

SULTAN CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

ITEM NO: Consent C 2

DATE: July 12, 2007

SUBJECT: Council Minutes

CONTACT PERSON: Laura Koenig, City Clerk

SUMMARY: Attached are the minutes of the June 28, 2007 Public Meeting on the 2007 Budget Amendment as on file in the office of the City Clerk.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve as submitted.

MOTION: Move to accept the consent agenda as presented.

COUNCIL ACTION:

DATE:

CITY OF SULTAN PUBLIC HEARING – June 28, 2007

The Public Hearing on the 2007 Budget Amendment was called to order in the Sultan Community Center by Mayor Tolson. Councilmembers present: Seehuus, Wiediger, Slawson, Flower, Boyd, Blair and Champeaux (late).

Staff Report: Laura Koenig, Deputy Finance Director and Interim Police Chief Dennis Richards provided the staff report.

The issue before the Council is an amendment to the 2007 Budget to provide for payment of the Jail Service Settlement, Civil Service costs and the purchase of three police vehicles.

The Council approved the settlement agreement with Snohomish County for disputed jail services billing at the June 11, 2007 Council meeting and the amount due by September 1, 2007 is \$50,000. The City will use reserve funds in the Treasurer's Trust account to pay the jail bill. These funds were received from the sale of surplus property on the east end of the city.

The Police Department has three vehicles that have been taken out of service due to needed repairs. It has been determined that the cost to repair the vehicles exceeds the value of the vehicles. Staff has contacted FCI (police vehicle refurbishing company) regarding the purchase of three vehicles at a cost of \$41,000 plus tax and license.

FCI has a financing program available and will finance the vehicles over a 36 month period. The interest rate is 8% and the payments are made on a monthly basis. The State of Washington has a Local program for financing equipment and real estate purchases. The current interest rates are in the 4% range. The next submittal date for equipment is August 1, 2007.

The 2007 Budget for the 106 Police Vehicle Fund included an appropriation for the lease payments on the 2005 vehicles. In order to proceed with the purchase of additional police vehicles it will be necessary to amend the budget to appropriate the funds. The fund has an uncommitted reserve balance of approximately \$24,000 and will accumulate additional funds through the remainder of the year from utility tax collections. Staff will request authorization to purchase the vehicles at the July 12, 2007 Council meeting

The Civil Service has received an appeal and will be required to conduct a hearing. The original budget for the Civil Service Commission is \$1,150. The City has contacted the firm of Simmons and Parson to provide legal services to the Civil Service Commission. The anticipated cost will be \$5,000.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Loretta Storm: Noted that police vehicles are badly needed by the city but question how the purchase would impact the negotiations with the sheriff.

Council Comments:

Mayor Tolson: Advised that there is a need for the police vehicles no matter who provides the police services to the City.

Blair: Advised that the cost to install the city logo on the vehicles will be a \$1,500 additional charge. Requested that Staff check prepayment charges associated with the Local Options program.

Flower: Commended staff for their research on the options for police vehicles.

On a motion by Councilmember Blair, seconded by Councilmember Seehuus, the public hearing was closed. All ayes.

Benjamin Tolson, Mayor

Laura J. Koenig, City Clerk