



CITY OF EAST WENATCHEE

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Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 20, 2016, 5:30 PM

Location: 1st Floor Conference Room

Budget Committee Members attending: Mayor Steve Lacy; Councilmembers Tim Detering, John Sterk, and Chuck Johnson, and Finance Director, Nick Gerde.

Other City Staff attending in the order of their presentations: Randy Harrison, Police Chief; Greg Pezoldt, Public Works Director; Dan White, Events Coordinator; Chancey Crowell, Municipal Court Judge; Lori Barnett, Community Development Director; Devin Poulson, City Attorney; and Dana Barnard, City Clerk. Teresa Allen, Executive Secretary and Accounting Assistant, joined the group later in the meeting.

The meeting began at 5:40 PM with all members and staff in attendance. The order of presentation was provided and discussed. Materials for each presentation had been previously provided to Committee Members and to City staff as requested.

Finance Director Gerde indicated that the preliminary budget is “balanced”, meaning that all requests for funding had been measured and were within the scope of the City’s financial resources.

Each staff member discussed their respective budgets. Most pointed out changes in their spending, scope of need for additional funding or additional staffing, and capital or equipment needs. In some discussion circumstances, the Committee reached consensus with changes proposed by staff, some changes were adjusted as to amount or approach, several were carried over for further analysis, and some changes were not

accepted. Since this was the first pass by the Committee, some changes were deferred for further discussion and/or consideration.

The Preliminary Budget will continue to be further refined over the next several weeks. At this stage, the budgeted financial results reflect an overall reduction in City cash resources of approximately \$2 million, including contributions to scheduled street projects (Baker and Highline Avenues), as well as spending on City campus public works facilities and the Gateway Project. A monthly cash flow plan will now be developed to insure feasibility of this Budget for cash management purposes.

Because of the significant amount of material and the time allowed, the Committee and staff had insufficient time to fully discuss the challenges and opportunities of the scope and extent of the actions contemplated in the Preliminary Budget at this point.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectively submitted:



Nick Gerde
Finance Director

Note that the next Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 20th at 5:30 PM.

Note also that the RCW's provide for the timing of the Mayor and staff providing a Preliminary Budget by October 31st. Historically, the Council has been presented with a Preliminary Budget no later than the second meeting in October, in this case on October 25th.