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# **CITY OF WINOOSKI**

## **CITY COUNCIL**

**COUNCILOR JODI HARRINGTON**  
**COUNCILOR MICHAEL MAHONEY**  
**COUNCILOR ERIK HEIKEL**

### **AGENDA**

Wednesday, January 21, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

Claire Burke Chamber

#### **I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

- a. Important Announcements

#### **II. Public Comment Period**

#### **III. Regular Agenda Items**

1. VCDP Grant for Keens Crossing Phase II “closeout” – J. Ladd
2. 2009 Municipal Plan “Draft” – J. Ladd/J. Trzepacz
3. Budget Presentation:
  - Budget Revisions
  - Other Budgets
4. Article for Funded Projects
5. Resolutions
  - Funded Projects
  - Enterprise Funds

#### **IV. Adjourn, Announce Next Meeting and Potential Agenda Items**

## MINUTES

Meeting called to order by the Mayor at 5:35 p.m.

### **Members Present:**

Mayor Michael O'Brien

### **Council Members:**

Katherine Picard, Michael Mahoney, Erik Heikel, Jodi Harrington.

### **Officers Present:**

George C. Cross, City Manager; Carol J. Barrett, Asst. City Clerk; James C. Trzepacz, City Assessor; J. Ladd, Winooski Community Development Dir.

### **Others Present:**

Tom Buckley, Sally Tipson, Jim Ticehurst, Jim Read, Rita Martell, Jim Weston, Doug Isham, Nicole Dusharm, Kathy Decarreau, Nina Ridhibhinyo, Corey Mack.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Public Comment:**

Mr. Cross made an important announcement concerning the 08 budget paperwork. This has been sent to the auditors and hopefully will have 60 to 90 day turnaround.

#### 1. VCP Grant for Keens Crossing Phase II "closeout"

Mr. Ladd stated this was the largest award granted from the VCDP. We had a public hearing last night and no members of the public attended. The implementation grant was to help with construction of the apartments that are affordable. The City loaned it to Hall Keen as a deferred loan over 30 years with no interest. I'm here just to inform you of the report and of the hearing.

#### 2. 2009 Municipal Plan "Draft"

Mr. Trzepacz stated that the last adoption of the Municipal Plan was done in January of 2003. Mr. Trzepacz said we need to hold three Public Hearings and then the Council has to hold two public hearings. He said he has asked Department Heads if they would like anything updated. The goal of this plan is to get it adopted by the middle of March. See attached Informal CCRPC Staff Review – 2008 Winooski City Plan and Title 24: Municipal and County Government marked 2.

Mr. Cross said he just received information of a water break that has occurred on St. Peter St. Mr. Palmer said he has notified the School and the residence that would be affected.

#### 3. Budget Presentation

Mr. Cross presented an updated budget. He explained some of the increases in the budget such as:

Police Dept- Workman's Comp increase.

Fire Dept – Workman's Comp increase.

Rental Registry – Workman's Comp increase.

Public Works – Traffic Signals- Street Bridge Lights – Downtown Utilities

Parks-Grounds & Facilities – City Hall Building Natural Gas – City Hall Building Electricity- Public Works Garage Building Natural Gas- Public Works Garage Building Electricity.

General Services – Property & Casualty Ins- Liability Ins – Vehicle Ins. Mr. Cross said the total FY10 is 310000. it would be split and would be about 286479. See attached budget marked 3.

FY10 Revenues – see attached revenues marked 3a.

Mr. Cross said he adjusted the budget and with a budget of \$5,980,780.00 the tax rate would go from \$0.79 to \$0.944. a difference of \$.154. See attached adjustments marked 3b. Lengthy discussion ensued concerning the adjusted budget. The Council’s recommendation to Mr. Cross is that the new tax rate should not exceed \$0.86. Further, the Council requested that the budget be adjusted by up to \$400,000 by adding \$100,000 to TIF District transfer and reducing the Police Department and the other budgets to reach the \$0.86 goal.

4. Article for Funded Projects.

See attached marked 4. Mr. Cross said we are trying to establish protocols, so whoever comes in will have some procedures.

5. Resolutions:

Mr. Cross presented a Resolution of the City Council concerning the “Enterprise Funds” see attached marked 5.

**MOTION** by Councilor Picard seconded by Councilor Mahoney to adopt the Resolution “Enterprise Funds” as presented. Voted and passed 4-0.

Mr. Cross presented a Resolution of the City Council concerning the “Externally Funded Programs and Projects” see attached marked 5a.

**MOTION** by Councilor Picard seconded by Councilor Heikel to adopt the Resolution “Externally Funded Programs and Projects” as presented. Voted and passed 4-0.

Mr. Cross said the next scheduled meeting will be:

February 2, 2009 – Budget worksession

February 9, 2009 – Regular City Council Meeting

February 19, 2009 – Joint meeting with School to be held at School.

**MOTION** by Councilor Mahoney seconded by Councilor Heikel to adjourn City Council meeting at 9:20 p.m. Voted and passed 4-0.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Asst. City Clerk