# City of St. Helens Budget Committee

## **Budget Meeting Minutes**

April 7, 2016

Council & Members Present: Randy Peterson, Mayor

Doug Morten, Council President

Keith Locke, Councilor Susan Conn, Councilor Ginny Carlson, Councilor

Patrick Birkle, Committee Member Bill Eagle, Committee Member Paul Barlow, Committee Member

Michael Funderburg, Committee Member

Garrett Lines, Committee Chair

**Staff Present:** John Walsh, City Administrator

Jon Ellis, Finance Director Terry Moss, Chief of Police

Sue Nelson, Public Works Engineering Director Neal Sheppeard, Public Works Operations Director

Margaret Jeffries, Library Director Lisa Scholl, Committee Secretary

Members Absent: None

Others: Anthony Miltich

High School Students

Chair Lines called the meeting called to order at 6 p.m.

#### **Visitors Comment**

None

#### **Approval of Minutes**

The May 19, 2015 minutes were distributed and posted online. Hearing no corrections, Chair Lines approved the May 19, 2015 meeting minutes as written.

#### **Budget Process**

Finance Director Ellis presented a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation is attached. Ellis reviewed the role of the Budget Committee members, budget calendar and parliamentary procedures.

#### Appointment of Chair and Secretary

Committee Member Eagle moved to appoint Committee Member Lines as Chair. Committee Member Birkle seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carries.

Lisa Scholl was appointed as Committee Secretary.

## **Budget Overview**

Ellis reviewed revenues, expenses and department distribution.

Council President Morten expressed his strong desire to have a full-time Code Enforcement Officer. The cost could be split between Public Works, Police, Building and Administration. It has potential to draw revenue through enforcement.

Break 7 - 7:11 p.m.

## **Review Department Budgets**

## **Administration Services/Community Development**

Ellis reviewed the Administration Services/Community Development budget.

- Economic Development Fund. Tracks costs associated with economic development.
- Building Activity.
  - o Adding a half-time employee.
  - Entering into an IGA with Scappoose, Columbia City and the County to assist with inspections and plan review services.
- Area Wide Planning Grant. City Administrator Walsh reported that the grant assists with moving forward on the waterfront development planning. There has been a lot of public involvement, as well as assistance from consultants and staff.
- Land Management.
  - Cascade lease.
  - FARA building lease.
- Tourism Reorganization. New, improved strategy for sponsorships to cover events.
- New Phone System. Hoping to have it installed and working by June 30.
- Property Manager/Community Development Director. Need to consider hiring someone to manage the 220 acres as it is developed.
- City Hall HVAC. This has been removed.
- City Hall Remodel. Postponed indefinitely.

## **Police Department**

Chief Moss reviewed the Police Department programs and budget. He explained that they are down only one body but down five positions. Those positions are new recruits and undergoing training. It takes approximately a year to train new hires.

- Reserve Officer Program. Columbia River Foursquare donates a portion of the proceeds of their Reindeer Run to fund the program. Almost every single Reserve Officer has been hired as a Police Officer.
- Accreditation. Police Support Specialist Malinda Duran has been the main person assisting him with the program. The accreditation process is on hold right now as she has been very busy learning a new program.
- Community Outreach.
  - Hosting Coffee with a Cop.
  - o Participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run to support Special Olympics.
  - o Held a flag raising ceremony with the POW flag donated to the City.
  - o Assist with Bicycle & Pedestrian Commission Safety Fair.
- Crisis Intervention Team (CIT). Program to serve citizens with mental health crisis.
- Vehicle Replacement Funding. They did not get a police car in the budget last year. And it was every two years prior to that. There are three vehicles at death's door now. They really need two cars this year, instead of just the one listed in the budget. The fleet needs to be functioning safely.

- Full-time Code Enforcement Officer. Scott is doing a fantastic job but we need more hours.
   Committee Member Barlow does not agree that a full time code enforcement officer will make a significant difference in cleaning up the community. Moss agreed, adding that we need multiple code enforcement officers. Scott is reactive to complaints and is not able to be proactive.
- Police Facilities. He would like the Budget Committee to begin thinking about a new facility in the future. The building was constructed in 1969 and is inadequate.

## Library

Library Director Jeffries reviewed the Library programs and budget.

