

Allentown

Minutes - Final

Budget and Finance Committee

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Call to Order: Chairperson Guridy, Councilpersons Hendricks and Mota

Present: 3 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks and Julio Guridy

<u>15-1169</u> September Monthly Reports

Attachments: SEP 2016 MO RPT

Mr. Brent Hartzell stated that comparing where we were at the beginning of September to the end of August is that we had another one of the calendar bits where we had three pay periods in September and only have two in October. The bump you see in wages is entirely due to the extra pay period. it will weave itself out in October. We are going to submit a Resolution to retroactively pay police for the three percent raise. We received a larger share of the \$1.5 million escrow coming back from the LCA Agreement. That will be able to cover over the retroactive pay increase when the time comes. Aggregate tax revenue are right along the year's projections. The Enterprise Fund Revenue and Expenditure changes is consistent with summer behavior. Vacancies hold consistent. The third quarter capital book will be presented the next Budget and Finance meeting. We are still running under the annual pace for contract spending for the year.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked how are we doing. How are the revenues will fair out for the next year's budget?

Mr. Brent Hartzell stated that he is seeing behavior very similar to that of 2016. He would be very surprised if the net of this ends up in the negative for this year. The only requisitions coming in are for immediate needs.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked are we expecting not to have what we read in the paper. A \$10 million structural deficit. Did we get the budget?

Mr. Brent Hartzell stated that discussion is going to be had very shortly.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated yes, in the box.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked any questions from my colleagues or the public.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked for a brief overview of the Golf Course. How are we doing?

Mr. Brent Hartzell stated that it is on page 9 under fund 91. We are on the upside by \$45,000.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if *Mr.* Hartzell had the figure of what it cost the city for the arbitration for the police contract.

Mr. Brent Hartzell asked the arbitration work or the pay raises. Not immediately off-hand. He approved the invoices for that sometime back, but he would have to confer with Mr. Marchetto to get you the accurate total on how much that was.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated what it cost for the arbitration, how much will it cost us through the payroll.

Mr. Brent Hartzell stated that the increases that were approved due to the arbitration, three percent salary increase for 2016, three percent for 2017, and three and a half percent for 2018. The estimate is that the retroactive amount we bring forward shortly in the ordinance is a half of a million dollars.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked any questions from the public.

Mr. Lou Hershman stated that it looks like we are not going to sale any land this year. We have \$900,000 and we are going to have a shortfall in the budget if we don't sell that land. He stated that state aid is way up by \$500,000. Are we going to lower the rates? Are we violating state law of Act 205?

Mr. Julio Guridy asked *Mr.* Hartzell is there any land that we are selling that you know. He stated that good point on Act 205.

Mr. Brent Hartzell stated with respect to how the revenue comes in during the year, we do the tax estimates during the year we know we are going to come in high on a few things and low on a few things. We try to work that in.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked any further comments from the public.

Adjourned: 5:10 PM