

**PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY 2017/2018,
SEPTEMBER 24, 2017, 5:30 P.M.**

The Mayor and City Council met in special session for a public hearing on the proposed budget for FY 2017/2018 with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Robinson and Lee; City Manager Squyres and City Secretary Raines. Council Member Rivas, absent, Council Members Garcia and Gonzales absent due to family illness. City Attorney DeFoyd out of state.

City Manager Squyres stated this was a public hearing on the proposed budget for 2017/2018, that we had already had two workshops and there were two big issues and he would go ahead and recap those, that one was that even today, we don't have the effective tax rate, we think what we have included is a safe estimate and our estimate of income is safe, it has \$162,000 in surplus so that way if we do find that the tax rate has to be adjusted one way or the other we won't hurt the program or the items they have budgeted for. He stated the budget reflected an income from General Fund of \$11,457,441 and he needed to mention that includes within that number includes money that is moved from cash reserves which is \$4,255,430 so it is not as scary a number as it looks like and that is for those large capital items that are rolling from one year to the next, such as the pool, police department, fire department. He went over the expenditures in each department in general fund, stating that they were \$11,294,913 and that income less expenditures in general fund were \$162,528.

He advised that projected income in the Water Department was \$2,534,236 with expected expenditures of \$2,512,770 leaving income less expenditures of \$21,466. He went over each department in the water fund explaining the expenditures.

He stated that the Bond debt, which wasn't truly a bond but it was a debt in I&S was \$487,200 and this was certificates of obligation which was a little different from a bond because it was not voted on by the public.

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Mr. Squyres advised that our Insurance Agent had brought a Health Insurance Policy by today and he discussed our going from a small group to a large group, that it was better pricing and a comparable plan. He went over the co-pay, out of pocket expenses and discussed A flex payment plan.

Council Member Robinson stated that they had a flex plan.

City Manager Squyres advised that the rate for switching from a small group to a large group was an increase of 15% which was better then the 26% originally quoted and there was general discussion on the changes in the insurance plan and Mr. Squyres stated that if you incurred charges the last quarter of the year you could carry that over to the next year.

City Manager Squyres discussed looking at RFQ for insurance agents.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the Public Hearing at 5:50 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce Raines".

**Joyce Raines
City Secretary**