

City of Lafayette Budget Committee 04-29-2013 Meeting

Location of meeting: Lafayette City Hall Council Chambers, 486 Third St. Lafayette, OR. 97127 at 6:30 p.m.

I. Chairman Tim Svenson opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

II. Flag salute was performed. City Clerk Jamie Rhodes called roll:

Members Present: Tim Svenson, Jean Mead, Al LeMay, Daniel Forster, Peter Thomas, Becky Demmin, Chris Heisler, Chris Pagella, Chris Harper, Doug Cook, Mark Joy, Matt Smith.

Members Absent: Jennifer Simmons, Marie Sproul

Others: City Administrator Preston Polasek, City Clerk Jamie Rhodes

III. Follow-up Items: City Administrator Preston Polasek reviewed the bonded debt refinancing and CPI-U, as requested at the previous meeting. He explained that the CPI-U rate was used to calculate the recommended increase for water service.

IV. Public Hearings:

a. Possible Uses of State Revenue Sharing – Preston presented his staff report regarding state revenue sharing. He indicated that the budget committee may choose to dedicate these funds for specific use.

Chair Tim Svenson opened the public hearing at 6:38 pm. There was no public comment. The public hearing was closed at 6:38 pm. The committee discussed allocation of the shared revenue funds and Preston stated the revenue has been accounted for.

b. Public Input on FY 2014 Budget – Chair Tim Svenson opened public comment at 6:40 pm. There was no public comment.

V. Committee Deliberations: Chris Heisler commented on capital outlay expenditures in the City Hall Building fund for possible city hall and fire department expansion. He stated that he wants the funds used for additional water projects. He would like to see a 5% reduction in utility rates rather than the recommended increase. The committee discussed utility rates, capital improvement projects and other possible funding sources, such as a loan from the General Fund and tax levies. Matt Smith stated that he doesn't want to see the City supplant water and sewer operations with money from the General Fund; he is okay with leaving utility rates as they are, but not lowering. Chris Harper indicated that it is the Council's responsibility to discuss and set policy regarding capital projects and rates, and they should be set prior to budget committee deliberations.

Chris Heisler left the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Discussion on the Capital Improvement Program and funding ensued. The committee agreed to hold the current utility rates as set, to reduce the transfer from the General Fund to the City Hall Building Fund from \$200,000 to \$5,000, and approved a \$100,000 loan from the General Fund to the Water Fund to be used if needed. The remaining \$95,000 would be placed in General Fund contingency. Capital improvement project #8 (land acquisition) was eliminated from this fiscal year budget. There was discussion on chargebacks.

Matt Smith made a motion to approve the discussed changes to the recommended budget. Doug Cook seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

The committee took a break at 8:20 pm. Committee reconvened at 8:42 pm.

Preston presented the approved changes to the budget. He stated that the new budget amount is \$7,907,078.00.

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There was discussion on improvements to Terry Park. Preston stated that the improvements were for needed drainage upgrades and road repairs, as identified in the Parks Master Plan. Discussion ensued.

Preston restated the suggested motion to approve the budget.


VI. Approval of Budget: Matt Smith made a motion to approve the City of Lafayette budget appropriations for fiscal year 2013-2014 in the amount of \$7,907,078 and would consist of elimination of the rate increase in the water fund, eliminate CIP #8, and would include a \$5,000 transfer from the General Fund to the City Hall Building Fund, include a \$100,000 loan, if needed, from the General Fund to the Water Fund, and the remainder of the \$200,000 transfer from CIP #8 would go to General Fund contingency; and approving a property tax rate of \$3.4857 per \$1,000 assessed valuation. Doug Cook seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

The committee discussed meeting again in December for a joint session with City Council.

VII. Adjourn: Chris Pagella made a motion to adjourn. Doug Cook seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:11 pm.

NOTE: After adjournment of the meeting, the changes to the recommended budget were recalculated. It was discovered that the approved amount of \$7,907,078 was higher than the overall budget with changes. The approved amount should have been \$7,812,078.

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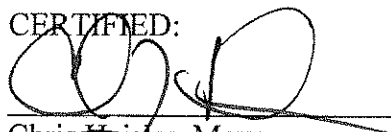
Jean Mead, Secretary

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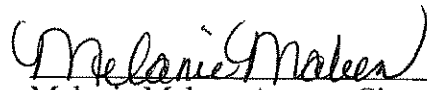
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Chris Heisler, Mayor

ATTEST:



Melanie Maben, Asst. to City Admin.