

SPECIAL COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2011

The special meeting of the Flat Rock City Council convened at the Municipal Building in Council Chambers on the above date at 7:00 p.m.

THE PURPOSE OF THE SPECIAL MEETING IS TO DISCUSS THE 2011-2012 BUDGET.

1. PRESENT ON ROLL CALL: Mayor Dropiewski, Council Members Martin, Gagne, Painter, Wrobel and Moore.

Mayor Dropiewski gave a power point presentation of the proposed 2011-2012 budget:

Non-controversial items:

DDA refund	\$360,000
Reduce Historical Com.	50,000
Reduce Library	50,000
Transfer 1 DPS to Water	33,000
Combine Recreation budget	30,000
Align local roads transfer	50,000
33 rd Court refund	30,000
Building maintenance	<u>10,000</u>
	\$613,000

Other potential actions:

Renegotiate Healthcare, cost share	
And reduce opt-out	\$150,000
Beer sales at ballfields	5,000
Have Police lock park bathrooms	7,500
Misc. DPS allocations	24,000
Align Fire Dept. O/T	20,000
State Revenue Share	100,000
Building Dept. baseline	<u>70,000</u>
	\$376,500

Total of items listed: \$989,000

Mayor said we still need \$85,000. He said we may need to cut the service level from the DPS or charge fees for certain services like bulk pickup, disposal, etc. He said the lack of capital spending may necessitate borrowing and there is the uncertainty over the future of the Ford Plant.

Mayor said the things you did not see in his presentation are no layoffs or furlough days. He said if cost share (80-20) for health care goes through it will include every unit in the city including department heads and administration.

Mr. Dropiewski asked for suggestions from everyone. Mr. Gagne suggested renting out land for farming. Mr. Painter suggested a public safety or recreation millage. Ms. Moore suggested a survey of the general public re: millage increase. Eric Holtz, Resident, suggested raising the tax rate. We can go as high as three mills. Dave Davidson, Resident, suggested charging for bulk item pickup. Mayor said community service and lower tax rate is what attracts new residents. Seniors are on a fixed income, some people are struggling to keep their homes and water rates will go up 10%.

Mayor Dropiewski announced the public hearing for the budget will be at the June 6, 2012 regular Council Meeting.

05-25-01 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Gagne to adjourn the Special Budget Meeting at 8:19 p.m.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

JONATHAN D. DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR

LORENE BUTSKI, CMC CITY CLERK

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approved