



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, August 12, 2008

Council Session

Item E4

Public Hearing on Proposed FY 2008-2009 City Single Budget

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Dave Springer, Finance Director

Meeting: August 12, 2008

Subject: Public Hearing for FY 2008-2009 Single City Budget

Item #'s: E-4

Presenter(s): Dave Springer, Finance Director

Background

The budget process for the City of Grand Island begins in April with internal budget compilation and culminates with the submittal of the final budget to the State Auditor in September. Following are accomplishments that have occurred:

- * Departments reviewed their current budgets and submitted 2008-2009 budget requests.
- * Outside Agencies were contacted to submit their budget requests for next year.
- * Requests were reviewed with each department by City Administration.
- * 2008-2009 preliminary budget was adjusted to promote efficiencies and effectiveness.
- * Individual Board review and approval took place for CRA and Solid Waste Agency.
- * On June 17th, the City Council conducted a Study Session to review the proposed FTE requests, funding of Outside Agencies, and Fee Schedule changes. These were approved on June 24th.
- * On July 22, the City Council conducted a public hearing and approved the Solid Waste Agency Budget.

Discussion

At the August 12th council meeting, the City Council is asked to conduct a public hearing on the proposed budget to allow for public input. The public hearing will be followed up by a Special Budget meeting on August 19th and 20th & 21st if needed, where council will be able to ask questions and respond to information concerning the proposed budget and public input. At the August 19th meeting, the Council will be asked to make determination on the budget or set further meetings to move toward determination.

Future steps concerning the budget include:

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| August 19, 2008 | Special Budget meeting and approval of salary ordinance. |
| August 20, 2008 | Special Budget meeting, if needed. County certifies taxable values. |
| August 21, 2008 | Special Budget meeting, if needed |
| August 26, 2008 | Adopt budget and approve lid limit increase Council approves BID budgets & assessments and sets date for Board of Equalization. |
| September 9, 2008 | Public hearing on General Property, Parking District #2, and CRA tax requests Establish Parking District #1 occupation tax request Establish property tax requests for General Property, Parking District #2, and CRA. Public hearing and amendment to current year budget, if needed. |
| September 21, 2007 | Submit Budget to State Auditor |
| September 23, 2008 | Board of Equalization for BIDs and ordinance for assessments. |

Recommendation

The Council is asked to conduct the public hearing and take information from the citizens. After conducting the hearing, it is recommended that the City Council take the information under advisement for further discussion at the August 19th Special Budget Session.

The budget transmittal letter, a “Budget in Brief”, and a draft document of the budget have been provided to Council in mid-July. If any further information is needed, please contact City Administration.