

Public Hearing
General Fund Budget
Wednesday, October 26, 2011
5 pm
Council Chambers

President of Council Vaughn D. Spencer called the public hearing regarding the proposed General Fund Budget to order at 5:05 pm. He announced that the purpose of the hearing is to obtain public comment on the proposed 2012 General Fund Budget. City Council expects to consider the adoption of the 2012 General Fund Budget along with supporting tax and fee ordinances at a regular business meeting on either Monday, November 14th or Monday, November 28th, 2011.

Attending: Councilors Spencer, Waltman, Reed, Sterner, Marmarou, Goodman-Hinnershitiz, Acosta, City Clerk Kelleher, City Solicitor Younger, City Auditor Cituk, Managing Director Geffken, Controller Zale

Presentation by Administration

Managing Director Geffken stated that the Administration proposes a balanced budget that contains \$74,439,069 in revenues and expenses. He stated that the Administration continues to work with Council to realign the budget to reduce the accompanying proposal for a 20% tax rate increase. He also noted the need for the budget to meet the objectives in the Act 47 Recovery Plan.

Public Comment

Council President Spencer opened the floor for public comment and reminded those in the audience of the speaking rules.

Harry Stouffer, of Cressona, questioned how a citizen could comment on the budget without seeing it. He stated that the figures attached to the agenda disgust him. He suggested opening the budget for public review 3-6 months in advance. He thanked Council for the opportunity to comment.

Council President Spencer explained that the entire budget is on the City's website and that hard copies can be obtained from the City Council Office during regular business hours. He suggested that Mr. Stouffer obtain a copy of the budget and continue to comment at the public meetings scheduled for November.

Council President Spencer inquired if any other person would like to comment on the proposed general fund budget. No one stepped forward.

The Public Comment period was closed.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Linda A. Kelleher CMC, City Clerk