

CITY OF STANWOOD

*City Council Special Meeting
Budget Workshop
Thursday, November 19, 2009 – 6:00 p.m.
Stanwood City Hall*

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Councilmembers Present: Arne Wennerberg, Andy Chappel, Bill Carlton, Conrad Ryer, Timothy Loney, Leonard Kelley and Shelley Klasse were present.

Staff present: City Administrator Joyce Papke, Finance Director Crystil Robinson, City Clerk Melissa Collins, Community Development Director Rebecca Lind, Public Works Director Andy Bullington and Utility Superintendant Kevin Hushagen.

2. Discussion Items

Preliminary 2010 Budget

Finance Director Crystil Robinson provided a re-cap of last week's budget workshop.

A discussion ensued amongst Mayor White and Council regarding the 2010 General Fund short fall and the following decisions were made:

- Transfer \$25,000 from the contingency fund to the general fund;
- Reduce administrative travel, trainings and meetings by \$2,000;
- Reduce City Attorney fund by \$5,000;
- Approve a \$700 expenditure for a wellness grant application;
- Reduce administrative payroll contingency by \$25,000.

After a discussion regarding removing a 2 percent cost of living wage increase for non-represented employees, it was decided that doing this would send the wrong message.

Council lowered the general fund shortfall to \$201,516, which will be made up through the use of reserves.

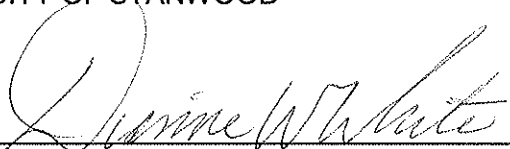
Councilmember Carlton suggested the second meeting in January be held as a workshop to plan for the City's financial future. Council concurred.

3. Adjourn


There being no further business before the Council, the workshop adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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ATTEST:



Dianne W. White, Mayor



Melissa A. Collins, City Clerk