

**MINUTES  
PUBLIC HEARING – 2021 BUDGET  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
HURON-CLINTON METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2020**

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The Budget Hearing of the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority's Board of Commissioners was held on Thursday, Dec. 10, 2020 immediately following the Work Session. The meeting was via remote attendance by commissioners and members of the public due to the Coronavirus pandemic. The hearing convened in pursuance to a legal notice placed in the Detroit Free Press and Detroit News.

Commissioners Present:                      Robert W. Marans (Remote – Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, MI)  
  Jaye Quadrozzi (Remote – Farmington Hills, Oakland County, MI)  
  Kurt Heise (Remote – Plymouth, Wayne County, MI)  
  Steve Williams (Remote – Marine City, St. Clair County, MI)  
  John P. Rea (Remote – Mt. Clemens, Macomb County, MI)  
  Timothy J. McCarthy (Remote – Grosse Pointe, Wayne County, MI)

Staff Officers Present:  
Director    Amy McMillan  
Interim Deputy Director                      Michael Lyons  
Chief of Finance                                   Rebecca Franchock

Absent:    Commissioner Parker

**1. Motion to Open Public Hearing**

Motion by Commissioner Heise, support from Commissioner Williams that the Board of Commissioners open the public hearing for the 2021 budget.

The public hearing was convened at 1:00 p.m.

**2. Chairman's Statement**

None.

**3. 2021 Budget Review**

Chief of Finance Rebecca Franchock reviewed 2020 budgeted numbers and said 2021 budget figures was based on the 2019 budget and that staff used the 2020 amended budget as a comparison reference.

Ms. Franchock said for the 2021 budget, fees and charges are unchanged, staff anticipates typical weather patterns, a return to normal programming for interpretive programs, aquatic facilities and large events such as fireworks. Programming will be adjusted as needed for the pandemic. She said expenditures are expected to increase for park operations, the administrative office and major maintenance while capital equipment and the capital project fund are expected to decrease.

Ms. Franchock reviewed the fund balance and said in 2019 the fund balance had \$21.2 million in the unassigned fund balance based on the planned use of \$2.5 million. The targeted range for unassigned fund balance is a minimum 25 percent with a maximum of 30 percent of budgeted general fund revenue (\$13.6 to \$16.4 million). The 2020 fund balance is estimated at \$22.3 million, \$6 million over upper limit of the targeted amount.

Commissioner Marans asked if the amount for the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy partnership been allocated. Ms. Franchock said yes, in the unassigned fund balance and that only \$300,000 would be used in 2021.

Ms. Franchock reviewed the capital project fund and said there were 13 new projects for 2021 – seven self-funded projects, six grant-funded projects totaling \$6.6 million.

Commissioner McCarthy said the Metroparks had positive results due to marketing efforts increased this year and we are doing well. The Metroparks should plan on spending some of this money to continue this trend. He also said staff should start with better budgeting than what has been done in the past.

Commissioner Williams thanked Ms. Franchock for all her hard work.

**4. Public Participation**

None.

**5. Motion to Close Public Hearing**

Motion by Commissioner McCarthy, support from Commissioner Quadrozzi that the Board of Commissioners close the public hearing for the 2021 Budget.

Motion carried unanimously.

The public hearing for the 2021 Budget adjourned at 1:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Shawn Athayde  
Recording Secretary