

Meeting of the: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL
Date/Time: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 @ 7 p.m.
Location: EMS Training Room; 516 S. Fourth Street
Members: Sonny Swangstu, Tim Swadley, Michael Engelberger, Ron Christianson, Paul Lawrence, Tom Majewski, Sid Boersma, Greg Jensen, Tom Selsor, Pat O'Connor, Regina Hirsch, Scott Truehl

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Lawrence called the meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 7:01 p.m. Clerk Kropf called the roll and noted that 9 alderpersons were present with Selsor, Swadley, and Swangstu being absent and excused.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of the October 19, 2015 Committee of the Whole Minutes

Motion by Boersma, to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2015 Committee of the Whole meeting, second by Majewski. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation 9-0.

Follow-up Discussion and Action regarding the General Fund Budget

Mayor Olson explained that in her budget presentation last night she had inadvertently omitted the request from the streets department for two fulltime employees for the Streets department and one full time employee for the Parks department, as requested. This request cannot be supported by the 2016 budget. The cost of this request was not in the original budget numbers and therefore not a part of the "budget gap" that the conversation focused on at the previous meeting. Finance Director Sullivan explained that the percentage of the budget that was wages and benefits is 56 %, per Alderperson Swadley's request. She also explained that the net new construction for the City was divided equally between residential and commercial, both at approximately \$5.2 million.

Motion by Jensen, to approve the General Fund Budget and to send to Council for approval, second by Truehl. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation 9-0.

Special Fund Budgets:

Library Budget

Library Director MacDonald gave a detailed overview of the 2016 Library budget. He also announced that the library will be holding their grand opening on Thursday, November 5, 2015, to showcase the new renovations at the library.

Motion by Engelberger, to approve the 2016 Library Budget and to send to Council for approval, second by Jensen. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation 9-0.

Opera House Budget

Opera House Director Brehm explained the 2016 budget for the Stoughton Opera House. He also noted that this year's projections have been very consistent with years past.

Motion by Engelberger, to approve the 2016 Opera House Budget and to send to Council for approval, second by Jenson. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation 9-0.

Storm Water Utility Budget

Planning Director Scheel along with Streets Superintendent Manthe and Finance Director Sullivan gave a detailed summary of the 2016 Storm Water Utility budget. Finance Director Sullivan then explained that the new ERU (Equivalent Runoff Unit) fee for 2016 would be \$4.90, from \$4.30 in 2015.

Motion by Engelberger, to approve the 2016 Storm Water Utility Budget and to send to Council for approval, second by Majewski. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation 9-0.

Other Special Funds

EMS Director Schimelpfenig presented the 2016 EMS Budget to the Committee of the Whole. She also explained that the new outside services account was created for the payment of legal services.

Motion by Engelberger, to approve the 2016 EMS Budget, second by Scott. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation 8-0, with Boersma abstaining.

Finance Director Sullivan gave an overview of the Special Fund balance reports as of October 2015. She also explained the proposal to provide economic development services from Gary Becker of Veirbicher. This would allow the City of Stoughton to have Gary Becker, the Veirbicher Project Manager, to have office hours every week. Committee discussion included to check the City's policy regarding the use of RFP's to hire a consultant.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jenson, to adjourn the meeting of the Committee of the Whole Budget Workshop #3, second by Majewski. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation 9-0. The meeting of the Committee of the Whole Budget Workshop #3 meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.
