

**SULTAN CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

ITEM NO: Consent C 1 C
DATE: November 12, 2009
SUBJECT: Council Meeting Minutes

CONTACT PERSON: Laura Koenig, Clerk/Deputy Finance Director

SUMMARY:

Attached are the minutes of the October 22, 2009 Public Hearing on the 2010 Property Tax Levy as on file in the office of the City Clerk.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve as submitted

CITY OF SULTAN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING – October 22, 2009

The Public Hearing on the 2010 Property Tax Levy was called to order by Mayor Eslick .
Councilmembers present: Champeaux, Slawson, Wiediger, Flower, Davenport-Smith, Blair and Beeler.

Staff Report:

The issue before the Council is to hold a public hearing on the proposed use of 2010 property taxes and to have the first reading of Ordinance 1063-09 (Attachment A) which sets the property tax levy for the 2010.

In accordance with RCW 84.55.120, a taxing district with regular levies must hold a public hearing on the proposed increase and use of property tax funds. The ordinance must be adopted and filed with the County on or before November 30th.

Ordinance 1063-09 sets the regular property tax levy for 2010 and provides for a 1% increase (\$6,653) over the 2009 levy. Included in the total levy amount is \$5,139 for new construction and \$1,401 in refunded amounts. The total tax levy is \$678,480. We have not received the revised assessed valuation numbers from Snohomish County so we are not able to calculate the per thousand rate. Based on the 2009 assessed value, the amount is \$1.41 per thousand.

The funds will be used for General Fund and Street purposes. The budget provides for \$81,300 to be used for Street maintenance and operations which leaves a balance of \$597,171 to be distributed. The proposed budget for General Fund includes \$584,046 for property tax revenues to be used for administration costs, law enforcement, planning and library services. Staff recommends the balance of \$13,085 anticipated property taxes be placed in the General Fund Contingency Fund.

Council Discussion:

Brief discussion was held regarding using the additional money for street purposes instead of putting into the contingency fund. Contingency funds can be used if an emergency occurs. One of the budget goals of the Council was to rebuild the reserve fund for the General Fund. Funds were set aside in 2008 and this will be another step towards replenishing the fund.

Public Input

None

On a motion by Councilmember Slawson, seconded by Councilmember Davenport-Smith , the public meeting was closed. All ayes.

Carolyn Eslick, Mayor

Laura J. Koenig, City Clerk