

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING – BUDGET WORKSHOP/REVIEW
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2016 – 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL**

Mayor Kupsik called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Flower

Roll Call. Present: Mayor Kupsik, Aldermen Chappell, Skates, Kordus, Flower, Gelting, Horne, Hedlund, Howell.
Also Present: City Administrator Oborn, Comptroller Pollitt and City Clerk Waswo.

Comments from the public as allowed by Wis. Stats. §19.84(2), limited to items on this agenda, except for public hearing items. Comments will to be limited to 5 minutes.

Mary Jo Fesenmaier, 955 George Street, thanked the council for having a special council budget meeting. She further thanked them for sending letters to the legislature, closing TIF4, trying to bring the Utility Commission back into the City, and for being aware of the investment put into common and public spaces as we can never have enough green space.

Discussion/Action on 2017 Annual Budget

The Lakefront budget was reviewed. The Riviera Ballroom revenue is down. It was decided not to advertise this year, so it's hard to tell if the decreased revenue is due to the fee increase or the lack of advertising.

The Parking budget was discussed with revenue trending up. Comptroller Pollitt noted they were behind in sending tickets, which is why the collection agency budget was higher in 2016. They are now caught up and not looking to send so much to the agency.

City Administrator Oborn explained we are at a budget deficit of \$203,000. He presented 3 options to balance the budget including a cost allocation plan for charging Administrative Services to the Water/Sewer funds. Option 1 keeps the mill rate flat, which increases the levy by \$230,000. Option 2 drops the mill rate by 50% of the increase. But it also decreases the contingency account from \$75,000 to \$50,000. Option 3 reduces the mill rate by 25% of the increase. It fully funds the contingency and puts \$54,000 more into the equipment replacement fund.

Parking Manager Mullally presented options on raising parking rates in certain zoned areas. Zones could be broken up by BID District and Lakefront. The Council discussed the average hours of parking, busiest locations, payment rates, and other options for those who have parking stickers. The consensus was to discuss this item further at another time.

Ms. Pollitt stated with Option 1 the mill rate would stay the same at \$6.04 per thousand. Option 2 decreases the mill rate to \$5.91 and Option 3 would decrease the mill rate to \$5.96. There was discussion on the ramifications of dropping the mill rate and when a referendum would be needed to increase the mill rate in the future. The consensus was to direct staff to move forward with option 3 and to prepare the budget for publishing.

Horne/Flower motion to go with option 3.

Roll Call: Kordus, Skates, Flower, Gelting, Horne voting "yes." Motion carried 5 to 3 with Chappell, Hedlund and Howell voting "no."

Adjournment. Kordus/Skates motion to adjourn at 7:26 pm. Unanimously carried.

/s/ Sabrina Waswo, City Clerk

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