

**FORT MITCHELL CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL BUDGET PLANNING MEETING
May 20, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / ROLL CALL

Mayor Wiest called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Vicki Boerger, Mary Burns, Frank Hicks, Jim Hummeldorf, Kim Nachazel, Dan Rice and Dennis Zahler **NOT PRESENT:** Ray Heist

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Chris Wiest, City Administrator Chris Moriconi, Police Chief Jeff Eldridge, Fire Chief Scott McVey, Public Works Director Dave Noll, and City Clerk Martha Allen.

BUDGET REVIEW

Revenues

I. Insurance Premium Tax

Discussion: The fluctuation in IPTs is due to an overall decrease in Insurance Premium Taxes collected. Our revenue in this area correlates with Kenton County's numbers as well. Depending on how these revenues come in, the levels of fund transfers may be affected.

II. Health Insurance

Discussion: There is a possibility for significant future increases in the cost of health insurance. Right now the City is budgeting for a 15% rate increase. This issue will be revisited when the insurance is renewed.

Police Department

III. Forfeiture Money and Grants

Discussion: The City will be using grants and forfeiture funds to purchase ammunition, bullet proof vests, and equipment for the bike patrol, badges and handguns for officers.

Fire Department

IV. Grant Funds

Discussion: The Fire Department will be pursuing grants in the upcoming fiscal year for protective gear that is aged.

V. Scheduled Overtime

Discussion: This line item increased due to the hiring of new medics who work a 24-hour shift and who are eligible for 8 hours of overtime per week.

VI. Heart Monitors

Discussion: The Fire Department is pursuing a grant to purchase heart monitors.

VII. Vehicle and Pumper Replacement

Discussion: The City will be taking bids for these items this year.

Public Works

VIII. Engineering and Contractor Fees

Discussion: These numbers may fluctuate because we are projecting them for upcoming projects.

IX. 7- Year Road Plan

Discussion: The Public Works director will follow up and determine the cost to update this plan.

The Mayor excused himself and left the meeting at 6:58 p.m. due to a family medical emergency. **Mrs. Boerger made a motion for Councilman Rice to preside for the remainder of the meeting.** Mr. Hummeldorf offered the second. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Recreation

X. Part-Time Workers

Discussion: These workers receive a W-2 for their work and the fluctuation in funds will need to be discussed with the Recreation Director.

Park

XI. Park Tax

Discussion: The Park Tax, which was set by ordinance and approved by the voters several decades ago does not change; but it was noted that the Park Budget is approved and controlled by the Park Board by statute.

General Discussion

XII. Road Tax Fund

Discussion: These monies will be going towards work on Superior and Pleasant Ridge as well as SAMI overlays.

XIII. Building Renovations

Discussion: These plans are still in the preliminary stages and costs associated with conducting preliminary work are included in next year's budget. An amended budget will be pursued for the project itself, so that we are transparent in this project.

The City Administrator asked if there were any proposed changes or issues with the budget, as presented this evening, by any member of Council, and there were none.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Rice asked if there were any more reports or discussion. **Mr. Zahler made a motion to adjourn the meeting.** Mrs. Boerger offered a second to the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote, **the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.**

Signed June 3, 2013



Christopher Wiest, Mayor

Minutes Prepared and
Signature Witnessed By:



Martha Allen, City Clerk