

**Minutes from the Council Ad Hoc Budget Committee  
Date 5-29-2024**

Council Committee Members Present: Rebecca Reckers, Jennifer Jasper-Lucas, Diana Niceley, Renee Skidmore, Don Skidmore, Renee Wilson, Vicki Kyle, and Tom Cahill

Other Parties Present: Jessica Fette

Meeting began at 5:31 pm

The meeting began with discussion of the questions that had been submitted by members of council and collected by Councilmember Reckers. The questions were directed to the Mayor as City Staff was not in attendance.

Discussion occurred around annual raises for all city employees, the “city night out” spending, the costs associated with marketing and the proposed marketing contractor, the museum employee expense and scope of work, questions regarding the absence of the proposed fire house drawings from the budget, spending concerns with the linear park (Erlanger Road), concerns regarding the full parks spending requests and the year over year park spending in excess of the park fund appropriation.

The committee recommended the below listed changes be made to the current iteration of the 2024-2025 budget:

- Average raises for city employees to be adjusted from 5 % to 5.5%.
- Marketing contractor has been reduced by \$30,000 (\$72,000 to \$42,000).
- The Park spending appropriation was reduced by \$535,000 (\$2,100,000 to \$1,565,000).

Meeting adjourned 6:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

Attested by: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk