

1999 11 04 Budget Workshop

LAKESIDE CITY COUNCIL

BUDGET WORKSHOP

MINUTES

Thursday, November 4, 1999

Pierce College

Board Room

9401 Farwest Drive SW

Lakewood, WA 98499

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 6 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Ann Kirk Davis; Larry Humphrey; JosÃ© Palmas; and Sherri Thomas.

Councilmember Absent: 1 - Councilmember Doug Richardson (arrived at 7:15 p.m.).

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Staff Present: City Manager D. Scott Rohlfs; Deputy City Manager Andrew Neiditz; City Attorney Dan Heid; Finance and Systems Director Galen Kidd; Community Development Director David Bugher; Engineering Manager Bill Larkin; Police Chief Larry Saunders; Human Resources & Services Director Debi Young; General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush; and Management Analyst Mike Foster.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

2000 Budget Overview

City Manager Rohlfs first reviewed the estimated 2000 budget revenues and 1999 year-end estimates without Initiative 695. He noted that proposed revenues for 2000 is \$21,489,160. He then reviewed the comparative statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in Fund Balance, Budget and Actual Budget.

City Manager Rohlfs then reviewed the General Fund expenditures for each department.

Initiative 695 (I-695) Scenario

City Manager Rohlfs reviewed the Initiative 695 proposed budget.

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Discussion ensued on having the budget reflect the full impact of Initiative 695; reserves in the budget; when and how the legislature may assist municipalities; conducting a public process for citizens to identify the program and services needed; and options to maintain current levels of animal control services.

City Manager Rohlfs continued reviewing the recommended budget reductions by not hiring 11 FTEs in Police, 2 FTEs in Community Development; 1 FTE in Legal and 1 FTE in Court; defer all capital (2 vehicles, phone system and capital in Finance Department); freeze on noncritical position; eliminate Wards Lake Phase II parks acquisition, delete marine services, delete lifeguards, delete one code enforcement officer, and impose recreation fees to cover full costs for recreation programs plus 5 percent; and the additional reduction of \$920,000 from the proposed 2000 budget for a total reduction of \$2,195,000.

Discussion ensued on concerns about eliminating marine patrol services and lifeguards; eliminating recreation programs instead of imposing fees for the programs.

City Manager Rohlfs reviewed the utility tax revenues distribution in the arterial street fund and police services. He then reviewed the Capital Improvement Program Funding Plan for City Hall, Street Fund and issuing a Limited Tax General Obligation Bond.

He then reviewed other alternatives for expenditures such as closing Springbrook Community Center, reduce funding for Tillicum Community Center, close the Police operations desk, reduce processing abatements to criminal related matters only, eliminate the Puget Sound Energy takeover and eliminate the treatment of Lake Steilacoom.

Discussion ensued on the Lakewood Community Center and that no funding is allocated for the Center in 2000; and the timing of when the proposed reductions would actually occur.

Further discussion ensued on the proposed \$920,000 reductions: reductions in staff positions were proposed to occur on April 1, 2000; and changing the elimination of marine services to a reduction in police overtime. Discussion ensued on eliminating the proposed salary adjustments for the Receptionist/ Clerk position; moving \$10,000 from Chamber contract to the City Events program and \$1,000 from the Chamber contract for concerts in the parks.

Council requested staff to prepare a budget with a zero percent increase in property tax. Council also requested a listing of actual FTEs versus budgeted FTEs for 1996-1999 and the number of proposed FTEs in the 2000 budget, and the rollups inclusive of all departments. Council also requested the time schedule for implementing each of the proposed reductions, elimination of programs or FTEs.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC/AE

CITY CLERK