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Date March 8, 2018

HEARING AND ADOPTION OF PROPOSED  
ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2019

WHEREAS, the provisions of Chapter 384, Code of Iowa, require a public hearing on the budget estimates for the proposed expenditures, income and the amount to be raised by property taxation and the tax levies for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, before the final certification date; and

WHEREAS, on February 19, 2018 by Roll Call No. 18-0272, the City Council set the public hearing to consider the City's proposed annual budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 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 City's proposed annual budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, have been given an opportunity to present to the City Council objections to any part of the budget and arguments in favor of any part of the 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 City of Des Moines proposed annual budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 is hereby closed.

2. The City of Des Moines annual budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, as set forth in the budget estimate contained in the notice of public hearing and the supporting detailed City operating budget document on file with the City Clerk showing revenue estimates and appropriation expenditures and allocations to programs and activities for said fiscal year, and which budget 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.



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3. The Downtown Des Moines Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District operation tax levy shall be certified at the rate of \$1.30 per thousand dollars of taxable value of property, the Sherman Hill Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District capital improvement and operation tax levy shall be certified at the rate of \$1.50 per thousand dollars of taxable value of property, the Highland Park Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District operation tax levy shall be certified at the rate of \$1.75 per thousand dollars of taxable value of property, the Ingersoll Grand Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District capital improvement and operation tax levy shall be certified at a rate of \$2.25 per thousand dollars of taxable value of property, the Beaverdale Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District capital improvement and operation tax levy shall be certified at the rate of \$1.75, the SW 9<sup>th</sup> Corridor Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District capital improvement and operation tax levy shall be certified at the rate of \$2.25, the Roosevelt Cultural District Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District capital improvement and operation tax levy shall be certified at the rate of \$1.75, and all other tax levies of the City shall be certified at the rates set forth in the Adoption of Budget and Certification of Taxes document on file with the City Clerk.

4. 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, the City Clerk is hereby directed to certify the necessary tax levies for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 to the Polk County Auditor and to the Polk County Board of Supervisors 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 prior to March 15, 2018 and set up his books in accordance with the summary details as adopted.

Moved by Gatto 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:



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- 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.
  - 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.

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Lawrence R. McDowell, Deputy City Attorney

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

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.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

T. M. Franklin Council Mayor

Diane Rauh City Clerk