

# City of Rockaway Beach

## Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

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**Date:** Thursday, April 13, 2023  
**Time:** 5:00 P.M.  
**Location:** Rockaway Beach City Hall, 276 HWY 101 -Civic Facility

**CALL TO ORDER**– Charles McNeilly, Committee Chair

### **ROLL CALL**

[Position #3 - Kristine Hayes: Present](#)  
[Position #4 - Mary McGinnis: Present](#)  
[Position #7 - Penelope Cheek: Present](#)  
[Position #1 - Charles McNeilly: Present](#)  
[Position #2 - Tom Martine: Present](#)  
[Position #4 - Alesia Franken: Present](#)  
[Position #1 - David Elkins: Present](#)  
[Position #2 - Stephanie Winchester: Present](#)  
[Position #3 – Michael Weissenfluh: Present](#)  
[Position #4 - Dave May: Absent](#)  
[Position #5 - Penny Chilton: Present](#)  
[Position #6 - Susan Hennessy Schaeftbauer: Present](#)

### **APPROVE MINUTES**

David Elkins proposed amending section 7 of the April 6th, 2023, meeting minutes as follows “Elkins suggested to the budget committee to meet quarterly to review the actual revenue and spending for the previous quarter.”

Michael Weissenfluh made a motion, seconded by David Elkins, to approve the amended meeting minutes: Motion carried.

[Position #3 - Michael Weissenfluh: Motion](#)  
[Position #1 - David Elkins: 2nd](#)  
[Position #3 - Kristine Hayes: Abstain](#)  
[Position #4 - Mary McGinnis: Approve](#)  
[Position #7 - Penelope Cheek: Abstain](#)  
[Position #1 - Charles McNeilly: Approve](#)  
[Position #2 - Tom Martine: Approve](#)  
[Position #4 - Alesia Franken: Approve](#)  
[Position #1 - David Elkins: Approve](#)  
[Position #2 - Stephanie Winchester: Approve](#)  
[Position #3 - Michael Weissenfluh: Approve](#)  
[Position #4 - Dave May: Absent](#)  
[Position #5 - Penny Chilton: Approve](#)  
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Penny Cheek Abstained from voting due to being absent at the April 6th, 2023, budget meeting.

Kristine Hayes Abstained from voting due to being absent at the April 6th, 2023, budget meeting.

### **PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

McNeilly Read the Following: This Public Hearing allows Citizen input regarding the Proposed Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget. Additional testimony also may be taken from those who did not already testify regarding possible uses of State Revenue Sharing Funds.

McNeilly opened the public hearing at 5:07PM.

No input received.

McNeilly closed the public hearing at 5:08PM.

### **DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024**

Chilton would like to see the Budget Committee have a workshop to discuss the budget to understand it better.

Elkins shared his concerns & thoughts regarding hiring an independent consultant to see if a Fire District would be in the city's best interest and if a Fire District would be more economical. The Budget Committee discussed that matter at length.

Elkins made a motion, seconded by Hennessy Schaeftbauer, to request city council to consider hiring an independent cost analysis to research the benefits of having a fire district; Motion Failed.

[Position #1 - David Elkins: Motion](#)

[Position #6 - Susan Hennessy Schaeftbauer: 2nd](#)

[Position #3 - Kristine Hayes: Disapprove](#)

[Position #4 - Mary McGinnis: Disapprove](#)

[Position #7 - Penelope Cheek: Disapprove](#)

[Position #1 - Charles McNeilly: Disapprove](#)

[Position #2 - Tom Martine: Disapprove](#)

[Position #4 - Alesia Franken: Disapprove](#)

[Position #1 - David Elkins: Approve](#)

[Position #2 - Stephanie Winchester: Disapprove](#)

[Position #3 - Michael Weissenfluh: Disapprove](#)

[Position #4 - Dave May: Absent](#)

[Position #5 - Penny Chilton: Disapprove](#)

[Position #6 - Susan Hennessy Schaeftbauer: Disapprove](#)

Weissenfluh would approve this year's budget but on a stipulation that he would like the City Manager Luke Shepard to take to City Council a discussion item on forming a financial sustainability plan workgroup to work with city staff for a long-range financial plan.

Winchester asked a question about a code enforcement officer.

Winchester asked a question on the capital improvement plan and what the difference was this year compared to next year. Shepard stated that this year is finishing up 1<sup>st</sup> street intersection & next year will be improving Pacific St, South 3<sup>rd</sup> to South 4<sup>th</sup> St.

Chilton asked a question on STR fees and if they should be increased to cover the expenses incurred by the city. Shepard said he would investigate this.

McNeilly made a motion, seconded by Cheek to take the proposed 2023-2024 budget to the City Council for Final adoption; Motion carried.

[Position #1 - Charles McNeilly: Motion](#)  
[Position #7 - Penelope Cheek: 2nd](#)  
[Position #3 - Kristine Hayes: Approve](#)  
[Position #4 - Mary McGinnis: Approve](#)  
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[Position #6 - Susan Hennessy Schaeftbauer: Approve](#)

### **ADJOURN OR CONTINUE THIS MEETING TO ANOTHER DATE**

Winchester made a motion, seconded by Franken to adjourn the meeting; Meeting adjourned at 6:02PM

[Position #2 - Stephanie Winchester: Motion](#)  
[Position #4 - Alesia Franken: 2nd](#)  
[Position #3 - Kristine Hayes: Approve](#)  
[Position #4 - Mary McGinnis: Approve](#)  
[Position #7 - Penelope Cheek: Approve](#)  
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APPROVED

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Charles McNeilly, Budget Committee Chair

ATTEST

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Melissa Thompson, City Recorder

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