

**Finance Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 8, 2014**

Attendees: Chair Mavodones, Finance Committee members Duson, Marshall and Suslovic, members of staff and public.

Chair Mavodones opened the meeting—called to order.

1. Approve minutes from April 24 meeting.

Motion to accept by Councilor Suslovic, second by Councilor Duson, **Passed 4-0.**

**2. Discussion and vote on City FY15 operating budget and associated items.
Public comment was taken on the City budget.**

Motion to recommend the City Manager's recommended municipal budget to the City Council, by Councilor Suslovic, second by Councilor Duson:

City Manager Recommended Appropriation	\$220,851,858
City Manager Recommended Tax Levy	\$ 75,972,495
Tax rate increase = \$.37 cents, 3.8%	
[Combined tax rate increase = \$.62 cents, 3.2%]	

The following amendments to the City Manager's Recommended budget were offered:

Motion to amend the City Manager's recommended municipal budget by the following three items, by Councilor Suslovic, second by Councilor Duson:

1. Add expenditure and revenue budget for Homeless Health clinic staffing, extended through December 31, 2014

Revenue	\$234,230
Expenditures	\$234,230

2. Reduce revenue for after-hours GA services by amount of CDBG cut, reduce expenditures for turnover wage savings.

Revenue	(\$34,000)
Expenditures	(\$13,252)

3. Reduce Recreation & Facilities budget to reflect cut by School Department for facilities maintenance.

Revenue	(\$100,000)
Expenditures	(\$100,000)

Passed 4-0.

Motion to add \$25,000 for HOME Team program, by Councilor Suslovic, second by Councilor Duson. **Failed 2-2 (Mavodones, Marshall).**

Motion to add \$30,000 for Homeless Health Clinic funding to replace loss of CDBG funding, by Councilor Duson, second by Councilor Marshall. **Passed 3-1 (Mavodones).**

Motion to accept the following adjustments to the budget totaling \$189,000, by Councilor Suslovic, second by Councilor Duson:

- Add \$50,000 in revenue from the International Marine Terminal
- Add \$64,000 in revenue for penalty charges on delinquent payments
- Add \$28,000 in revenue from the Barron Center
- Reduce wages by \$32,000 for turnover savings
- Reduce \$15,000 in expenditures for training consulting services

Passed 4-0.

Motion to add capacity to the Legal and Police departments by adding \$30,000 to be combined with the increase of \$50,000 in outside legal services in the Legal budget and used for adding staff or a combination of staff and outside legal services (as determined between Corporation Counsel and the Police Chief), by Councilor Suslovic, second by Councilor Duson. **Passed 4-0.**

[NOTE: Legal and PD will each add .5 staff with no increase in outside legal services]

Motion to use an additional \$110,000 in Fund Balance to reduce the tax rate, by Councilor Duson, second by Councilor Mavodones. **Passed 4-0.**

VOTE on the main motion, as amended, to recommend to the City Council a municipal budget for fiscal year 2015 of \$220,985,836 and a tax levy of \$75,754,243, resulting in a tax rate of \$9.89, a 3.5% increase. **Passed 4-0.**

Final Amounts

Municipal Only:

Expenditures	\$220,985,836
2.7% increase	
Tax Levy	\$ 75,754,243
4.7% increase	
Tax Rate	\$ 9.89
3.5% increase	

Combined Municipal/School:

Expenditures	\$322,578,505
2.9% increase	
Tax Levy	\$153,223,254
4.3% increase	
Tax Rate	\$20.00
3% increase	