

Mr. Madden presented the budget during a public hearing held before the Council meeting. FY 23 will have a balanced budget with no tax or fee increases. The total budget is \$42.7 million.

MINUTES  
CITY OF MAULDIN BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING AND CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 16, 2022  
7:00 P.M.

Council Members present: Mayor Terry Merritt, Council members Taft Matney, Carol King, Jason Kraeling, Frank Allgood and Diane Kuzniar. Councilman Reynolds was not present.

Others present: Brandon Madden, City Administrator and John Duggan, City Attorney.

1. Call to Order-Mayor Merritt
  - a. Welcome- Mayor Merritt
  - b. Invocation- Councilman Allgood
  - c. Pledge of Allegiance- Councilman Allgood
2. Proclamations and Presentations- Mayor Merritt read two proclamations.
  - a. Municipal Clerk Proclamation
  - b. Kids to Parks Proclamation
3. Reading and Approval of Minutes
  - a. City Council Meeting –April 18, 2022

**Motion:** Councilwoman King made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilman Matney seconding.

**Vote:** The vote was unanimous (6-0).

- b. Special Called Meeting-May 9, 2022

**Motion:** Councilman Matney made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilwoman King seconding. Councilwoman Kuzniar was not present at the meeting and did not vote on the minutes.

**Vote:** The vote was unanimous (5-0).

4. Public Comment- None
5. Report from City Administrator- None
6. Report from Standing Committees
  - a. Finance and Policy (Chairperson Reynolds)- No report.
  - b. Public Safety (Chairperson King)- Chairwoman King reported the fire station groundbreaking will be Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

- c. Public Works (Chairperson Kraeling)- No report.
  - d. Economic Planning & Development (Chairperson Matney)- Chairman Matney mentioned Keira Heider has resigned her position. The City appreciates all of her hard work and wishes her well in all of her future endeavors.
  - e. Building Codes (Chairperson Kuzniar)- Chairwoman Kuzniar reported four new businesses opened in April.
  - f. Recreation (Chairperson Allgood)- No report.
7. Unfinished Business- There is no unfinished business.
8. New Business

**Ordinances – 1st Reading**

- a. An ordinance approving a major change to the Centerpointe Planned Development District- Mr. Dyrrhaug advised Council that the buyer and seller of the property are negotiating a contract and asked this item be sent back to committee.

**Motion:** Chairwoman Kuzniar made a motion to send this item back to committee with Councilman Matney seconding.

**Vote:** The vote was unanimous (6-0).

- b. An ordinance to rezone property consisting of approximately 8.1 acres located at 711 North Main Street and 713 North Main Street (tax map parcels #M008.03-01-010.01 and #M008.03-01-010.10) and providing an effective date

**Motion:** Chairwoman Kuzniar made a motion to approve this ordinance on first reading with Councilwoman King seconding.

Councilman Kraeling said he had come to a Planning Commission meeting before he was on Council regarding this property. It was said that the property would be zoned C2 because it was unfair to the property owner to not be commercial. They left a part in the back that was zoned R20. All of the property now would be zoned RM. Councilman Kraeling is concerned about the traffic and will vote no on the item.

Councilman Allgood asked if the buffer would still be 50 feet. The developer answered yes.

**Vote:** The vote was 5-1 with Councilman Kraeling dissenting.

- c. An amendment to Chapter 10, Article II (Business Licenses), Section 6 (Deductions, Exemptions, and Charitable Organizations) of the Mauldin Code of Ordinances to exempt short-term vendors at public markets from the business license tax

**Motion:** Chairwoman Kuzniar made a motion to approve this ordinance on first reading with Councilman Matney seconding.

**Vote:** The vote was unanimous (6-0).

d. FY 22 Budget Amendment ordinance

**Motion:** Councilwoman King made a motion to approve this ordinance on first reading with Councilwoman Kuzniar seconding.

**Vote:** The vote was unanimous (6-0).

#### **Standing Committee Items**

e. Amended Resolution to Certify Textile Mill

**Motion:** Councilman Matney made a motion to accept this amended resolution with Councilman Kraeling seconding.

Councilman Kraeling asked if there is any issue on timing with this since the City currently owns the property. City Attorney Duggan answered that this is only certifying the site as a former textile mill and it does not matter who owns the property.

Councilman Allgood asked if we were sure all six parcels listed are former textile mill sites. Mr. Duggan answered the sites have been confirmed by the Appalachian Council of Governments.

**Vote:** The vote was unanimous (6-0).

f. SRO Agreement

**Motion:** Chairwoman King made a motion to approve this one combined SRO agreement with Councilman Matney seconding.

**Vote:** The vote was unanimous (6-0).

g. Appointments to the Planning Commission

**Motion:** Chairwoman Kuzniar made a motion to appoint Lyon Bixler to Seat 6, Chauncelynn Locklear to Seat 7, and reappoint Chris Paglialunga and Brian Sofield to the Planning Commission. Councilman Allgood seconded the motion.

