Kristin Moerler.

2. COUNCIL BUSINESS

Mayor Eidinger thanked Councilmembers for being in attendance and noted:
We come together each year as a Council and team to determine and prioritize the needs of our City. With the imposition of the utility tax this year, our objective for this budget retreat may be a little different. However, the City’s administrative business plan has not changed—we must match our sustained revenue to our core mission needs. We must also consider the fluctuations of workload volume that occurs over time.

As your Mayor and the City’s administrator or chief executive, it is my job to make sure your vision as council is followed and executed. To assist me in developing and implementing that plan, I have built a strong team with diverse talent and expertise. Some of those staff members are here today to answer your questions, explain the shared impacts of our current core needs, explain the fluctuations in volume workload, and discuss budgetary impacts and solutions. Today is not different from most City Council meetings in that regard. I typically ask staff members to present their respective pieces of the overall business plan. In fact, I typically ask Asst. City Administrator Dave Gray to be my voice in leading these discussions. Dave brings to the City his expertise in management and business. He brings the skills that we need to implement your vision and my administrative business plan. He is also best capable to lead the rest of staff to maximize the utility from onetime resources, align our core functions with stabilized revenues, and modify the plan, as necessary, based on organizational needs. Please join me in following along as staff leads the discussion I have asked them to prepare for today’s retreat. Thank you.

Assistant City Administrator Gray noted this was not a typical budget retreat as seen in the past. He noted this was an opportunity for staff to ask council, “what would you like to know”?

He discussed the one-time fees were going to be higher than anticipated this year and noted it looked like a $600,000 increase.

Councilmembers asked the following questions:

- Collection of utility tax and if they city has received any
- Next year’s allocations and a “wish list” for 2019
- Parks
Mayor Eidinger noted he met with the water company and discussed the Capital Improvement Plan and the injection sites coming off the plan, but he noted the city still needs to do a study to determine our needs.

Senior Planner Kristin Moerler discussed project totals and what that looks like as far as staffing and meeting the statutes and code requirements.

Discussion took place regarding Lakeland Hills and what made that area more unique than Edgewood. He noted it has dedicated space, and discussed the 36th and Meridian Park area.

Councilmember Day noted the infrastructure in Lakeland Hills vs. Edgewood’s infrastructure.

Discussion took place on the labor model and its numbers. Council noted it would have helped if they had actual data and numbers to refer to, so they could determine if the staff’s needs could be met.

Councilmember West asked what the intent of the meeting was. He noted it should be constructive and strategic.

Mayor Eidinger recessed the meeting for 10 minutes at 10:22am

Mayor Eidinger called the meeting back to order at 10:32am.

Discussion took place regarding the objective of the budget retreat.

Council discussed:

- Comprehensive options:
  - Compliance
  - Data Base
  - Vison for development ahead of the curve
- Walkable City/Sidewalks
- Sewer to Park

Public Works Director Jeremy Metzler discussed the stormwater rates and the Stormwater Management Plan.

Chief Lundborg discussed his needs for the police, but also noted that his needs reflect the need for council to meet city staff needs, as it will affect his department’s ability to focus on public/life safety more than the neighbor disputes on stormwater or other code enforcement issues they seem to be dealing with on a continual basis.

Council requested:

- Departments “wish-list” articulating how each request “crosses over” to other departments

3. **ADJOURN**

Mayor Eidinger adjourned the meeting at 12:53pm