

Public Hearing
2016 General Fund Budget
Council Chambers
Tuesday, October 20, 2015
5:00 p.m.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz, Finance Chair, called the public hearing to order and stated that Council will take testimony on the proposed 2016 General Fund Budget.

Attending: City Councilors Goodman-Hinnershitz, Reed, Daubert, Waltman, Slifko, Marmarou, City Clerk Kelleher, City Solicitor Younger, Adm. Services Director Pottiger, Managing Director Snyder, mayor Spencer, City Auditor Cituk, Controller Zale

I. Testimony from City (No more than 10 minutes)

Ms. Snyder stated that the proposed budget is made up of revenues and expenses totaling \$91,529,552. She stated that the City, like many municipalities across the nation, use the majority of their expenses to pay for Police, Fire, debt service and pension, followed by health care and personnel expenses. She stated that these areas are not optional.

Ms. Snyder stated that the General Fund budget requires revenue support from a 2 mil property tax increase and the use of \$4M from the City's reserve. She stated that Council and the administration have been meeting regularly to pare down expenses and to trim back the use of the reserve and the property tax increase. She stated that the administration was conservative in their projections.

Ms. Snyder encouraged the public to follow the budget process and to provide input.

II. Council Comment

None.

III. Public Comment

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz opened the floor for public comment and Mr. Daubert read the public speaking rules, adopted by Council. No citizens were in the audience and the comment period was closed.

Mr. Daubert moved, seconded by Mr. Marmarou, to adjourn the hearing.

Respectfully submitted by Linda A. Kelleher CMC, City Clerk