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BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, September 20, 2012
Committee Room #1

PRESENT: Aids. Dubinski, Tilleson, Organ (6:17 p.m.), Hanson, Ewerdt, Wilson, Birschel - 7

EXCUSED: Ald. Donegan

ALSO PRESENT: J. Archambo, City Admin.; K. Ehley, Mayor; J. Ruggini, Finance Dir.; B. Porter, Director of Public Works; B. Wehrley, City Engineer; K. Walbrant, Parks & Forestry Supt.; K. Hurst, Traffic & Maint. Supv.; R. Michelz, Traffic & Elec. Supv.; M. Kreiter, Operations Supt.; T. Tarantino, Utility Repairperson; Elizabeth Hilt, Program Analyst; A. Brown, Administrative Assistant

Ald. Wilson as Chair called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Public Works

Mr. Porter explained the overall Public Works budget and introduced his supervisory staff. The major changes for 2012 include proposed provision of yard-waste and recycling curbside pick-up with city crews, one-time budget increase in tree removal, seal-coating and pavement marking, establishment of emerald ash borer reserve and continued LED conversion.

Ald. Organ present at 6:17 p.m. – 7

Public Works Building Equipment

This budget provides for replacement of equipment at the public works building. These jobs are generally handled by contract.

Moved by Ald. Tilleson, seconded by Ald. Ewerdt to recommend approval of the Public Works Building Equipment budget – Ayes: 7

Public Works Operations Managements

This budget provides for the administrative, supervisory, and clerical personnel to direct and support the work of the Operations Division.

Moved by Ald. Birschel, seconded by Ald. Organ to recommend approval of the Public Works Operations Managements budget – Ayes: 7

Roadway Maintenance

This budget provides for the clearing, maintenance and repair of the 185 miles of city streets and alleys, parking lots and bridges and various walks and driveways. Snow and ice control charges are included in this budget. Mr. Porter noted that salt usage was down in 2012 so the salt domes are full for the start of the upcoming season.

Moved by Ald. Wilson, seconded by Ald. Hanson
to recommend approval of the Roadway Maintenance budget – Ayes: 7

Electrical Services

This budget provides quality, fast and friendly service to our residents, to ensure that our roads are illuminated through day to day maintenance activities which include the repair and replacement of street lights and associated wiring systems. Electrical Services also provide around the clock professional repairs to Fire, Police, Water, and other city departments. Mr. Michelz noted that the department received two internal grants to convert substations over to LED lighting which is a requirement.

Moved by Ald. Organ, seconded by Ald. Wilson
to recommend approval of the Electrical Services budget – Ayes: 7

Public Works Facilities (outside)

The Public Works Facilities outside budget involves a portion of the emergency watch/dispatch coverage 24 hours a day/7 days per week and the maintenance of the public works yard.

Moved by Ald. Tilleson, seconded by Ald. Hanson
to recommend approval of the Public Works Facilities budget – Ayes: 7

Solid Waste Management

The Solid Waste Management Budget provides for the collection, processing and recycling or disposal of annually for 17,235 households.

Moved by Ald. Hanson, seconded by Ald. Tilleson
to recommend approval of the Solid Waste Management budget – Ayes: 7

Traffic Control

This budget provides for the installation, repair and maintenance of traffic signal systems as well as street names, warning and regulatory signs throughout the city as prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic control Devices (MUTCD). Maintenance for the marking of lane lines, center lines, and crosswalks within the city as public safety measures dictate, is also included in this budget.

Moved by Ald. Birschel, seconded by Ald. Hanson
to recommend approval of the Traffic Control budget – Ayes: 7

Forestry

This department provides complete care, maintenance, and replacement of all trees on City properties and rights-of-way.

Moved by Ald. Hanson, seconded by Ald. Dubinski
to recommend approval of the Forestry budget – Ayes: 7

Public Works Building Reserve

Mr. Ruggini said that this accounts is for anything other than fund #1 and maintains its own separate reserve which is found under the budget summary tab. There was a small loss shown for 2011, the 2012 estimate shows a small profit and the fund balance will continue to grow in 2013 up to approximately \$9,400.

