

MINUTES

Monday, May 4, 2009



Fiscal Committee

5:58 p.m.
Carnegie Town Hall
235 W. 10th Street

Members Present: Committee Chair Gerald Beninga, Vernon Brown, J. Pat Costello

Staff Present: Debra A. Owen, City Clerk; Jamie L. Palmer, Assistant City Clerk

Guests: LuAnn Ford, Public Health Manager; and Jill Franken, Assistant Public Health Director

1. Call To Order

Beninga called the meeting to order at 5:58 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Costello to approve the minutes from Monday, April 6, 2009. Beninga called for a voice vote on the motion and all members voted yes. **Motion Passed.**

3. Reports and Updates

A. Health Fee Changes

Franken opened the discussion by giving a short overview of the incremental fee increase plan that was initially discussed at the August 4, 2008 Fiscal Committee meeting. The first increase occurred last fall and they are here today to continue with the initial plan. She stated that their proposal includes a 20% increase for 2010. Franken stated the committee also recommended that they charge a re-inspection fee and a temporary event fee which is also included in this proposal.

The estimated revenue with the proposed increase would be \$137,000. Revenue generated from the state reversion fees is approximately \$120,000 so the total projected revenue amount is approximately \$257,375. The estimated expense for next year is \$340,000. The proposed increase will come before the Council on June 8th and 15th, 2009.

Beninga requested a copy of the 2009 projected revenue versus the actual revenue. Franken stated that she could email that information to the council.

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4. Open Discussion

Beninga stated that he participated in a police ride-along last weekend and shared a frustration with reoccurring false alarms at local businesses. He stated that the police department often has to return to the same business 5-6 times because the lack of an alarm call log. Discussion followed.

Discussion occurred regarding the Assistant City Attorney's email response sent on May 4, 2009 regarding the issue on tax levy/annual appropriation ordinance that was discussed at the committee meeting on April 6, 2009. Owen will discuss this issue further with the Assistant City Attorney.

Owen shared the preliminary 2010 budget numbers with the committee and stated that the overall budget for the City Council division is down \$3.6%. She stated that the elections costs are not included in the budget numbers. The regular and run-off election expense will be approximately \$67,000. It is assumed that the school district will split the cost of the regular election but the city will incur all expenses for the run-off election. Owen stated that the budget must be submitted to the Finance Department by Monday, May 11, 2009.

5. Adjournment

A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Costello to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m. Beninga called for a voice vote on the motion and all members voted yes. **Motion passed.**

Jamie L. Palmer
Assistant City Clerk