- Restoration of Open Hours Lost in 2014. They plan to increase hours when fully staffed with the new Children's Librarian and the Librarian Assistant on maternity leave.
- Friends of the Library Quarterly Art Shows.
- Conversation Project Programs.
- National Novel Writing Months. The Library has been participating for four years. This year, our writers had the eighth highest word count per capita in the nation.
- Would like to see:
  - o Increased teen programming. Jeffries anticipates new, exciting programs with the new Children's Librarian.
  - o Improved funding for library materials.
  - o Increased open hours.

#### **Public Works**

Public Works Engineering Director Nelson and Public Works Operations Director Sheppeard reviewed the Public Works budget and projects. Discussion of debt financing.

- Gable Road improvements. The County received a \$2.9 million grant to fund the improvements. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2017 or 2018, at the earliest. This is Gable Road, between Highway 30 and Columbia Blvd. It would widen the road, add sidewalks and bike lanes.
- Sanitary pump station upgrade on S. River Street.
- S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street storm pump station re-route.
- More paving of gravel streets and pavement overlays.
- LED street light conversion. This is a long-term, cost saving measure.
- Rehabilitate the two million gallon water reservoir. It was built in the 1920's and leaks.
- Complete water meter replacements. This project significantly reduces the time it takes to read meters.
- Improve storm drainage on Columbia Blvd., west of Highway 30.
- Dockside services were upgraded adding electricity and water pedestals.
- The tennis courts in Campbell Park are unusable. There is a minimum cost of \$50,000 to repair one court.
- Need to find alternative long-term funding sources for street maintenance.
- Parks land has increased substantially with the purchase of the Boise property. There is less than two FTE's in the Parks Department. Unfortunately, there are insufficient funds to cover the maintenance.
- There is a need for long-term docks maintenance.
- The traffic signal at S. 18<sup>th</sup> Street and Old Portland Road needs to be upgraded. That will cost between \$250,000 300,000.
- Public Works provides staff time and materials for community events. Looking into the future, she
  would like to see funds available to cover those costs.

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## **Discussion/Comments**

Ellis reviewed some of the needs expressed tonight.

- Full-time code enforcement.
- Fleet replacement program for Police.

Park maintenance.

He suggested the Budget Committee discuss an alternative revenue sources. One option is a utility service fee, which is added to utility bills. That fee can be identified as a park maintenance fee. If you free up \$50,000 from the unrestricted fund, that would help fund a full-time code enforcement officer.

Committee Member Funderburg is very much in favor of a full-time code enforcement officer. He has watched deterioration around the City because there's not sufficient enforcement.

Chair Lines asked if there are other alternative funding ideas. Committee Member Barlow suggested charging a fee to access the watershed and parks property. Committee Member Eagle suggested adding camping facilities on the Boise property to bring in additional revenue. Council President Morten acknowledged that the Council has discussed adding RV camping on the Boise property. They are investigating the ability and funds.

Chair Lines asked Ellis to come back to the next meeting with suggested revenue sources.

## **Next Meeting Date:**

The next meeting will be May 5, 2016 at 6 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

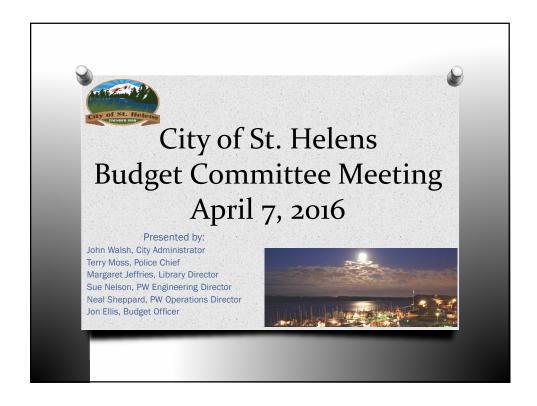
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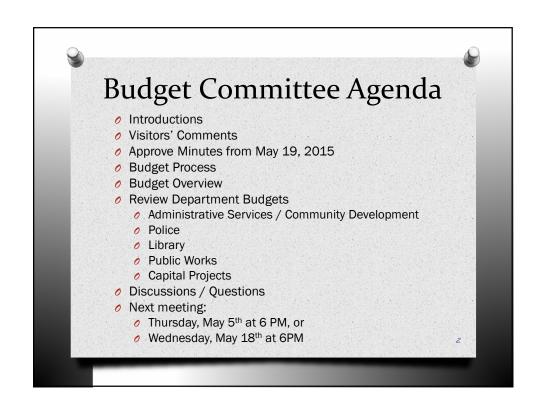
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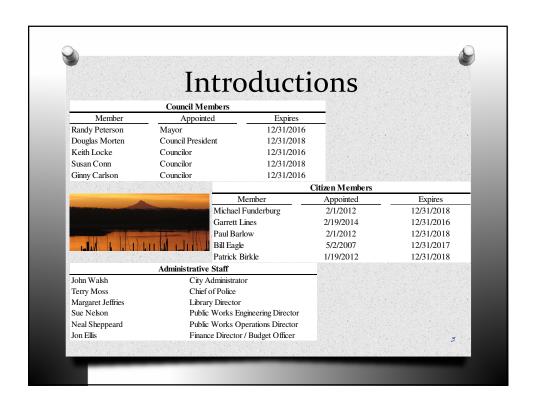
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Prepared by: Lisa Scholl, Committee Secretary

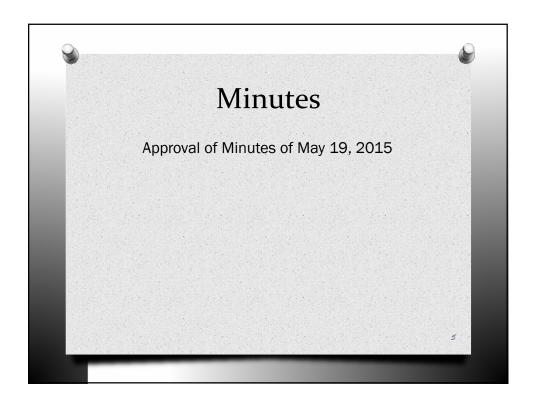
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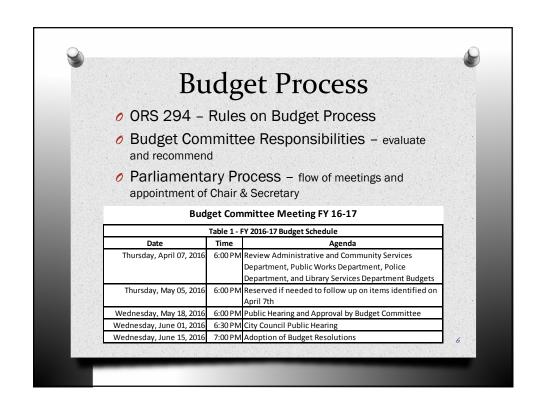




