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18-0409

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Date March 8, 2018

HEARING AND ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT TO THE
ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018

WHEREAS, an amendment to the City's annual budget for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 is necessary to reflect changing estimates of revenue and expenditure appropriations relating to cash on hand at the end of the preceding fiscal year; of revenue and expenditure appropriations relating to amounts available from revenues other than property taxation and adjustments in expenditures across all programs; and transfers between funds and between programs; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of Chapter 384, Code of Iowa, require a public hearing on the amendment to the City's annual budget for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, on February 19, 2018 by Roll Call No. 18-271, the City Council set the public hearing to consider the amendment to the City's annual budget for the current fiscal year for March 8, 2018 at 8:00 o'clock a.m. in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Service Center and public notice of such hearing has been published as provided by law in the Des Moines Register on February 23, 2018; and

WHEREAS, those residents and taxpayers of the City interested in the amendment to the City's annual budget for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, have been given an opportunity to present to the City Council objections to any part of the amended budget and arguments in favor of any part of the amended budget at this public hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that:

1. Upon due consideration of all views and comments presented by City residents and taxpayers, the public hearing on the amendment to the City of Des Moines annual budget for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 is hereby closed.

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2. The amendment to the City of Des Moines annual budget for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, as set forth in the budget amendment document on file with the City Clerk, and which budget amendment incorporates in its entirety the budget component for the Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency as approved by the Municipal Housing Agency Governing Board on this date, is hereby approved and adopted.

3. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby directed to execute and to certify as necessary all documents as required by the State of Iowa Department of Management, and the Finance Director is hereby directed to make all budget document filings and required copies to the Polk County Auditor as required by law and set up his books in accordance with the summary details as adopted.

Moved by Matto to adopt the budget with the following stipulations and restrictions:

- Approve only the minimum documentation required by law in submitting the budget.
- The approval does NOT include the detail within the Recommended Operating Budget and Recommended Capital Improvement Program. This means that our budget process will begin with zero-based budgeting.
- The budget does include, as Mayor and Council were transparent in the previous months as we prepared for the Measure A referendum, that tax rate will increase by 20 cents to \$17.24.
- Ask that the City Manager to return with a new Recommended Budget and CIP that assumes:
 - No Local Option Sales Tax for the foreseeable future and
 - That continues to be balanced with a mix of cuts and only modest tax rate increases.
 - The Manager would be asked to return with a recommendation by the last workshop in May.
- The Council directs the Manager to consider the following:
 - A temporary hiring freeze until a process is in place that seriously scrutinizes each vacancy and its importance. A similar process/procedure was in place in the past; but should be quickly re-instituted with even more voracity.



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- No new travel can be initiated until a new procedure is in place that includes review by peers from other departments and CMO.
- Review of potential savings for positions that have an authorized strength but have been unable to reach the budgeted headcount; potentially setting the budgeted strength to reflect the actual headcount that can be fiscally maintained given known budget limitations.
- Freeze on payments for all membership/association dues until they can be reviewed with a higher standard toward return on value for attending/joining.
- Striking work on projects that do not have a clear funding mechanism; even if the project is slated years out.
- Supporting the Mayor and Council in a public input process in the coming weeks/months related to budget priorities, necessary cuts and long-term sustainable revenue goals on which to base a multi-year CIP. This will include strategies to gain input from those who don't often show up to town halls.
- Consider the "return on investment" as a criteria for future priorities.
- With regard to streets and road projects, prioritize existing roadways that we currently use.
- Prioritize elements of the CIP and Operating Budgets that focus on safety.
- Give priority to the programs/goals/commitments made in the December Resolution which identified priorities for the one cent local option revenues; had that passed. Namely, tax relief, streets/roads, public safety (NE Fire station, 13 firefighters, and Communications system), and neighborhood improvement, especially addressing blight.
- Consider a long-term strategy for revenue needs and the capacity of the city to pay additional property taxes.

(Council Communication No. 18-120)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Lawrence R. McDowell
Deputy City Attorney



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COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
BOESEN	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
GATTO	✓			
GRAY	✓			
MANDELBAUM	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
TOTAL	7			

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

T. M. Franklin
Mayor

CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

Diane Rauh

City Clerk