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CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION SUMMARY

Date: March 31, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: City Hall

Purpose

The City Council held a work session to discuss the upcoming fiscal year budget and related challenges. No formal actions were taken.

Discussion Summary

Council Members shared feedback received from community members, including:

- Desire to maintain and repair City assets
- Opposition to moving the City Office
- Support for keeping the DMV open
- Concerns about stipends for volunteer Fire Department members

The Council agreed that more direct public input is needed to help guide budget priorities.

A public hearing was scheduled to gather community input on budget priorities and spending decisions:

- Date: April 9, 2026
- Time: 6:00 PM

Council Members Cassie Eades and Kay Hawkins will assist with outreach, including distributing flyers door-to-door.

Key Topics Discussed

Fire Department:

- Possibility of transitioning to a nonprofit organization was discussed
- Concerns were raised about potential loss of Borough funding if services are no longer provided by the City
- Questions remain regarding City assets, building use, and possible agreements
- Discussion included whether stipends may be necessary to recruit and retain volunteers and a Fire Chief



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DMV Operations:

- The City is currently subsidizing DMV services
- Increasing DMV fees is not allowed, limiting revenue options

City Facilities:

- Discussion of potentially using the clinic building for City offices
- Feedback indicates a desire to keep the current City Office location and maintain existing buildings
- The possibility of utilizing volunteers for certain needs was also discussed

Public Input (Informal)

Comments from community members, including Michelle Nelson, Randall Witte and Shaleen Holmes, were shared through conversations and text messages and read aloud. These comments were not submitted in writing at the time of the meeting.

It was recommended that any comments received via text message or other informal means be formally submitted to the City Clerk to be included in the official record.

Council Member Cassie Eades indicated she would contact the individuals to request permission to submit their comments on their behalf.

This approach was supported to ensure that all public input is documented, accessible, and fairly represented as part of the City's official records.

Conclusion

The Council will seek additional public input through the scheduled public hearing to help determine priorities for the upcoming fiscal year budget.