



**CITY OF EDGEWOOD  
COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING SUMMARY**

Tues., November 4, 2014 – 7:00 PM ♦ City Hall – 2224 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue East ♦ Edgewood, WA

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**ORIGINAL**

**A.  CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Eidinger called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.  
Mayor Eidinger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Mayor Daryl Eidinger, Deputy Mayor Steve Cope, Councilmember Donna O'Ravez, Councilmember Paul Crowley, Councilmember Luke Meyers, Councilmember Stephanie Shook, Councilmember Tyron Christopherson.

**Staff Present:** City Manager Mark Bauer, Assistant City Manager Eric Phillips, Interim Finance Director Becky Hasart, Acting City Clerk Jane Montgomery, Police Chief Ed Knutson.

**B. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**1. 2015 Proposed Budget and Related Documents.**

Interim Finance Director Becky Hasart, went over the proposed 2015 Budget. She handed out an updated budget packet.

Manager Bauer briefed the Council on the following:

- The increase in development fees that are anticipated in the next three years.
- Hiring staff versus contracting out with consultants.
- New Building Inspector position.
- Engineering Technician position.
- The NPDS program.
- Clerical position in the Police Department.
- Additional planning position, junior planner, code enforcement, permit specialist rolled up into one.
- Retirement of the current Permit Technician in June of next year.
- Future Grant Funds-Completion of SR 161 from 24<sup>th</sup> to 36<sup>th</sup>.
- Development Projects.

Deputy Mayor Cope asked for clarification on the new positions.  
Councilmember O'Ravez would like to see funding for an additional Police Officer position.

Discussion continued between Staff and Council in regard to the budgeted positions and possible future positions mid- year of 2015.

Councilmember Shook had concerns about having to wait for a new police officer until City development increases.

Discussion continued between Manager Bauer and the Council about Councilmember Shook's concerns.

Chief Knutson added additional comments to the discussion. He explained timing and the costs of an additional police officer. There was continued discussion between the Council and the Chief of Police.

Manager Bauer told Council that there is funding for a reader board.

Assistant City Manager Phillips said that the Stormwater grant will help with fund the building services position. He discussed the additional field services that the City paid in 2014.

There was discussion about the Request for Qualifications for on call consultants.

Interim Finance Director Hasart began her discussion on the proposed budget. Some items discussed were:

- Banking of the property tax
- Revenue Streams
- Matching up Revenues and Expenditures
- Cable Franchise Fees
- Reserve Funds
- Strategic Reserve Fund
- Trends
- Street Fund Reserves
- Reader Board
- Transportation Impact Fees
- How money moves from fund to fund
- Civic Center bond

Manager Bauer discussed the Civic Center bond timelines and payment dates. After December 1<sup>st</sup> of 2017 the City can refinance the Civic Center loan. The current rate is 4%.

Additional discussion continued between Staff and Council in regard to the Civic Center loan.

Councilmember Cope had concerns about SR 161 connecting to I-5 after hearing the presentation from Josh Brown of the PSRC.

Discussion continued amongst the Council about the continued development of SR 161.

Councilmember Cope would like a study session on SR 161 development and funding and the money set aside in the amount of \$250,000.

Finance Director Hasart discussed fundamental changes to salary fund allocations and changes to the way the process will be done in the future. This change is being requested by the Auditor.

Councilmember Cope had questions about the sewer fund and further discussion continued between Staff and Council in this regard.

Councilmember Christopherson spoke to the Chief of Police about future of development and expansion. Councilmember Christopherson is not optimistic about future development in the City of Edgewood.

Discussion continued between Staff and Council about the permits that are pending and future development.

Assistant City Manager Phillips stated that he will walk through the projects with any Councilmember who would like to do so.

Interim Finance Director Hasart added discussion about future projected growth and development. She cited a study that stated the biggest force to encourage growth is how fast you can make a project shovel ready. She explained the connection between that and the requested new positions.

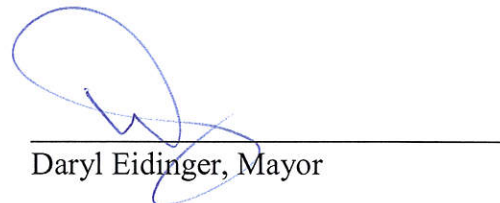
Councilmember Meyers asked about the \$30,000 for the Interurban Trail fund. Assistant City Manager Phillips responded and explained the reason for the funding.

There was further discussion about the funding between Council and Staff.

**C. ADJOURN**

Mayor Eidinger adjourned the meeting at 8:38 PM.

  
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Jane Montgomery, Acting City Clerk

  
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Daryl Eidinger, Mayor