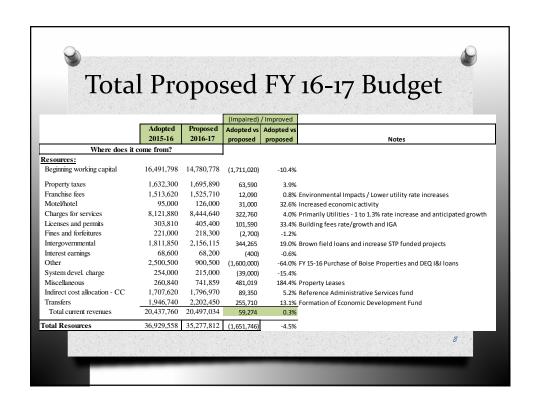


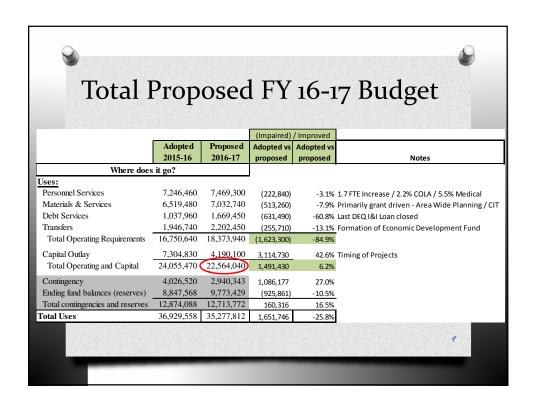






Total :	Pro	pos	sed	FY	16-1	7 B	ud	get
Fund	Beginning working capital	Resources	Transfers	Us Expenditures	es Transfers	Resources in excess of Uses	Contingency	Unappropriate Fund Balance
General Fund	1,645,886	4,473,390	22,070	4,565,205	32,600	1,543,541	915,000	628,541
Special Revenue Funds Economic Development Visitor & Tourism	- 199.241	850,000 155,500	549,850	1,139,800 136,000		260,050 218,741	237,290 19,500	22,760 199,241
Community Enhancement	535,041	227,364	23,530	279,106	157,560	349,269	80,510	268,759
Capital Improvement	5,846,240	1.418.560	1,567,000	4.061.100	200,000	4.570,700	670,000	3,900,700
CDBG	-	56,680	-	56,680	,	-	-	-
Streets (Gas Tax)	656,813	881,450	-	788,790	13,000	736,473	100,000	636,473
Internal Service Funds								
Administrative Services	154,222	1,489,330	-	1,585,509	-	58,043	58,043	-
Public Works	-	272,030	40,000	272,030	-	40,000	40,000	-
Fleet	33,142	278,000	-	291,980	-	19,162	10,000	9,162
Enterprise Funds								
Water Operating	2,174,955	3,220,780	-	2,791,100	763,290	1,841,345	300,000	1,541,345
Sewer Operating	3,535,238	4,971,500	-	4,394,290	1,036,000	3,076,448	510,000	2,566,448
Grand Total	14,780,778	18,294,584	2,202,450	20,361,590	2,202,450	12,713,772	2,940,343	9,773,429
Total Budget Unappropriated fund balance			35,277,812 (14,780,778)		35,277,812 (9,773,429)			
Contingency			0		(2,940,343)			
Transfers			(2,202,450)		(2,202,450)		-	
Internal Services			(2,103,250)		(2,103,250)		(2.067.006)	Draw on
Net Budget			16,191,334		18,258,340	,	(2,067,006)	reserves





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	FTE				Allocated FTE				
Dept / Division / Position	Adopted FY 15-16	Amended FY 15-16	Proposed FY 16-17	Changes	Adopted FY 15-16	Amended FY 15-16		Changes	Notes
Administration									
Administration	2.00	2.00	2.00	-	1.72	1.72	2.10	0.38	Time Survey shift support from Finance,
City Recorder	2.00	2.00	2.00	-	2.20	2.20	2.10		Recorder, Planning and Engineering to
Non-Departmental	-	-	-	-	0.25	0.25	0.20		Communications.
Courts	2.00	2.00	2.00	-	2.15	2.40	2.40	0.25	Increased Court support mid-yr 15-16
Finance	5.30	5.80	5.80	0.50	5.45	5.70	5.60		Increased Finance support mid-yr 15-16
Total Administration	11.30	11.80	11.80	0.50	11.77	12.27	12.40	0.63	P
Community Development									
Building	2.00	2.00	2.50	0.50	1.78	1.78	2.32		Added .5 Building Inspector
Planning	2.00	2.00	2.00	-	1.25	1.25	1.23	(0.02)	_
Total Community Development	4.00	4.00	4.50	0.50	3.03	3.03	3.55	0.52	
Library									
Operations	5.30	5.50	5.50	0.20	5.30	5.50	5.50	0.20	Increased PT Library Assistance mid-yr 15-1
<u>Police</u>									
Sworn Officers	16.08	16.08	16.00	(0.08)	15.31	15.31	15.30	(0.01)	Eliminated Planning support partially offset b
Support Staff	1.00	1.00	1.00	-	1.00	1.00	1.00	-	increased in CEO from .2 to .3 FTE
Total Police	17.08	17.08	17.00	(0.08)	16.31	16.31	16.30	(0.01)	
Public Works									
Parks					1.35	1.35	1.71		Time surveys - shifted support in Parks .4 F
Streets	0.05	0.05	0.05		3.29	3.29	3.18	(0.11)	
Engineering	3.25	3.25	3.25	-	0.28	0.28	0.20	(80.0)	
Operations - Admin	20.00	20.00	20.00		- 0.01		- 0.01	-	
Operations - Fleet	2.00	2.00	2.00		2.01	2.01	2.01	-	
Operations - WFF Operations - Water	2.00	2.00	2.00	-	8.06	8.06	8.22	0.16	
Operations - water Operations - Sewer/Storm	-	-			10.96	10.96	10.40		Time Surveys - shift to parks & water
Operations - Sewel/Stofff	-	-	-		10.96	10.96	10.40	(0.56)	Added .4 FTE to assist in implementation
Wastewater Treatment	3.00	3.00	3.40	0.40	3.56	3.56	3.97	0.41	·
Total Public Works	30.25	30.25	30.65	0.40	31.52	31.52	31.70	0.41	new Regulatory Monitoriing requirement
Grand Total	67.93	68.63	69.45	1.52	67.93	68.63	69.45	1.52	-

