

The City of Columbia City

In Columbia County on the Columbia River



CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP SESSION MARCH 3, 2011 - 6:46 P.M. CITY HALL, 1840 SECOND STREET COLUMBIA CITY, OR 97018

Present:

Mayor Cheryl A. Young
Councilor Sally Ann Marson
Councilor Shannon Fitzgibbons
Councilor Josh Fromm
Councilor Casey Wheeler
Micah Rogers, Public Works Superintendent
Michael McGlothlin, Chief of Police
Leahnette Rivers, City Administrator/Recorder

The Mayor, Council and staff reviewed and discussed a variety of cost savings measures and service level reduction options with a focus on programs funded by the General Fund. It was the consensus of the group that new financial projections be developed reflecting the following changes:

- Eliminate the temporary, seasonal utility worker position;
- Reduce park maintenance activities to bare minimum - occasional mowing, trash and repair work;
- Cancel the Lexipol police policy manual service;
- Cancel the month-to-month lease for the Community Library space;
- Postpone all contributions to the Equipment Reserve Fund for one year;
- Increase the rental rates for the Community Hall;
- Tighten up Community Hall rental policies to provide more opportunities for all day rentals as well as guidelines for serving alcohol;
- Cancel the Celebration activities;
- Remove the porta-potty's from Harvard Park and Jim Bundy Memorial Park during the months of November through March;
- Cancel maintenance activities within the DAR owned Pixie and Ruth Rose Richardson Parks;
- Cancel the contract for backflow inspections;

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- Reduce uniform, travel, and other miscellaneous expenses.

A focus will be placed on volunteer recruitment for park maintenance activities.

Meeting adjourned 7:45 p.m.