



City of Grand Island

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Special Council Session

Item E1

Public Hearing on Proposed FY 2006-2007 City Single Budget

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Dave Springer, Finance Director
Meeting: August 7, 2007
Subject: Public Hearing for FY 2007-2008 Single City Budget
Item #'s: E-1
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 2007-2008 budget requests.
- * Outside Agencies were contacted to submit their budget requests for next year.
- * Requests were reviewed with each department by City Administration.
- * 2007-2008 budgets were adjusted to promote efficiencies and effectiveness.
- * Board review and approval took place for Business Improvement Districts, CRA, and Solid Waste Agency. On June 12th, council approved the 2007-2008 Fee Schedule.
- * On June 19th, the City Council conducted a Study Session to review the proposed FTE requests and funding of Outside Agencies. Agency funding was approved on July 10.
- * On July 24, the City Council conducted a public hearing and approved the Solid Waste Agency Budget and the budgets for Business Improvement Districts #3, #4, and #5

Discussion

At the August 7th 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 14th and 15th & 16th if needed, where council will be able to ask questions and respond to information concerning the proposed budget and public input. At the August 14th 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 14, 2007 | Special Budget meeting |
| August 15, 2007 | Special Budget meeting, if needed |
| August 16, 2007 | Special Budget meeting, if needed |
| August 28, 2007 | Approve Fee Schedule for Utilities
Adopt budget and approve lid limit increase |
| September 11, 2007 | Board of Equalization for BID's
Public hearing on General Property, Parking District #2, and
CRA tax requests
Set Business Improvement District Assessments
Establish Parking District #1 occupation tax request
Establish property tax requests for General Property, Parking
District #2, and CRA |
| September 21, 2007 | Submit Budget to State Auditor |

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 14th Special Budget Session

The budget transmittal letter, a Budget in Brief', and a draft document of the budget have been provided to Council on July 20th. If any further information is needed, please contact City Administration.