

## 2020 – 2021 BUDGET ADVISORY COUNCIL

April 14, 2021

Online via MS Teams

The meeting started at 7:00 PM.

1. Welcome and Introductions
  - a. Thirteen members were present: Melanie Bowen (Chair), Chuck Rush (Vice-Chair), Katherine Christensen, Juan Gordon, Bob Ramsey, Erik Sullivan, Julie Davis, Sean Miller, Valerie Smith, Nellie Carr, Michael Lyons, Sal Tajuddin, and Jennifer Wagener
  - b. APS staff member Leslie Peterson
2. Approval of Minutes
  - a. The March minutes were approved by all members
3. Public Comment
  - a. Josh Folb, AEA. Provided view that the proposed compensation increase is insufficient; specifically it doesn't sufficiently address lost inflation and some employees will have 30 month gaps between compensation increases. He also gave a summary of surrounding county proposals for context and comparison. Also recommended that revenue increases be devoted to compensation.
4. Overview of Budget Updates – Leslie Peterson
  - a. Provided revised revenue estimate – APS will receive approximately \$23.7 million due to county, state, and American Rescue Plan funds.
  - b. Provided revised expenditure estimate increase of \$1.7 million. Some categories of increase due to summer school, fall distance learning requirements, and other adjustments.
  - c. Updated BAC on the Proposed Budget Motions that reduced expenditures by approximately \$6.8 million dollars and 35.00 FTEs.
    - i. It also changed the previous 2% cost of living adjustment with Compensation Option 1.
    - ii. Proposed reductions taken from the Tier 1 and 2 list as previously presented in the proposed budget. Of note is a further \$1.5 million dollar reduction in MC/MM.
  - d. Provided view that use of reserves will likely close any remaining deficit.
5. Overview of CIP Process and Calendar – Leslie Peterson
  - a. Proposed CIP due to present on May 6. CIP will cover FY2022-26. County would like a 3 year CIP this year and in next year returning to a 10 year CIP.
  - b. Several work sessions between that presentation and School Board adoption on June 24.
  - c. Key items determining what items to include in a 3 year CIP as well as whether or not to have a bond referendum this year.
6. Discussion of Year End Report – Melanie Bowen
  - a. Requested input from the BAC to help shape our year end report.
  - b. Discussed general outline of the report – highlight outstanding recommendations from previous reports, recommendations on the current fiscal year, and input for

next year's budget guidance.

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM.