

City of Lafayette
Budget Committee
April 6, 2010
6:30 PM at Lafayette City Hall

Justin Boone called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:, Jean Mead, Leah Harper, Daniel Forster, Trevor Higby, Suzi Lorence, Dean Rhodes, Chris Heisler, Nicholas Harris, Debra Owens, Bob Cullen, Marv Bennett, and Tim Svenson.

ABSENT: Michael Roberts, Chris Pagella.

Staff present: Justin Boone-City Administrator, and Trena McManus-Assistant to the City Administrator.

Visitors present: Angela Flood, Marie Sproul, and Patricia Rhodes.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS- CHAIR AND SECRETARY:

Elect Chair: Dean Rhodes made a motion to nominate Nicholas Harris as the Chair of the Budget Committee for the FY 2010-11. Bob Cullen seconded the motion.

Chris Heisler made a motion to nominate Trevor Higby as the Chair of the Budget Committee for the FY 2010-11. Jean Mead seconded the motion.

There were no other nominations.

Discussion- Nicholas Harris and Trevor Higby introduced themselves and gave their professional backgrounds. Trevor Higby stated that he would not be able to attend the third budget meeting.

A vote was taken on the nomination of Nicholas Harris as chairman, and with 7 ayes, that was a majority, so the motion passed. Nicholas Harris was elected chair of the Budget Committee for the FY 2010-11.

Elect Secretary: Bob Cullen made a motion to nominate staff person Trena McManus as Budget Committee Secretary for FY2010-11. Dean Rhodes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

a) PRESENTATION OF BUDGET AND BUDGET MESSAGE:

Chairman Nicholas Harris opened the public hearing on the FY2010-11 Budget at 6:37 p.m.

Justin Boone read the budget message that he prepared as the City's budget officer. He stated that the proposed budget for the City of Lafayette for fiscal year 2010-2011 was prepared by the budget officer in accordance with the directions of the City Council and in compliance with state law. This proposed budget includes total personal services costs of \$643,327 a 5.80% increase from the 2009-10 adopted budget. This increase includes a proposed 3.7% compensation increase for all staff, with the exception of the City Administrator with a 3.5% increase in February 2011, and a requested increase in the Public Works Foreman's salary. Also included in this increase is the City Administrator's family insurance coverage. Notably contained within this budget you will find the continuation of the Lafayette Springs Rehabilitation and funds left aside in preparation of any sewer facility improvements that may need to be made after litigation. The budget also proposes to continue providing police services through the Yamhill County Sheriff's Office at the current level of one and one-half patrol officers and a part-time code enforcement officer. This proposed budget is presented on the cash basis of accounting, and is balanced based on an estimate of revenues to be received.

Nicholas Harris asked if the only changes that are being presented are in the public works foreman's compensation and in the insurance costs for the City Administrator. Justin Boone said that he also has a stack of funding requests on his desk that he will ask the Council to decide on at a later date. The Committee asked Justin Boone to email those requests to the committee. Dean Rhodes asked if there are any discretionary funds in the General Fund this year for the Budget Committee to allocate. Justin Boone said that there is \$366,679 in the unappropriated ending funding balance, and it is all discretionary money for the committee to allocate.

Bob Cullen asked Justin Boone why there isn't something in his budget message about the City's need for a water reservoir and Justin Boone said that he just didn't put it in there.

Chairman Nicholas Harris asked everyone on the committee to introduce themselves.

The Budget Committee will begin reviewing the budget at the next meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

Dean Rhodes made a motion to continue the budget hearing until Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. Bob Cullen seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

b) STATE REVENUE SHARING- POSSIBLE USES:

Chairman Nicholas Harris opened the state revenue sharing public hearing at 6:53 p.m.

Dean Rhodes asked how much state revenue sharing funds are estimated to be received and Tim Svenson said that it looks like there is \$38,000 estimated to be received in state revenue sharing funds in 2010-11.

Nicholas Harris asked for possible uses for the state revenue sharing funds.

Bob Cullen suggested using the state revenue sharing money for a digital reader board. Suzi Lorence had no suggestions. Dean Rhodes said that he would like to see consistent translation services for City mailings because of the significant Hispanic population in town. He also said that he would like to see the money put towards street improvements. Tim Svenson said he thought the digital reader board was a good idea and he would also like to see the money used for street improvements.

Marv Bennett said that the digital reader board and street improvements were good ideas.

Chris Heisler said that he would like to see the money used for the costs involved with using the Wascher gym (e.g. Friday nights at Wascher).

Debra Owens suggested using the state revenue sharing money for the digital reader board.

Trevor Higby suggested using the money for the digital reader board, translation services, or to rent Wascher gym for 'open gym' on Friday nights.

Leah Harper suggested using the money for a digital reader board, downtown beautification, or community events.

Daniel Forster suggested using the money for a digital reader board, street improvements, or improvements to the waterfront park (Terry Park).

Jean Mead suggested using the money for improving Madison Street.

Nicholas Harris said that he would like to see the money used for downtown beautification, planning consultant for downtown visioning, street improvements, or improvements to City Hall.

Trevor Higby asked Justin Boone what his basis is for predicting revenues and Justin Boone said that it is a guess.

Justin Boone said that he would like to see the state revenue sharing money used for a digital reader board (with temperature gauge), or crosswalk lighting.

Angela Flood, 287 Canyon View Drive- suggested putting the money into the general fund, since that is what the Council does every year anyway. She also suggested that the money could be used for training on ADA accommodations. She said that she made a special request to the City Administrator for her hearing loss, and received no response.

Marie Sproul, 1282 Third St. #1- said that she would like to see the money used for summer recreational activities (at Perkins Park), or Heritage Days (or similar summer celebration).

Debra Owens made a motion to close the state revenue sharing public hearing (at 7:22 p.m.). Jean Mead seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Adjourn:

Bob Cullen made a motion to adjourn. Dean Rhodes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.