**Vote:** The vote was unanimous (6-0).

h. Franchise Agreement with Duke Energy

**Motion:** Councilwoman King made a motion to approve the franchise agreement with Councilwoman Kuzniar seconding.

**Vote:** The vote was unanimous (6-0).

i. Contract with Script sourcing

**Motion:** Councilwoman King made a motion to approve this contract with Councilman Matney seconding.

City Attorney Duggan said Mauldin does not enter into contracts without its attorneys vetting them first. Several sections of this contract were taken out and accepted by Script Sourcing. The only revision not accepted was paragraph 5. Any litigation would have to be done in California because they are a California company.

**Vote:** The vote was unanimous (6-0).

**Committee of the Whole**

**Motion:** Councilman Matney made a motion to consider the following two items informally. Councilwoman King seconded the motion.

**Vote:** The vote was unanimous (6-0).

j. An Ordinance establishing a sewer pump station fee for additional parcels of the Indigo Point development and for certain properties near and adjacent to the Indigo Point development; creating a lien for unpaid sewer pump station fees; and other matters related thereto

**Motion:** Councilman Kraeling made a motion to accept this ordinance on first reading with Councilwoman King seconding.

**Vote:** The vote was unanimous (6-0).

k. An Ordinance To Provide Appropriations For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2022 And Ending June 30, 2023 For Ordinary And Other City Purposes; To Provide For A Levy Of Taxes On All Taxable Property In The City Of Mauldin For All City Purposes, Including Sufficient Tax For Any Principal And Interest On Outstanding Indebtedness Maturing In The Fiscal Year; To Provide For The Expenditure Of Said Taxes And Other Revenues Coming To The City During The Fiscal Year

**Motion:** Councilwoman King made a motion to accept this ordinance on first reading with Councilman Matney seconding.

**Vote:** The vote was unanimous (6-0).

## 9. Public Comment

Rollie Hyust: First of all, I want to say that Mauldin has really grown, and a lot of things are happening. It is a win-win. No increase in City taxes. I have been here for 40 something years. Wow. My friends come to visit me from up north and they say what is your property tax, what is your City tax. I tell them and they all want to move down here. I discourage them.

Anyway, we have a litter problem big time. I live off of Miller Road at 104 Swinton Drive. The state is not doing their fair share. That is a state road. I have driven around the City, and I noticed when we have a trash day, a lot of businesses and individuals, but businesses mostly, they have overflowing trash containers. I am thinking maybe we could make them buy another trash container or something like that. Maybe we could use some of the Palmetto Pride money we got for litter and help businesses out by making an enclosure of some kind where they can put their cans inside of an enclosure. I don't know how that would work with the new automatic truck, but I am just throwing things out there.

We do need to address the litter problem in Mauldin and make it a big-time project. I know in the old days we had a litter day. I think Councilman Black helped in that. We had big bags and announced a litter day for the City of Mauldin. It was like a Saturday and the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and City organizations got together, and I think it was at the grade school. They gave them sections of the City and it was wonderful. They collected tons of trash. I think we might want to go back to that. We have so much through traffic with people coming and going, especially from Woodruff down Miller. It is unbelievable the trash. It is not anyone's fault. We have had litter forever, we just need to address the issue. I would like to see the City of Mauldin make it a priority.

Maybe if there was some strong enforcement, people would stop. Like Mauldin used to be known for traffic, no one wanted to come through Mauldin. But anyway, seriously, I think we may want to enforce the litter code a little more. One or two fines and people would say I better not do that in Mauldin. Thank you.

10. Council Concerns- Councilman Kraeling suggested the people who ride through and litter our town could put a vest on one Saturday and help clean up. They would know if they littered in Mauldin, they have to spend their Saturday with us cleaning up.

Councilman Matney said we love to have people traveling through Mauldin, but we have an issue when they throw their trash out the window. It is disturbing because this is the City where we live, work, and play, and people are littering. There are so many things happening in and around Mauldin, and we need to be dressed for things that are coming. Dress for the job you want, not the job you have. We need to pick up the trash, clean up after wrecks, and mitigate the litter. We do have the grant in place for this.

Councilman Matney then said there have been some horrific acts that have happened in this country because of hate. He hopes that National Day of Prayer spreads, not just on that day, but that we pray for those who have been affected. The Country, State and City need to bring grace back.

Mayor Merritt reminded everyone that the Memorial Day Ceremony will be Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at the Cultural Center Veteran's Memorial.

11.Adjournment- Mayor Merritt adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cindy Miller  
Municipal Clerk