**CITY OF LEXINGTON**

**WORKSHOP MINUTES**

**Thursday, September 3, 2015**

**Immediately following Council meeting**

**City Hall**

**1. Call to Order:** Mayor Kurth at 8:21 pm on August 20, 2015

**2. Roll Call:** Present: Devries – Hughes – Payment –Plasch.

Also present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Tina Northcutt, Finance Director.

**3. Discussion Items:**

1. 2016 Budget
2. Glossary of Terms
3. Part-time Summer Help 2016
4. 2016 Capital Improvement Plan
5. Summary Revenue Budget 2016
6. Summary Expenditure Budget 2016
7. 2016 Budget – Revenue vs Expenditures
8. Resolution No. 15-XX Resolution Certifying Proposed Tax Levy Requirements For 2016 to Anoka County For Collection

***Tina Northcutt, Finance Director, provided an overview of the budgeting process. She added that the $75,000 transfer from the Liquor Store Fund to the General Fund has been made, which equates to a drop in the overall General Levy increase from 18% to 15.5% for the proposed capital projects for 2016. Discussion ensued.***

***Northcutt explained that the street sweeper will need to be replaced or repaired, as well. Petracek added that Circle Pines would be willing to provide street sweeping services for $175/hour. He added that the cost to replace the sweeper with a newer, refurbished model could cost between $50,000 and $70,000. Councilmember Hughes stated he would like to see a per hour cost to rent a sweeper from a private street sweeping company. Discussion ensued.***

***Petracek stated they would provide the cost to repair the existing street sweeper, and a cost per hour to rent a street sweeper from a private company for the next budget workshop.***

***Northcutt offered an approach to funding a new fire station and reducing the General Levy to 7%. She recommended segregating $200,000 of fund balance from the General Fund into an investment account, which would be an estimated payment for a new building for the next four years or so. Discussion ensued. She also recommended cutting the Parks Master Plan request in half, which would also contribute to reducing the General Levy to 7%. Discussion ensued.***

***Mayor Kurth asked for the City to take over the maintenance of the ice skating rink from the fire department. Discussion ensued. Petracek stated the staff would put together a cost estimate for the City to take over the function of operating and maintaining the ice skating rink in Memorial Park for the next budget workshop.***

**4. Staff Input**

***Petracek asked the Council if they wanted his recommendation for the Lovell Building Realtor on the next workshop or the Council agenda. The consensus was to put it on the next Council agenda. Petracek explained that he received a phone call from Pat Mahr from the Centennial Little League regarding the potential sale of the Lovell Building. Discussion ensued.***

**5. Council Input**

***No input***

**6. Adjourn**

***A motion was made by Councilmember Payment to adjourn at 9:16 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hughes. Motion carried `5-0.***