

MINUTES OF A BUDGET WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2009, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, ZION, ILLINOIS

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Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order.

On call of the roll the following answered present: Commissioners Jim Taylor, Flammini, DeTienne, Shantal Taylor and Mayor Harrison.

BUDGET

The Council discussed the following changes to the proposed budget for Fiscal Year May 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010.

Revenue

The closing for Culvers is scheduled for June 1, after which anticipated revenue should be placed in the budget, including \$300,000 from the closing and \$50,000 from TIF District #3.

10-00-3-00-630, Traffic Fines

10-00-3-00-631, Non-Traffic Fines

10-00-3-00-632, Administrative Adjudication Court Fines

These three revenue sources have all been projected lower than the previous year. Commissioner DeTienne will talk with Chief Booth to ascertain why they have been decreased, and bring back his recommendation for the next budget meeting.

Public Affairs

10-01-1-02-295, Special Events – Agreed for line item to remain at \$10,200

Police

10-03-1-02-110, Legal Fees – As proposed by Chief Booth, decrease from \$100,000 to \$90,000

Public Property

10-06-3-04-790, Repairs & Maintenance – Remove \$23,000 from this line item, and place this amount in TIF District #1 for possible repairs to the Dome.

The Council noted that a generator is still operating in the former Fire Station #1, questioning if this unit could be moved directly west of City Hall, so as not to need a new unit.

Cable Fund

73-10-0-06-610, Transfer to General Fund, should be reflected as revenue in General Fund 10-00-7-00-666.

73-00-1-02-125, Promotions – Delete \$20,000 for Chamber of Commerce, as no further contract expenses are due.

Cable Fund will incur a small additional expense for the extra camera operator at City Council meetings.

TIF District #3

23-01-Z-05-900, Rush Barton Project – Increase from \$20,000 to \$170,000

Hotel/Motel Tax

74-00-0-00-617 revenue should increase in the fall due to the new construction project by Midwestern Regional Medical Center.

Mayor Harrison stated he is concerned regarding over time expenses in the budget, noting he would rather reduce the amounts to better reflect past practice and anticipated actual amounts.

Fire and Rescue

14-11-1-01-020, Overtime Wages – Decrease from \$446,441 to \$400,000, as this reduced amount is still \$70,000 over actual overtime for the past year.

Waste Collection

Commissioner Flammini suggested increasing fees for garbage collection, as well as looking at costs regarding leaf collection. The Council will review the contracts for waste collection.

The Council agreed to consider final approval of the budget at the June 16 City Council meeting.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, it was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 6:43 p.m. Motion carried.

City Clerk

Approved June 2, 2009