

**SULTAN CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

ITEM NO: Consent C 5
DATE: December 11, 2008
SUBJECT: Public Hearing – 2009 Budget

CONTACT PERSON: Laura Koenig, Clerk/Deputy Finance Director

SUMMARY:

Attached are the minutes of the November 13, 2008 Public Hearing on the 2009 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.

CITY OF SULTAN COUNCIL MEETING – November 13, 2008

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

The Public Hearing on the 2009 Budget was called to order by Mayor Eslick.

Councilmembers present: Champeaux, Wiediger, Slawson, Flower, Davenport-Smith and Blair. There were no objections to the Council participation.

Staff:

The issue before the City Council is to review the 2009 Final Budget and hold the budget hearing as required by state statute (35.33 RCW).

The Council held a Budget Workshop on October 18, 2008 to discuss the Mayor's preliminary budget for 2009. A public hearing on the preliminary budget and 2009 tax levy was held on October 23, 2008. There were several items that were not included in the preliminary budget that have been incorporated into the final budget. Those items included the following:

1. Replacement of the copy machine - \$12,000. This cost is split between all operating funds.
2. Municipal Code update - \$3,000. This cost is split between all operating funds.
3. Snohomish County EDC membership - \$1,000. Add to the Grant and Economic Development budget.
4. Evidence Tech for Police Department - \$7,500. Add to the Police budget.
5. Lobbyist for the Wastewater Treatment Plant funding - \$18,000. Add to the Sewer Operating fund.
6. Utility tax on Stormwater Utility fees - \$6,000. Allocated to the General Fund. The utility tax collected on Water, Sewer and Garbage is allocated to the General Fund.

The revenue numbers in the capital budget need to be reviewed to determine if any adjustments are needed.

Discussion was held regarding the cost of the lobbyist. The the past two years the City has paid \$1,500 per month. The proposed utility tax on the stormwater utility would be used to offset the additional costs for the copier and EDC membership.

Public Input

None

On a motion by Councilmember Flower, seconded by Councilmember Wiediger, the public meeting was closed. All ayes.

Carolyn Eslick, Mayor

Laura J. Koenig, City Clerk