

Minutes of the Streets & Sanitation Committee Budget Meeting

Bountiful City Streets Department
April 29, 2015 (4:00 p.m.)

Present:

Committee Members:	Richard Higginson, John Pitt and Kendalyn Harris
City Manager:	Gary Hill
Assistant City Manager:	Galen Rasmussen
Department Personnel:	Paul Rowland, Gary Blowers, Lloyd Cheney, Merle Schutz, Sherry DeMarco, Charles Benson, and Paul Hartvigsen

Official Notice of this meeting had been given by posting a written notice of same and an agenda at the City Hall and providing copies to the following newspapers of general circulation: Davis County Clipper, Standard Examiner, and on the Utah Public Notice Website.

Committee chair Richard Higginson called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m., and welcomed those in attendance. It was noted that Merle Schutz will be retiring on April 30th and Sherry DeMarco will be taking Merle's position at the Streets Department. Sherry will be transferring from the Finance Department of the City.

PRESENTATION OF BUDGETS

Gary Blowers presented the detailed budget for the Sanitation fund and responded to questions from the committee. The positive impact from a change in allocation of municipal collection fees was again mentioned. The Fiscal Year 2015-2016 budget will contain a split of municipal collections revenue with 90% of that revenue funding the Sanitation operations and 10% of the revenue funding the Landfill operations. The annual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection event was reviewed along with the typical items dropped off which include unused paint, pesticides, fertilizers, and other hazardous waste items. Discussion was also held regarding equipment used and the purchase and maintenance of equipment. The Sanitation Department currently utilizes five garbage trucks with two spare trucks for coverage of the City.

The next budget presented for approval was the Landfill fund. Gary Blowers outlined the operations of the Landfill and selected aspects of the current financial results. Equipment lease versus buy decisions were reviewed and it was noted that the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 budget will include a loader that will be acquired under a lease with option to purchase after three years. Committee chair Higginson asked about the possibility of increasing the amount of green waste at the Landfill to be

processed for resale by eliminating fees for bringing green waste to the Landfill. Committee member Harris expressed concern with the proposal based on a perception of increased workloads that may result. Both Paul Rowland and Gary Blowers cautioned against the proposal due to negative revenue impacts and increased staffing and equipment costs that would be needed to manage an increased volume of green waste collections above current levels.

Gary Blowers next presented the detailed budget for the Storm Water fund and responded to questions from the committee. Budget items discussed included storm drain work projects and replacement of a street sweeper.

The budget of the Recycling fund was then presented along with a discussion of rising contract costs from Ace Disposal. It was noted that the city cost per can will be rising from \$2.40 to \$2.45 while the cost charged to residents will be maintained at the current \$2.50 per can rate. A proposed change in recycling charge per can will likely be presented for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget to keep pace with increasing costs of the program.

Gary Blowers introduced the Streets Department budget with a Power Point presentation on street paving and maintenance options. The presentation outlined the chief causes of pavement failure which include traffic loading and street cuts for utility work as well as weather effects and poor maintenance practices. The presentation contained several pictures of local neighborhood paving projects using various asphalt paving treatments including slurry seal, crack seal, mastic treatments and numerous other examples. Utah Department of Transportation and National Highway Institute data on optimal road maintenance schedules and treatments were reviewed and compared with current and desired practices of the Streets and Engineering Departments.

Following the pavement presentation, Gary Blowers reviewed the detailed budget for the Streets department with the committee and responded to their questions. Recent changes in the supervisory structure of the Streets Department were reviewed by both Paul Rowland and Gary Blowers and it was noted that these supervisory changes (along with a few long-time employee departures) caused a decrease in personnel costs between the current budget and the proposed Fiscal Year 2015-2016 budget. Various budget line items were reviewed including planned concrete repair work and reduction in road salt usage which was primarily due to a very mild seasonal weather pattern with lack of significant snowfall. Equipment purchase needs were also reviewed.

Committee chair Richard Higginson asked for a motion to approve the Sanitation, Landfill, Storm Water, Recycling and Streets department budgets for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. Committee member John Pitt made a motion to accept the tentative budgets of the Sanitation, Landfill, Storm Water, Recycling and Streets departments, as presented, and send the budgets to the full Council for approval. Committee member Kendalyn Harris seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous with committee members Higginson, Pitt, and Harris voting "aye".

Paul Rowland mentioned one final item of note regarding upcoming plans from the Utah Department of Transportation for concrete paving of 400 North. Both Paul Rowland and Lloyd Cheney outlined their plan to stay actively involved with the 400 North road planning process to ensure proper concrete standards are adhered to by the State.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.