

**STAYTON CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MEETING MINUTES
RE: LOCAL OPTION LEVY
November 28, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER

7:00 p.m.

Mayor Vigil

ROLL CALL

Mayor Scott Vigil	Councilor Jennifer Niegel
Councilor Larry Emery	Councilor Henry Porter
Councilor James Loftus	Councilor Brian Quigley

STAFF:

Don Eubank, City Administrator
Christine Shaffer, Finance Director
Dave Kinney, Public Works Director
Louise Meyers, Library Director
Rebekah Meeks, Pool Manager
Rebecca Petersen, Deputy City Recorder

INTRODUCTIONS – Mayor Vigil opened the work session at 7:03 pm; he introduced Council Members and Staff members present.

STAFF REPORT – Mr. Eubank reviewed the staff report of future needs for operations, maintenance and improvements for the Library, Pool and City Parks.

Ms. Shaffer reviewed the project list prepared by Slayden Construction during the Structural, HVAC, Mechanical, and Electrical Evaluation. She pointed out City Council Goal #4 Enhance Quality of Life by continuing to support parks, library, pool and public safety. Ms. Shaffer presented a spread sheet (attached) addressing various projects to be done. The library needs updated lighting; cost estimates received from Cherry City Electric would be approximately \$18,500 for 54 lights. Tax credit money is available from Energy Trust and Betsy funds; the City's portion would be \$8,000. Ms. Shaffer stated doors at the Community Center need to be ADA compliant, the Library main doors are ADA compliant but other doors at the Library are not. Ms. Meyers stated that plumbers have recommended upgrades to the toilets at the Library. Ms. Shaffer stated the Library Foundation has asked the City to include funds from the levy for the Story Teller Outreach Program, as grants need a local match.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Dan Brummer stated the City needs an overall philosophy. If you don't go for the larger number you can loose your facility if you can't maintain it. At some point it will become a waste of money and the Council needs to decide what direction they want to go in. There's not a lot of money out there, and if the citizens say they can't do it, the arguments will be the same no matter what the dollar amount.

Gerry About stated the City should propose an amount that they think the voters will approve then go backwards. A Political Action Committee (PAC) needs to be formed to sell the message, and the Council members and the Mayor need to support it. Don't expect someone else to get

the levy passed. Unless the Council is willing to support it verbally, financially it won't pass. If you're trying to raise \$400,000 it would be a \$75.00 increase to the tax payer.

Mary Wallace, President of Friends of the Pool, stated the pool is a wonderful asset to the City, a quality of life issue, and the only option children have in the community for physical activity during the winter time. She would encourage the city to do anything they can to keep the pool open. Friends of the Pool are willing to help with financing smaller items as they can, as there are maintenance items at the pool that need to be addressed.

Susan Brandt stated she worked to help pass previous local option levy's supporting the library, parks and pool. It helps to have all three issues on the ballot at the same time as one is just as important as the other one.

Tass Morrison, Stayton Library Foundation stated they would stand ready to assist the City in supporting the library facility and would support the PAC.

Rob Bartell, Treasurer with Friends of the Pool, stated their organization formed a small pro active group put together relationships with the business community and focused on the future, one recommendation to council needs a vision and focus and be pro active and positive

COUNCIL DISCUSSION – Mayor Vigil stated he was concerned that a 30% increase in the current economy is too high and suggested possibly looking at a 15% increase. Councilor Emery stated all of the items listed need to be repaired/upgraded, but its' difficult to pass it along to the citizens if the current facilities are not being taken care of. Councilor Loftus stated it was the City Managers responsibility to oversee that facilities are being maintained, it shows very poor judgment on his part, he said.

Dave Karr, past president of the Stayton Library Foundation, stated the foundation was delighted to collaborate with the City for the local option levy. Certain items need to be put in the budget to help raise more money to support the library and help serve the community.

Councilor Loftus stated he would like the discussion to include the full budget committee.

Councilor Quigley stated a prioritized list needed to be established, you have to set a goal and work towards the goal. A skate park is a regional issue you need to look at the projection of the participants and how much support there would be for a skate park. Everyone can use the pool and there doesn't seem to be a lot of support for a skate park, he suggested scrapping the idea.

Mr. Brummer stated that the Park and Recreation Board had been working on the skate park plan under the Council's direction, but all they have heard is "not in my backyard".

Stephanie Jorgensen, Library Foundation Board member stated the City needed to look at service levels that is educating in the community, and that the library is one of those.

Rob Bartell, Friends of the Pool member, stated the pool became essential to his well being a couple of years ago as he attends the pool daily for exercise. Both the pool and library are

needed services in the community and the levy needs to be packaged in a way to include parks, pool and library.

Mayor Vigil stated that all three components are vital to the livability of the community. The levy should be packaged to include parks, pool and the library.

Councilor Loftus stated the cost of a dehumidifier for a ventilation system at the pool needs to be determined, then presented to the budget committee for their input.

Councilor Quigley stated the HVAC system needed to be looked at.

Referring to the handout, Councilor Emery stated the HVAC numbers need to be reviewed as they seem too high.

Consensus of the Council was that the local option should be presented as a total package for the May Primary.

ADJOURN – There being no more business to come before the Council the work session was ended.

Submitted by Rebecca Petersen, Deputy City Recorder this 16th day of January 2012.

	Total Cost	If Phased, Over How Many Years	Cost	Inflation	Year			
					Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Book Budget	15,000		15,000	n	1	1	1	1
A-V/Reference Budget	10,000		10,000	n	1	1	1	1
Library Lighting	20,250	2	10,125	n	0	1	0	0
ADA Doors & Modifications	12,500	2	6,250	n	1	1	0	0
Plumbing Upgrades	2,000		2,000	n	1	0	0	0
Story Teller Outreach- Local Match	5,000		5,000	y	1	1	1	1
			-	n	0	0	0	0
			-	n	0	0	0	0
Locker Room Remodel (1/3 endowment)	57,000	3	19,000	n	1	1	0	0
Priority Maintenance (friends & City)	18,500		18,500	n	0	0	0	0
Slide Repair & Repoint (1/3 endowment/ 1/3 grant)	39,000	6	6,500	n	0	0	1	1
Replace Ductile Pipe & Valves (endowment)	14,500		14,500	n	0	0	0	0
Renovate Existing Surge Tank (endowment)	13,900		13,900	n	0	0	0	0
Dehumidification System	295,000	4	73,750	n	1	1	1	1
			-	n	0	0	0	0
			-	n	0	0	0	0
			-	n	0	0	0	0
Skate Park Funding - Grant Matching Funds	15,000		15,000	n	1	0	0	0
Pioneer Park Upgrade - Grant Matching Funds	20,000	2	10,000	n	0	1	1	0
Community Center Improvements - Grant Matching Fu	20,000		20,000	n	0	0	0	0
			-	y	0	0	0	0
Total	566,538		566,538	n	0	0	0	0
			-	n	0	0	0	0
Inflationary Factor for Maintenance of Services			3.00%					
Allowance for Uncollected Taxes			5.00%					
Target Levy Amount			400,000					
2011-2012 Assessed Value	\$ 513,710,047							
Estimated 2012-2013 Assessed Value	\$ 523,984,248							
Estimated 2013-2014 Assessed Value	\$ 534,463,933							
Estimated 2014-2015 Assessed Value	\$ 545,153,212							
Estimated 2015-2016 Assessed Value	\$ 556,056,276							
Estimated 2016-2017 Assessed Value	\$ 567,177,401							