

Budget Committee Meeting and State Revenue Sharing Hearing

Wednesday, May 9, 2012

5:00 p.m.

City Hall

16345 Sixth Street

La Pine, Oregon

1. Call to Order
2. Establish Quorum
3. Flag Salute
4. Budget Committee will Continue Review of Budget Material and Take Appropriate Actions to Conclude its Review Process
5. Public Hearing before the Budget Committee to Discuss Possible Uses of State Revenue Sharing Funds.
6. Public Comments and Questions
Members of the public will be offered an opportunity to ask questions about, and comment on, budget material and information.
7. Budget Approval
If appropriate, the Budget Committee may approve and forward the budget document to the La Pine City Council for review at the May 23, 2012 Budget Hearing. If the Budget Committee approves the budget they must also approve a property tax rate or the tax amounts that will be submitted to the County Assessor.
8. Adjourn

Pursuant to ORS 192.640, this notice includes a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered or discussed at the above-referenced meeting. This notice does not limit the ability of the City Council and Budget Committee to consider or discuss additional subjects. This meeting is subject to cancellation without notice. This meeting is open to the public and interested citizens are invited to attend. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to Patti Morgan at (541) 536-1432.

Minutes
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1. Call to Order

Chair Steffens called the “continued” budget meeting to order.

2. Establish Quorum

City Manager Steve Hasson
Mayor Ken Mulenex
Councilor Stu Martinez
Councilor Dan Varcoe
Councilor Don Greiner
Councilor Kathy Agan
City Recorder/Finance Officer Lori Martin
Admin Ass't Patricia Morgan

Budget Committee

Bob Steffens
Kitty Shields
Vivian Cooper
Rene Schifano
Tammy Doty

Quorum established.

3. Flag Salute

Bob Steffens led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Budget Committee will Continue Review of Budget Material and Take Appropriate Actions to Conclude its Review Process

City Manager Hasson said there are three policy items. One of them is to raise the tax rate to \$1.90 per thousand. He said the other policy recommendations are to have a policy that transient taxes can either be applied for through the City or the Visitor’s Center but not from both. City Manager Hasson said the other recommendation is to require an applicant applying for City funds to have to meet some minimum qualifications.

Councilor Varcoe expressed concern about raising the property tax rate. He was concerned about the perception that the residents would have given the difficult economic times. He said he does not see it hurting the budget if it is not raised. Mayor Mulenex said it could provide some matching funds to bring more money in and that would be a benefit of raising the tax rate. Former Mayor Kitty Shields stated that at the \$1.90 tax rate the City would still be below the maximum tax rate even though she

did understand how Councilor Varcoe felt about the increase. Tammy Doty said that they were giving due consideration because they would not be at the maximum and perhaps they should notify residents of the very small amount that their tax bill would actually be increased.

City Manager Hasson stated that there is money set aside to assist with development and growth in the budget. He said there is communication outreach. City Manager Hasson said a potential business owner would look at things like, for example, sidewalks in the City. He said all of these types of things are addressed in the budget.

Chair Steffens said another recommendation to the Council is that they adopt a policy for applicants to seek transient room tax monies to be available from either the City of La Pine or the Visitor's Center but not from both.

Chair Steffens also said another recommendation to the Council would be to have a process of applying for funding before getting on an agenda. (Having a process of applying for funding.) Former Mayor Kitty Shields suggested the first stipulation should be for any organization to show a financial need. Director Allen said that they would look to have the assurance that if given monies there were controls in place so that those monies were handled appropriately.

5. Public Hearing before the Budget Committee to Discuss Possible Uses of State Revenue Sharing Funds.

City Manager Hasson said that the Budget Committee has to discuss the State shared revenue and then the Council can take action. He said staff is requesting to put those funds in either the General Fund or the Public Works Fund. City Manager Hasson said for the time being he is recommending that they go into the General Funds except for the gasoline tax which needs to go in the Street Fund.

City Recorder/Finance Officer Lori Martin discussed the handout that had been provided to the committee regarding the general funds which also contain sub funds. She said that the budget is \$4.3 million when everything is added up. Ms. Martin said if you compare this year's budget to last year's there is a significant increase, because monies are going to the Finley Butte Park and also to the Youth Employment. She said contractual is significant larger because of the community development sub fund which includes code enforcement. Also there is the BMX track and also the environmental assessment that will need to be done with the BLM land transfer. In addition, there is micro funding, grant writing and planning services. Ms. Martin said all the sub funds add up to the general fund for contractual services of \$158,200. There was also a discussion on Cagle Road improvements that was included in the budget. It was also discussed that the proposed hiking path, on the County land, will probably be a three year process and would include some type of matching funds.

6. Public Comments and Questions

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No public comments were made.

7. Budget Approval

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A motion was made by Councilor Agan that this committee approve property taxes for 2012-2013 fiscal year at the rate of \$1.90 per thousand assessed value. Motion was seconded by Rene Schifano.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Martinez – yes

Councilor Agan – yes

Councilor Greiner – yes

Mayor Mulenex – yes

Councilor Varcoe – no

Rene Schifano – yes

Tammy Doty – yes

Bob Steffens – yes

Vinnie Cooper – yes

Kitty Shields - yes

Motion passed 9 votes to 1.

A motion was made by Tammy Doty that the La Pine Budget Committee approves the budget for the 2012-2013 fiscal year in the amount of \$4,337,335 and was seconded by Councilor Varcoe.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Martinez – yes

Councilor Agan – yes

Councilor Greiner – yes

Mayor Mulenex – yes

Councilor Varcoe – yes

Rene Schifano – yes

Tammy Doty – yes

Bob Steffens – yes

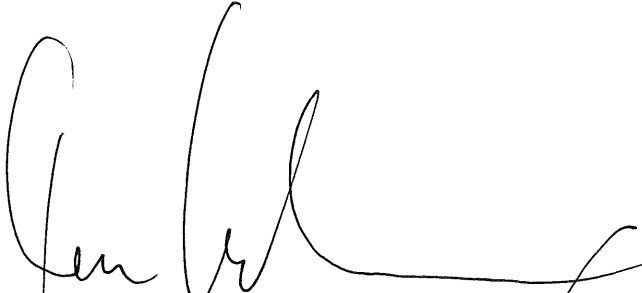
Vinnie Cooper – yes

Kitty Shields - yes

Motion passed unanimously


8. Adjourn

Chair Steffens adjourned the meeting.



Mayor Ken Mullenex

Attest



City Recorder/Finance Officer Lori Martin