

## BUDGET DISCUSSION ITEMS

### Expense:

- ✓ 5% across the board cut on all GF subsidy funds except those under contract. (1/24/11: *Item tabled*)
- ✓ Cut the Journey \$200,000 (1/24/11: *Motion to request the Journey Museum to provide information on endowment development and additional fund raising efforts in conjunction with the FY 2012 budget process*)
- ✓ Cell phones (1/24/11: *Acknowledge renegotiated contract and resulting monthly savings of \$4,800.*)
- ✓ Across the board cuts (1/24/11: *Acknowledge item*)
- ✓ Department directors will bring forward a 5% cut listed in priority order (*Department directors to provide prioritized spending contingency plan in conjunction with FY 2012 budget process*)
- ✓ Energy costs – Electricity, Natural Gas, Gasoline – Look at 2010 actuals - did we over budget for 2011? 1/24/11: *Acknowledge item*)
  - Similar format of the Lehe report to see if there are ways to save money in other places
  - Minimize spending w/ minimal loss to maximize services
  - Reduce spending
  - Department director to bring information on items on the list and the long term effect on the citizens
  - Are you looking to reduce \$\$ to just reduce \$\$?
  - All Subsidies – Jordan Mason
  - Energy costs
  - Hiring moratorium
  - Mayor's Office snack food – Bonny Petersen
  - Place moratorium on Council salaries for FY 2011 with funds being allocated to the Council Contingency line item – Dave Davis

### Operation:

- Across the board cuts
- Similar format of the Lehe report to see if there are ways to save money in other places
- Operations of Growth Management
- Communication
- Minimize spending w/ minimal loss to maximize services
- Reduce government
- Establish internal controls
- Undesignated cash – are you just looking for a better definition?
- Where is the break between policymaking and micromanaging?
- Operational restructuring – Jordan Mason
- Establish an on-going fund for the upgrade and maintenance of all city facilities- Jordan Mason
- City Attorney's Office
- Restructure of garbage billing to encourage recycling
- Use of enterprise funds by other city departments

**Administration:**

- Energy costs – Electricity, Natural Gas, Gasoline – Look at 2010 actuals - did we over budget for 2011?
- Separate line item for hiring outside legal counsel/utilization of outside counsel
- Similar format of the Lehe report to see if there are ways to save money in other places
- Communication
- Minimize spending w/ minimal loss to maximize services
- Reduce government
- Establish internal controls
- Do you have an overall problem with the budget presented by the Mayor?
- Are you looking to reduce \$\$ to just reduce \$\$\$?
- Undesignated cash – are you just looking for a better definition?
- Where is the break between policymaking and micromanaging?
- Operational restructuring – Jordan Mason
- City Attorney's Office

**Staff:**

- Moratorium on filling vacancies
- Across the board cuts
- Minimize spending w/ minimal loss to maximize services
- Bring Department Director to the table when people are hired
- Where is the break between policymaking and micromanaging?
- Hiring moratorium
- City Attorney's Office
- Facility/Energy Position – Bill Waugh

**Income:**

- Sales tax revenues
- Enterprise fund income statements
- Use of enterprise funds by other city departments
- Discussion of possible \$767,000 budget deficit – Sam Kooiker

**Debt:**

- Look at total loans to possibly consolidate and refinance/loan consolidation
- How we manage our finances
- Debt management – Jordan Mason

**Items Acted Upon**

- Purchase equipment 4360 – Streets (motion filed to fund from undesignated cash 9/27/10 Council meeting)
- Cut Community Resource Director position – around \$107,000 (motion failed 9/27/10 Council meeting)
- Mayor's Office temporary wages \$15,000 (motion approved 9/27/10 Council meeting)
- Cut Mayor & Council travel (motion to cut Council travel approved; motion to cut Mayor travel failed 9/27/10 Council meeting)

- Reappropriation of \$11,500 for the Dahl management fee (motion approved 9/27/10 Council meeting)
- Grade 22 and above salaries (Discussion acknowledge at 12/20/10 Council)
- Council leadership and Mayor to evaluate the Community Resource Director position
- Review of the prior budget meeting minutes to insure that all issues discussed are included on the list of discussion topics

**Information has been provided regarding these Items**

- Actual 2009 sales tax revenue \$19,084,029
- Actual 2009 property tax revenue \$12,099,832
- 2009 TIF funds diverted from the City \$1,124,201
- Total TIF/TID property tax collected \$6,245,565
- Amount of property tax for growth \$148,372