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Meeting Date: November 26th, 2024

Topic: Council Strategic Plan

Location: 117 West Duval Street, Lynwood Roberts Room

In attendance: Council Member Ron Salem, Council Member Kevin Carrico, Council Member Micheal Boylan, Council Member Joe Carlucci, Council Member Jimmy Peluso, Council Member Reggie Gaffney Jr., Council Member Nick Howland, Council Member Ken Amaro, Council Member Nick Howland, Scott Wilson – Mayor’s Office, Bill Delaney – Mayor’s Office, Shannon MacGillis – Office of General Counsel, Kim Taylor – Council Auditor’s Office, Brian Parks – Council Auditor’s Office, Ernest Smith – Urban Core CPAC

For a complete list of attendees, please refer to the sign-in sheet.

Meeting Convened: 3:30 pm

City Council Member Ron Salem called the meeting to order asked the attendees to introduce themselves for the record. CM Salem said the purpose of this meeting is to discuss the City Council strategic plan (2019-0557 E) for the upcoming budget year: 2025-2026. He said there have been discussions during the Finance Committee meetings about how they’d like to handle the process this year. One recommendation that he’d like to make to the administration would be putting \$9.4 million in a budget stabilization fund that would be available to the committee during the budget process. CM Salem specified that this funding could be used to fill gaps in the budget or to fund CM projects. It would take 2/3 vote to allocate from this fund. CM Salem opened the floor for comments.

CM Will Lahnen asked if the 2/3 vote would be applied to any funding allocations or movements that occurred during the budget process, not from this fund. CM Salem confirmed that those votes would still be a simple majority. CM Lahnen voiced his support for this initiative.

CM Carrico said he supports this as the strategic plan process has gotten a little messy. This cleans up the process and still gives CM’s room for enhancements.

CM Howland said he is supportive of this but does see the Finance Committee itself as a budget stabilizer. If this eases the process further, he supports. CM Salem specified that he sees this as a one-year trial and this process has been utilized by past Councils. Kim Taylor confirmed this. She pointed out that any funding that was leftover after the budget hearings are complete could be added to this fund.

CM Peluso asked if this will affect the Community Benefits Agreement for the 14 districts. CM Salem confirmed that this will not.



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CM Gaffney Jr. asked if this would affect any individual district projects that are in process right now. CM Salem said this will end the practice of dividing the money and giving it to each individual district, but CM's will still be able to put in for enhancements as they always have.

CM Joe Carlucci expressed concerns over using this money to clean up a messy budget rather than enhancing their districts. He added that he would rather see that money be available for individual Council Member projects.

CM Boylan said he thinks guardrails around how this money can be spent is imperative. He also suggested possibly setting the money aside for six months after the budget hearings conclude.

With no other discussion, CM Salem adjourned the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:55 PM

Minutes: Nikki Evans – completed on December 2nd, 2024
Attached: Sign-in Sheet

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