



# CITY OF EAST WENATCHEE

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## Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 9, 2016, 5:30 PM

Location: Council Chambers

Members Attending: Mayor Lacy, Councilmembers Johnson, Sterk and Barnhart (attending on behalf of Detering); and Finance Director Gerde. City Engineer, Greg Pezoldt, also attended.

The meeting began on time at 5:30 PM.

The agenda was reviewed, discussed briefly, and accepted. Finance Director Gerde distributed materials reflecting the current status of the 2017 budget, including:

1. Budget assumptions and highlights for operating revenues by source, amount, and their percentage contributory share was provided. Each source was discussed briefly among those attending. New sources of revenue for 2017 were also discussed.
2. Budget assumptions and highlights for operating expenses by spending category, amount and percentage share of total costs was provided. As with revenue, each category was discussed by the group. An addition schedule for actual to budget labor costs over the last three years in comparison to the 2017 budget was also provided and discussed. Changes due to compensation increases and added positions were provided and discussed, as well as department capital and comparative healthcare premium costs.
3. The Capital Project listing was also reviewed, and several projects were discussed by the group, including those for which grant monies had been requested, but not yet determined. If those grants are not approved by November 18<sup>th</sup>, the projects will be eliminated from the budget between the first and second readings.

4. The Baker Avenue project was discussed in light of the preliminary differential funding between the City's request for storm water support of \$630,000, and Douglas Counties management team funding approval of approximately \$200,000 for the project. This differential will need to be resolved in order for the GEWSWU 2017 Budget approval by both Douglas County and the City.
5. The current monthly cash flow schedule for the 2017 budget was distributed and discussed briefly, noting the changes from the initial budget reviewed by the Committee.
6. The Committee discussed future approaches to annexations, including several different annexation areas. The consensus was to have a Council retreat in early 2017 that would include an in-depth look at annexation alternatives and deliberation of key valuation factors and strategies. Another topic for the retreat would include an analysis of compensation for Council members and a structure which would allow for more timely changes and/or increases.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM. Respectively submitted:



Nick Gerde  
Finance Director

Attachment: Agenda