

AMITY BUDGET COMMITTEE

Minutes
April 20, 2018

Mayor Michael Cape called the first meeting of the budget committee to order at 6:00 pm with the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

ROLL CALL: Present members included Michael Cape, William Daley, Dawn King, Caralyn Miller, Joshua Simonson, Rudy van Soolen, Max Walker, and Debbie Miller. Members absent included Carmel Ball.

There were no members of the public present in the audience.

ELECT CHAIRPERSON: van Soolen nominated Debbie Miller for chairperson and Walker seconded. Debbie Miller was appointed the Amity Budget Committee Chairperson for fiscal year 2018-2019.

PUBLIC HEARING: Chairperson Miller opened the public hearing, giving the public opportunity to comment on the city's budget and the state revenue sharing funds. With no citizens commenting, Chairperson Miller closed the public hearing.

BUDGET MESSAGE & DISCUSSION OF BUDGET: City Administrator Justin Hogue presented the 2018-19 budget message. He talked about the overall decline in the General Fund, mainly due to the rise in materials and services. Hogue stated that administration will need to monitor the GF closely this upcoming fiscal year. Hogue went on to discuss the upcoming priorities for the fiscal year. Hogue discussed the issues impacting budget development. Hogue continued with the budget highlights. Lastly, Hogue closed the budget message with acknowledgments, thanking City Recorder Jackie Loos for her efforts in preparing the budget document and the Budget Committee for their participation in the budget process.

Hogue and the Budget Committee reviewed the proposed budget. One of the main concerns presented to the Budget Committee was the City's Police Fund. Chief Bolek informed the committee that the police department was not meeting standards and best practices. Bolek presented the committee with an itemized list of estimates totaling \$117,000 to get the department to minimum standards. There was discussion on how the City would generate these funds, which would be imposing a "public safety fee." The Budget Committee continued reviewing the General, Building, Capital Projects, Tourism, and Street Fund.

The Committee arrived at the Water Fund and decided to continue deliberations at a later date. The next Budget Committee Meeting was scheduled for May 09, 2018 at 5:3 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilor Simonson moved to adjourn. Councilor van Soolen seconded. With no other discussion, the meeting adjourned by a unanimous vote of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jackie Loos, City Recorder

Approved:

Justin Hogue, Budget Officer