
City of Grand Island



Saturday, March 06, 2010

Council Retreat Packet

City Council:

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8:30:00 AM
Council Chambers - City Hall
100 East First Street

Call to Order

This is an open meeting of the Grand Island City Council. The City of Grand Island abides by the Open Meetings Act in conducting business. A copy of the Open Meetings Act is displayed in the back of this room as required by state law.

The City Council may vote to go into Closed Session on any agenda item as allowed by state law.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

A - SUBMITTAL OF REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS

Individuals who have appropriate items for City Council consideration should complete the Request for Future Agenda Items form located at the Information Booth. If the issue can be handled administratively without Council action, notification will be provided. If the item is scheduled for a meeting or study session, notification of the date will be given.

B - RESERVE TIME TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS

This is an opportunity for individuals wishing to provide input on any of tonight's agenda items to reserve time to speak. Please come forward, state your name and address, and the Agenda topic on which you will be speaking.

MAYOR COMMUNICATION

This is an opportunity for the Mayor to comment on current events, activities, and issues of interest to the community.



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Item -1

City Council/Staff Study Session Retreat

Staff Contact: Jeff Pederson

**City Council/Staff Study Session Retreat
Saturday, March 6, 2010
8:30 a.m. –
Law Enforcement Center
111 Public Safety Drive**

Agenda

- Mayor's Welcome
- Development of Council/Staff Communication Guidelines
- Highlights of Financial Trend Monitoring System Update
- Current Fiscal Year – Projected Revenue Shortfall and Solutions
- Fiscal Year 2010/2011 Budget Financial Projection
- Capital Improvement Plan – Projects and Funding
- Program Prioritization – Process Review
Going Forward
 - ICMA Consultants Johnson and Fabian
- ❖ Break for Lunch at Noon

City Council/Administrative Staff Retreat
March 6, 2010

The 2010 Annual Retreat will contain three primary components, with the first being a teamwork exercise. Governance of a city relies on the cooperative efforts of elected officials, who set policy and priorities, and city staff, who analyze problems and issues, make recommendations, and implement and administer the council's policies. The exercise will have as its objective the establishment of general guidelines to help facilitate effective communications between the city council and city staff.

The second component of the Retreat will be financial overview, which will begin with presentation of the updated Financial Trend Monitoring System. Additionally, Council and staff will review the extent and the impact of reductions to projected General Fund revenue for the current fiscal year. This part of the Retreat will finish with a high-level review of the General Fund budget projection for next year, and will also include an overview and discussion of the project priority ranking and funding requirements for the Capital Improvements Plan for the next several years.

The remaining portion of the Retreat will be dedicated to creating an understanding of the role that Program Prioritization will play in decision making associated with the preparation of the 2010/2011 City Budget. The activities conducted by the City Departments to date will be reviewed, and consultants Jon Johnson and Chris Fabien will present the Program Priority Array for guidance and discussion on its use in building the next Budget.