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Agenda

Tuesday, June 1, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Claire Burke Chamber

- I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**
- II. Public Comment Period – Non agenda items (3 minute limit please)**
- III. Discussion**
 - a. Enterprise Fund Budget Presentation
 - i. Parking Garage
 - ii. Water
 - iii. Waste Water
 - iv. Stormwater – implication of new permit conditions
- IV. Adjourn**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Deputy Mayor Michael Mahoney.

Members Present:

Mayor Michael O'Brien

Councilors: Michael Mahoney, Sally Tipson, Sarah Robinson, John Little

Officers Present:

Katherine R. Decarreau, City Manager; Angela M. Aldieri, Clerk's Office Administration; Steve Palmer, City Engineer; Jim Read, City Treasurer; Erik Bailey, Wastewater Superintendent; Rick Gaulin; Parking Garage Superintendent

Others Present:

Dave Bowers; Jim Fay, CWD;

II. Public Comment Period – Non Agenda Items

No items were addressed.

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III. Discussion

Ms. Decarreau began by stating that this is a discussion and informational meeting only. The budgets have not been reviewed by the City Treasurer. The meeting was turned over to Mr. Palmer for the presentations.

ii. Water

Jim Fay with the Champlain Water District (CWD) began the water budget presentation by reviewing CWD's role in Winooski's water department. Water is purchased wholesale from CWD and the City has a maintenance agreement with them as well. Discussion regarding the apparent high cost of water in Winooski in comparison with surrounding towns followed. Mr. Fay stated that the budgets used for rates aren't always comparable and in addition Winooski has a very aggressive and proactive maintenance plan as well as older infrastructure that other towns don't necessarily have.

Mr. Palmer conducted a line by line review of the proposed FY11 Water Department budget. Discussion followed. It was noted that the general fund transfer expense line is still being finalized for all budgets being presented.

i. Parking Garage

Mr. Palmer conducted a line by line review of the proposed FY11 Parking Garage Department budget. Discussion followed regarding the revenues. Ms. Decarreau explained that the City is still in negotiations with HallKeen regarding the fees owed. An increase in expenditures for deck maintenance was cited and explained by planned sealing of the deck areas exposed to salt next fiscal year. It was stressed that aggressive maintenance in the garage is recommended due to the positioning of the facility which would increase the cost and complication of major repairs or replacement due to neglect.

iii & iv. Waste Water & Stormwater

Mr. Bailey began with a presentation of the operations of the Waste Water Treatment Facility. This was followed by Mr. Bailey and Mr. Palmer reviewing the proposed changes to stormwater and wastewater permits that would affect the budget.

Mr. Palmer conducted a line by line review of the proposed FY11 Waste Water and Stormwater budgets. Discussion followed regarding the timing of the proposed permit changes and the potential effects they would have. It was made clear that the effects at this time are unknown until a draft permit is in hand, but that they have the potential to be significant. It was noted that with the expenses presented that the rates for wastewater would need to increase by nearly \$10.00 per thousand cubic feet. Council requested an estimate of the effect the proposed rate change would have on a household utility bill.

The consensus was that these budgets will be brought back to the Council on June 21st for approval. The draft budgets will be published on the City website for public viewing.

IX. Adjourn

MOTION by Councilor Robinson, seconded by Councilor Little to adjourn the meeting at 9:50pm. Voted and passed 4-0.

ATTEST: _____

Assistant City Clerk
Winooski City Council