

City of Mabton, Washington
City Council
Study Session Minutes
Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Call to Order

Mayor Mario Martinez called the meeting to order at 6:20 pm

The following were:

Present:

Mayor Mario Martinez and Council members - Arturo Delafuente, Sophia Sotelo, Vera Zavala, Mark Gourneau, City Engineer David Van Cleve and City Attorney James Carmody

Also Present:

City Administrator Walt Bratton, Carrie Tribble, Finance Director; and Chief of Police Cas Cedillo; Isaac Martinez (private citizen), Laura Gjovannng (reporter)

Absent:

Council member Oping Hutson; Fire Chief Luke Cussins and Deputy City Clerk Adriana Cisneros-Luna

Old Business:

A. **FY 2016 Budget discussion:**

The Mayor opened up the discussion elaborating on projects, programs and improvements planned for next fiscal year. The Mayor stated that next year's budget would be a little larger than FY 2015 (regarding increases) and that the city would be over-budget due to unforeseen expenditures at the end of the 2015 FY. We will take funds from the reserves in order to balance the FY 2015 due to these unforeseen circumstances. The Mayor discussed all of the improved efficiencies completed in FY 2015 which will be carried over into next Fiscal Year's budget. He elaborated on the capital improvement projects and enhancement projects (i.e. approx... 150K) that will be included in the 2016 FY budget. The next budget hearing and meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 15, 2015.

New Business:

Carrie Tribble (Finance Director) elaborated on difficulties with the Water meter reads hand-held device having an internal controls failure which caused the water bills to be sent out late. Staff is resolving this problem with Vision software system/provider. Cas Cedillo (Police Chief) updated the City Council on the Sergeant recruitment position; and the Toys 4 Tots campaign program scheduled for Saturday, December 12, at the Police Department.

Visitor's Comments:

None

Executive Session:

The Mayor called for an executive session at 6:40 pm.

Property Acquisition of a potential property purchase
The Executive Session started at Time: 6:40 pm End Time: 7:09 pm

The study session was adjourned by the Mayor at 7:10 pm

Walt Bratton, City Administrator

Mario Martinez, Mayor