

**April 18, 2017  
Budget Committee Meeting #2 &  
Executive Session/Special Session  
City of Gaston**

**Members Present:** Tony Hall, Don Richter, Jerry Spaulding, David Meeker, Rick Lorenz.  
Budget Officer-City Recorder Wenonah Blanchette.

**Members Absent:** Chris Jeffries, Rod Hale, and Bill Martin.

**Election of Officers:** Lorenz nominated Hall to the appointment of Budget Chairman. Hall respectfully declined. Meeker declared interest for Budget Chairman. Spaulding motioned "to nominate Meeker as Budget Committee Chairman for the 2017-2018 budget," with Richter seconding the motion. Motion carried with aye votes from: Hall, Richter, Spaulding, Meeker, and Lorenz. Nay: 0.

Motion made by Meeker, following second heard by Richter to nominate Spaulding as Co-Chairman for the 2017-2018 Budget. Motion carried. Aye: Hall, Richter, Spaulding, Meeker, and Lorenz. Nay: 0.

Lorenz was nominated by consensus to appointment of Budget Committee member with a revolving 3-year term, ending 2019-2020 fiscal year.

**I.** Chairman Meeker opened the 2017-2018 Budget Committee meeting at 6:49PM.

**II. 2017-2018 Committee Budget Review:** Chairman Meeker read through the budget document line by line with the following changes or suggestions:

1. Add \$1,000 to line 2, page 2, GF Education/Training for a total of \$1,800.
2. Add \$3,000 to line 10, page 2, GF Legal Fees with a total of \$12,000.
3. Discussion on Police Services and currently approved contract police services of .75 deputy. No changes.
4. Discussion heard on Planning and Zoning expenses this fiscal year, Gaston Heights Subdivision, and the ongoing Gaston School Bond Project. Increase line 6, page 3 PZ Contract City Planner Services and line 7, page 3, PZ Contract City Engineering Services by \$5,000 each for a total of \$20,000 in Planning and Zoning department.
5. Increase of \$2,100 for page 3, line 11 MC Municipal Judge.
6. Increase page 4, line 8, GFR Building Repair & Maintenance \$15,000 for a total of \$20,000.
7. At this time it was asked of the Budget Officer to propose incidental changes to balance revenues and expenditures within the General Fund for review at the following Budget Committee Meeting.

**III.** By consensus, the Budget Committee ended their meeting and will reconvene on Thursday April 20, 2017 at 6:30PM to review of Budget Document beginning at Water Fund.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT:** Meeker closed this budget committee meeting at 7:50PM. Next Budget Committee meeting scheduled for April 20, 2017 at 6:30PM. Budget Committee Adjourned.

**V. OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mayor **Hall** called this executive session to order at 7:50 Mayor **Hall** called to open the executive session at 7:50PM in accordance to ORS 192.660(2)(i) Performance Evaluations of Public Officers & Employees, At this Mayor **Hall** read aloud the meeting script: Representatives of the news media and designated staff shall be allowed to attend the executive session. All other members of the audience are asked to leave the room (or, *No other persons are allowed to attend the executive session, which will be held in the adjoining room.*).

No decision may be made in executive session. At the end of the executive session, we will return to open session and welcome the audience back into the room. (*Or return to the main hearing room*)

**VI. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mayor **Hall** called to close the executive session at 8:09PM.

**VII. OPEN SPECIAL SESSION:** Mayor **Hall** opened the special meeting at 8:10PM to discuss the Public Works Directors permanent employee compensation after completing 6-month temporary employee status. Mayor **Hall** called for a motion to “increase Public Works Director Brent **Whittaker** with a \$2.00 increase in hourly pay beginning May 2017 and review further changes toward compensation and increasing job description expansion.” Motion was made by Councilor **Meeker** and seconded by Councilor **Spaulding**. Motion carried. Aye: **Hall, Richter, Spaulding,** and **Meeker**. Nay: 0.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:** By consensus, meeting was adjourned at 8:12PM.

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Mayor Tony Hall

Attest:

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Budget Committee Chairman David Meeker