Moved by Ald. Wilson, seconded by Ald. Hanson to recommend approval of the Public Works Building Reserve budget – Ayes: 7

Engineering

The engineering department is responsible for infrastructure planning, design, construction, and inspection including but not limited to streets, sidewalks, sanitary and storm sewers, traffic signals, street lighting, water and special projects such as facility remodeling.

Mr. Wehrley reported that this is a status quo budget.

Moved by Ald. Hanson, seconded by Ald. Tilleson to recommend approval of the Engineering Department budget – Ayes: 7

Fleet Maintenance Reserve

This budget provides for safe, reliable, appropriate, well maintained vehicles and equipment to various city departments to assist them in accomplishing their goals. Mr. Hurst said that there is a need to upgrade the fuel system, investigating methods to reduce fuel consumption.

Moved by Ald. Hanson, seconded by Ald. Ewerdt to recommend approval of the Fleet Maintenance Reserve budget – Ayes: 7

General Purpose Equipment

This budget provides for the acquisition of new equipment and vehicles. This fund ended with a healthy balance in 2011 and some of the funds were used to purchase automated trucks.

Moved by Ald. Organ, seconded by Ald. Wilson to recommend approval of the General Purpose Equipment budget – Ayes: 7

Municipal Complex

This Municipal Complex budget is to provide employees with an effective work environment, maintain a clean building for all departments, and maintain the building infrastructure at this complex.

Mr. Tarantino explained that a cost savings along with operational efficiency could be gained by interconnecting the heating and cooling plants instead of replacing a single boiler as originally planned. Bids will be taken this year for the boiler project in 2012 and for the re-roofing of the west half of city hall. Two roof top HVAC units were replaced in 2012.

Moved by Ald. Wilson, seconded by Ald. Ewerdt to recommend approval of the Municipal Complex budget – Ayes: 7

Parks Reserve

This department provides for the operation and maintenance of all parks facilities, programs, senior center, and boulevard maintenance. The major changes in this budget include 2% increase in turf maintenance budget and funds for a lightning detection system. The achievements for 2012 include completion of the playground which has been heavily used, and re-leveling of the softball diamond infield. Revenue from the stadium rentals is projected to increase for the third consecutive year.

Mr. Ruggini discussed the Senior Center budget with the committee in relationship to CDBG funding. Mr. Ruggini explained that there is a \$0 in the Senior Center program budget line. This is due to the fact that the Senior Center will now collect the money and turn it over directly to the YMCA. The YMCA will still get their same funding and they are taking the lead on fundraising. Some of the changes being made to the program should help reduce the shortage. The committee discussed the additional funds that may be needed by the Senior Center. The committee asked that further information be made available on the programs and fees along with the fundraising that will be done before a decision can be made on additional funds.

Mr. Ruggini suggested it may be helpful to send this item to the Budget & Finance Committee with additional information to be provided. Mayor Ehley emphasized that great strides have been made with the YMCA in this initiative. The Mayor noted that the funding for the senior advisory group is in another line item and wouldn't affect the approval of the Parks Reserve budget.

Moved by Ald. Ewerdt, seconded by Ald. Wilson to hold this item and sent it to the Budget & Finance Committee for further review – Ayes: 7

Moved by Ald. Organ, seconded by Ald. Hanson to recommend approval of the Parks Reserve budget – Ayes: 7

Police Complex

This budget is separate from the Municipal Complex. It also provides employees with an effective work environment, maintain a clean building for all departments, and maintain the building infrastructure at this complex. Mr. Porter said that the emergency generator contract was awarded. No major changes planned for 2013.

Moved by Ald. Birschel, seconded by Ald. Hanson to recommend approval of the Police Complex budget – Ayes: 7

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk
City of Wauwatosa

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