

SULTAN CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

ITEM NO: Consent C 5

DATE: December 13, 2007

SUBJECT: Council Minutes

CONTACT PERSON: Laura Koenig, City Clerk

SUMMARY: Attached are the minutes of the November 15, 2007 Public Meeting on the 2008 Budget as on file in the office of the City Clerk.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve as submitted.

MOTION: Move to accept the consent agenda as presented.

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PUBLIC HEARING – 2008 Budget:

The public hearing on the 2008 Budget was called to order by Mayor Tolson.
Councilmembers present: Champeaux, Wiediger, Slawson, Seehuus, Flower, Blair and Boyd.
There were no objections to the Council participation.

Staff:

The City Council held the 2008 Preliminary Budget Hearing on November 8, 2007. The changes that have been incorporated into the 2008 Final Budget since the Preliminary Budget Hearing was held on November 8, 2007.

Significant changes include:

- Eliminating a \$75,000 CTED grant for the Economic Development Strategic Plan from both revenues and expenses (GMA Planning Grants). The City was notified last week that the project did not receive funding
- Adding \$70,000 in interest allocation to the General Fund from the LID Bond fund, Impact Fee and miscellaneous other funds
- Adding \$20,628 to Police Department salaries and benefits for continued liabilities for vacation and sick leave payouts in 2008.
- The Civil Service Commission met and finalized its budget request on November 8, 2007. The Commission is requesting \$15, 590 as outlined in Attachment D-24.
- Adding \$21,000 to the Parks budget for parks maintenance
- Adding \$4,940 to the Street budget for street maintenance. There is \$41,000 in unallocated reserves where revenues exceed expenses in the street fund for unanticipated maintenance expenses.
- Operating transfer of \$54,000 for equipment replacement (CR Equipment Fund) from operating funds.
- Water Utility decreased by \$9,425 from allocating staff to parks and street maintenance
- Sewer Utility decreased by \$6,805 from allocating staff to parks and street maintenance
- Anticipating the Storm Water Utility revenues and expense \$272,214.
- Delaying the Highline Reservoir project. \$200,000 in revenues and expenses from Water system Improvements and the Capital Budget

The total budget for the City is \$10.5 million dollars.

Key expenditures for the 2008 budget consist of a \$1.85 million General Fund budget, \$2.8 Enterprise Fund budget (water, sewer, garbage, cemetery and storm water), and \$3.2 million capital budget. Investments in the Sultan community include:

- Funding to retain existing businesses and attract new businesses to the community
- Maintaining the City's police force with 6 patrol officers and a Chief
- Continued animal control services
- Continued maintenance of the City's parks, streets and rights-of-way
- Water and sewer services including continued investment in upgrading the City's waste water treatment plant to handle future development in Sultan through the year 2025,
- Garbage collection services for residential and commercial customers
- Burial and perpetual care services at the Sultan Cemetery
- Roadway improvements at 6th Street, 2nd Street, and Sultan Basin Road
- Skate park construction and park land acquisition

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- Adopting policies and procedures to improve the City's long-term financial stability
- Leveraging regional partnerships with Snohomish County and other Sky Valley cities

The Department Heads reviewed their proposed projects and goals for 2008. The Police Department includes a total of seven officers for 2008. Block Watch programs will be established and the animal control program will continue. Additional police vehicles will be purchased in 2008. The Planning Department will continue with the efforts to adopt a compliant comprehensive plan and update development regulations. The Water Department will work on the new Water Use Efficiency requirements.

Public Input:

No public comment

Councilmember Flower commended staff for the good work done on the budget.

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

Benjamin Tolson, Mayor

Laura J. Koenig, City Clerk