



City Council Budget Workshop Minutes

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Tacoma Municipal Building North, Room 16, 733 Market Street, Tacoma, Washington 98402

November 20, 2004

Deputy Mayor Evans called the Budget Workshop to order at 8:10 a.m.

Council Members Present: 8 ~ Anderson, Ladenburg, Lonergan, Manthou, Stenger, Phelps, Talbert, and Deputy Mayor Evans.

Council Member Absent: 1 ~ Mayor Baarsma.

Deputy Mayor Evans stated that the Council would begin with a discussion of budget issues the Council wanted to restore and the areas that Council has targeted for further reductions with a focus on the goal of a balanced, vibrant economy. He then called on Ms. Diane Supler, Director of the Office of Management, Budget and Analysis.

Ms. Supler reviewed the packet of documents distributed to Council, including information responding to prior questions from Council and a draft of the 2005-2010 Capital Facilities Program. Ms. Supler then asked for clarification regarding a list of additional revenues and program restorations proposed by Council during the safe, livable community discussion.

Discussion followed clarifying terminology and allocations and proposing adjustments to various expenditures.

Deputy Mayor Evans stated that the next area of discussion would be the budgetary issues related to a balanced, vibrant economy.

Council Member Phelps asked the Council to consider economic development as a key factor in bringing in new revenues and continuing job growth and then reviewed a list of programs that he felt would fuel economic growth.

Discussion followed regarding the rationale for specific requests in Council Member Phelps' proposal.

Deputy Mayor Evans called for a short break at 9:40 a.m. and reconvened the Budget Workshop at 10:01 a.m.

Deputy Mayor Evans stated that the next area of discussion would be the budgetary issues related to a results-oriented government.

Council Members discussed items on the Break-Through Change List, as well as services to be added to the list, the anticipated level of participation in the Tall Ships event, and strategies for recovering some of the costs of the Fourth of July event.

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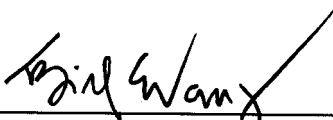
Council Member Stenger introduced a proposal for increasing parking revenues by increasing the fines for overtime parking.

Discussion followed regarding parking fines in surrounding jurisdictions, extending the B&O tax to hospitals, implementing the budget cuts in stages, and prioritizing the items on the Break-Through Change List for the greatest potential to make long-term changes.

Council Members exchanged their views regarding revenue projections, the justification for long-term structural change, and the feasibility of implementing staggered restoration of certain programs or services.

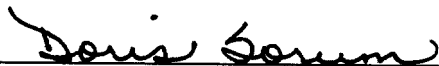
The Council then reviewed the schedule for the remaining Budget Workshops and the tentative dates for first reading and final adoption of the budget.

There being no further business, the Budget Workshop was adjourned at 11:29 a.m.



BILL EVANS, DEPUTY MAYOR

ATTEST:



DORIS SORUM, CITY CLERK

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