

SULTAN CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

ITEM NO: D - 2

DATE: September 10, 2009

SUBJECT: Budget Retreat

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ISSUE:

The issue before the City Council is to set the date for the Council budget retreats. The preferred date is October 17, 2009 with an alternative date of October 13, 2009.

SUMMARY

In January 2009, the Council set three Council retreats to discuss strategic initiatives, budget priorities and the Mayor's recommended budget. The following dates were selected:

- Saturday, February 28, 2009 - Study Session on strategic initiatives
- Saturday, June 20, 2009 - 2010 budget priorities
- Saturday, October 17, 2010 - Mayor's recommended budget

The Budget Retreat is scheduled for October 17, 2009 and the City has reserved the meeting room at the Gold Bar Fire Station across from the elementary school. If Councilmembers are not available on October 17th, staff would recommend October 13th as the alternate date.

The proposed schedule for the Budget Hearings and ordinance adoption dates are:

- October 17, 2009 Budget Retreat
- October 22, 2009 Preliminary Budget and Tax Levy Public Hearings
- November 12, 2009 Final Budget Public Hearings and introduction of budget ordinance
- December 10, 2009 adoption of final budget ordinance

In 2008, the Council canceled the second meeting in November and December due to the holidays. The above schedule would allow the Council to cancel the meeting set for November 25th and December 23rd.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Schedule the Budget Retreat for Saturday October 17, 2009.