

Budget Workshop of November 12, 2024

Present were: Mayor Naillon, Councilmembers Shaw, Marthaller, Hart and Moser.
Absent: Councilmember Werner.

Budget workshop began at 4:40 pm.

Hotel/Motel Tax Applications reviewed and discussed. Chamber of Commerce submitted a letter requesting a possible amendment to their 2024 approved amount, increasing by \$10,000. Chamber also submitted a letter requesting that their 2025 application be amended, also increasing by \$10,000. 2024 request to increase to a total of \$15,000 to receive official Council consideration during the November 19th City Council meeting. 2025 Applications to be approved as follows:

Molson Museums = \$2,025 as requested

Oroville Chamber of Commerce = \$15,000 as originally requested

Oroville Market Association = \$2,900 as requested

Oroville May Festival = \$5,000 as requested

Recreation Land / Vacationland / Info Book / ATV = \$8,000

The Oroville Initiative = approved \$10,000; reduced from \$20,750 request

Visitor Information Services = \$3,000 as requested

Whistler Canyon Trailhead Vault Toilet Install (OCDPW) = \$5,000 as requested

Total approved: \$50,925

Discussion on eligible expenditures. Also discussed sustainability; City receives roughly \$25,000 per year and large approvals cannot be made every year.

Discussed possible Water, Sewer and Garbage rate increases. Superintendent Thompson recommended that each be increased by \$2.00. Further discussion by the Mayor and Council; it was agreed that Water, Sewer and Garbage should each be increased by \$2.00. Ordinances to be prepared for adoption in December to go into effect January 2025.

Discussion on Law Enforcement budget details and current expense funding. Discussion on possibly running a levy to help fund the police department; options need to be looked into for the future. Lengthy discussion on employee retention and possible wage increases for 2025. Mayor and Council approved a \$2.00 wage increase for every City employee, except Police Clerk Rounds, who will receive an increase of \$2.30, as discussed during previous budget workshops.

Budget Workshop ended at 6:20 pm.

Budget Workshop Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk