

CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING - SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2015
BUDGET PLANNING RETREAT
BANQUET ROOM A – FIVE POINTS WASHINGTON
360 N. WILMOR ROAD – 9:30 A.M.

Mayor Gary W. Manier called the special meeting of Saturday, January 31, 2015 to order at 8:35 a.m. in Banquet Room A at Five Points Washington.

Call to Order

Present and answering roll call were Aldermen Brownfield, Brucks, T. Gee, Moss, Butler, Dingledine, and J. Gee. Alderman Schneider was absent.

Roll Call

Also present was City Administrator Tim Gleason, Controller Joanie Baxter, Director of Public Works Ed Andrews, Public Works Manager Kevin Schone, P & D Director Jon Oliphant, Police Chief Don Volk, Deputy Police Chief Jeff Stevens, City Treasurer Ellen Dingledine, and City Clerk Pat Brown.

No audience present.

Audience Comments

City Council and Staff met in special session in preparation for the upcoming City Budget process. Information was shared by each Department Head through a PowerPoint presentation in regards to revenues and expenses as well as the budget outlook on capital projects that spanned from 0-5, 6-15, and 16+ years.

Budget Planning
Retreat

Following the presentation, City Council was given the opportunity to share what they viewed as top priorities in the City’s budget outlook. In no particular order they were as follows:

- Freedom Parkway extension for retail development;
- W223 property development;
- updates to the Water Treatment Plants by putting VFD’s (variable frequency drive) on the wells to make them more efficient;
- rehabilitation of sewer infrastructure on east end of town;
- Glendale cemetery cremation garden addition;
- Nofsinger Road/US Route 24 intersection improvements;
- Washington Estates and Spurgeon water/sewer system;
- rehabilitation and development of west end of town;
- Washington Estates (sidewalks, roads, and water/sewer);
- keeping up with aging infrastructure; and
- looking at ways to increase the City’s revenue sources to fund projects.

City Administrator Gleason shared the following: he will keep an internal discussion ongoing in regards to the aging infrastructure in the older parts of town; he will connect with Mr. Olen Spurgeon in regards to the Spurgeon water/sewer system; the Freedom Parkway extension has the potential to develop with the creation of a special taxing district; the marketing of the W223 property will continue to develop as the City Council moves forward in developing the best approach. He shared that a follow-up to today’s retreat will be held at a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

At 12:19 p.m. Alderman Moos moved and Alderman Brucks seconded to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Adjournment

Patricia S. Brown, City Clerk