

**SPECIAL MEETING
CITY OF SPOKANE PARK BOARD
Thursday, February 14, 2013
CITY COUNCIL BRIEFING CENTER, CITY HALL**



Board Members: Cameron, Randy – President X
Quigley, Jim – Vice President AB EX
Eadie, Leroy - Secretary X
Dunau, Andy X
Kelley, Ross X
Santorsola, Jim X
Selinger, Samuel X
Traver, Susan X
Van Voorhis, Ken X
Wheatley-Billeter, Martha Lou AB EX
Wright, Chris X
Allen, Mike AB EX

**Special Meeting of the Spokane Park Board
Thursday, February 14, 2013, 4:31 p.m.
City Hall Conference Room 5A, Fifth Floor
808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd., Spokane Washington**

Minutes

1. Roll Call – 4:31 p.m.: *Jacki Faught*

2. **Action Item:**

- A. The revised documents from the discussion at Finance Committee were distributed. It was noted that the Pepsi sponsorship has not had an effect on the overall dollar amount of the 2013 Budget. The bottom line after all the revenue and expense adjustments is that Parks is proposing to transfer \$159,000 out of our Capital Budget to be able to cover some of our expense costs.

The Board reviewed a utility analysis with the purpose of making sure the right budget tweaks are being made to cover utility increases of about 5%. Costs went up 8.5% in 2012. The details pertaining to the large jump in water usage between 2011 and 2012 in Aquatics were discussed. Increases in usage came from leaking pools, efforts to identify the leaks, and a change in the winterization process. Much of the work done to fix leaks has been done under warranty. Pools are being constantly monitored for leakage. Natural gas usage has been varied and is contingent on how many times a pool is filled. The largest increase in water usage was Parks Grounds Maintenance. This was due specifically due to the long, hot, dry summer. The 2013 budget was revised to match the actual from 2012. Water rates are expected to go up almost 4% in 2013. Gas and electricity rates are expected to go up almost 8%. Some of these costs are offset somewhat by our existing Stormwater credits and will be further offset this year with the addition of another CSO tank. Due to Avista's late billing cycle there will be one more month that will be booked in 2012.

The Board received information on the 2013 Capital Facilities Plan. Today's proposal is to reduce the Capital Budget by \$159,000 with the funds coming from the \$500,000 allotted for Water Conservation/Irrigation Project leaving \$341,000.

Currently there is \$75,000 set aside for Phase II of the Master Plan. Leroy and Juliet estimate \$200,000, overall will be needed for Phase II. This leaves an additional \$125,000 that will need to come out of the 2013 Capital Plan. Support was indicated by several board members for this estimate. Possible items to pull funds from were discussed. These included RFP Major Maintenance, the Carrousel Roof Project if it comes in below budget, vehicle replacements, taking additional funding that will not be needed for Mirror Pond/Cannon Hill Pond from the Water Conservation/Irrigation Project, or a reduction in the Vehicle Replacement Fund replenishment transfer. When the additional funding will be needed is dependent upon the amount of support needed by the Advisory Committee that is being formed.

Brief discussion was had on the overall Capital Plan and what the remaining bond funding can be used for. Concern with the existing temporary fencing currently at the Rotary Fountain and planned for the new facility was expressed with a suggestion to keep permanent fencing in mind for the bond.

Leroy Eadie noted new ideas have been presented and proposed further discussion be had at another meeting about money may be moved around in capital to fund our needs for the master plan process. A report on Capital will be made at Finance Committee each month.

Motion No. 1: Ken Van Voorhis motioned to approve the 2013 Budget Adjustments and Emergency Budget Ordinance in the Amount of \$529,000.
Sam Selinger seconded.
Motion carried.

Motion No. 2: Sam Selinger motioned for the Board to commit to allocating another \$125,000 for the Master Planning and that Leroy will come back to the Board next month with how to do that.
Chris Wright seconded.
Speaking to the motion.
Ken Van Voorhis noted that he would like Leroy to let the Board know the plan for spending the funds.
Motion carried.

3. Adjournment: 5:12 p.m.

Leroy Eadie, Park Board Secretary