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Agenda

Budget Workshop

Monday, February 2, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.
 Claire Burke Chamber

			<u>Action Required:</u>
			<i>Motion: I move that we accept the items on the consent agenda as presented/amended."</i>
I.		Pledge of Allegiance	
II.		Budget Workshop	
III.		Adjourn, Announce Next Meeting and Potential Agenda Items	

MINUTES:

Meeting called to order by the Mayor at 6 pm.

Members present:

Mayor Michael O'Brien

Council Members: Katherine Picard, Michael Mahoney, Erik Heikel, Jodi Harrington

Officers present: George Cross, City Manager; Pauline K. Schmoll, City Clerk/Treasurer.

Others present: Tammy Cusson, Nicole Dusharm, Katherine Decarreau, Amy Booker, James Read, Zachary Isham, Douglas Isham, Rita Martel, and Sally Tipson.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Budget Workshop: Mr. Cross has given the Council and budget committee members a 27 page document with a summary sheet showing that:

General Fund Budget	\$5,759,885.00
Less Miscellaneous Income	<u>\$1,781,270.00</u>

Property Tax Income Needed	\$3,978,615.00
Tax Rate assuming value of penny is \$46,250 would be	.86024
Minus FY09 Tax Rate	.79000
Resulting in a difference of	.07024
The Capital Program is	<u>.05721</u>
The net increase would be	.01303

Each budget was reviewed and an error was found in the Regional/Local Programs, 300. should be 3,000 and WCP amount of 7,500 was in two places. This resulted in new amounts:

-300.00
+3,000.00
<u>-7,500.00</u>
-4,800.00 net difference

General Fund Budget	\$5,755,085.00
Less Miscellaneous Income	<u>\$1,781,270.00</u>
Property Tax Income Needed	\$3,973,815.00

Tax Rate assuming value of penny is \$46,250 would be	.85920
Minus FY09 Tax Rate	<u>.79000</u>
Revised Tax Rate increase would be	.06920

The Capital Program is	<u>.05721</u>
The net increase in the tax rate is:	.01199

Mr. Cross explained that all salaries are frozen as of July 1, 2009 with no increases or COLA's given. Employees will be paying 10% of the Health insurance with no cap.

Councilor Picard asked about obtaining a report from the Animal Control officer.

Mr. Cross would investigate the homeland security rules regarding Fire Vehicles and report to the council.

MOTION by Councilor Heikel seconded by Councilor Harrington to approve the General Fund Budget amount of \$5,755,085 and the property tax amount of \$3,973,815 for the Annual City ballot to be voted on Tuesday, March 3, 2009.

Councilor Picard stated for the record that the goal has been met thanks the department heads and the city manager, but she was still concerned about the \$400,000 transfer from the TIF.

MOTION voted and passed 4-0.

A copy of the proposed warning was given to the Council. **MOTION** by Councilor Heikel seconded by Councilor Picard to approve the Warning articles with the elimination of Article Seven concerning an

**amendment to the Charter of the City of Winooski concerning Sales, rooms, meals, and alcoholic beverage tax. A copy of the approved warning will be attached to these minutes.
Voted and passed 4-0.**

Questions were raised about absentee ballot requests. Absentee ballots requested are currently being accepted for the March 3rd election. As soon as the ballots are received, they will be mailed.

The Mayor thanked the budget committee for all their time and effort on the 2009-10 general fund budgets.

MOTION by Councilor Heikel seconded by Councilor Harrington to adjourn at 8:50 pm. Voted and passed 4-0.

**Attest: _____
City Clerk**