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Sent: Wednesday, October 26, 2016 5:38 PM
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Subject: Re: 2017 Budget

Earl,

I know that but wanted everyone else to know we left it off so things compared. The 100k overtime is reduced for 2017. We should be able to reduce more OT in 2018.

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On Oct 26, 2016, at 5:31 PM, Elliott,Earl <Earl.Elliott@TerreHaute.IN.Gov> wrote:

> Mayor WWU was left off my summary sheet because the WWU cash can not be pooled. It was not an oversight on my part.It was intentional. Thanks for the attachment. I will purchase some more midnight oil so I can check it out tonight. Was firefighter overtime reduced by $100,000 for 2017? my conversation with the Chief and Mr. Eberhard on Monday indicated it could be cut by that amount. Earl
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> Martha,
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> 1. The final budget is already in Gateway. We will provide an updated paper copy of the entire budget tomorrow night.
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> 2. The only things that changed are the individual line item budget reductions that were given to all of you last week and in the e-mail today. We also made small changes to the following revenue: EMS N/R, Fire Training N/R and Hazmat N/R. That is it.

3. The target of $5 million GF surplus will be reached in several years and obviously not in one year. We are moving towards that target if the GF revenue is not reduced further.

4. Please see updated summary sheet attached that we will review tomorrow night that shows all funds (except for WWU) to be approved by the council. The overall proposed budget has a positive net activity of $585,681. Note: WWU was left out because Earl left it out on the sheet passed out to the council and we are trying to keep things comparable.

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When will we see a final budget? We have to vote on it tomorrow night which does not give us much time to review the document.

Several of us have stated on many occasions the amount of reduction we need to see to support this budget, that being a target of a $5,000,000 surplus. As of now, the document we have in had still has an overall deficit. While the $5,000,000 surplus target may be too much, the overall deficit is not acceptable to me.

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All,

As you know the 2017 budget we submitted provided our first run at creating a fundable budget. Overall it included many individual department or activity budget decreases and only a few increases that were primarily driven by bargaining agreements or necessary activities.

Last week we submitted several budget reductions. These changes were primarily the result of reducing some previously identified line items that needed further review after we submitted the original budget. Those changes discussed in the last budget meeting have already been entered into Gateway (except the GF – Fire Department changes that we will do after the EMS N/R fund Ordinance is updated).

Over the past few days we have reviewed several additional line items and made some decisions about planned activities in 2017 that will provide additional budget cuts that coupled with last week's cuts that ultimately total $2,829,450. Attached you will find those cuts. Those changes have already been entered into Gateway so that we can provide updated budget forms for tomorrow night.

It is disappointing to hear that "some" members of the council are publicly saying to vote against the budget and lose tax revenue without offering any cuts or seeing the final budget. No phone calls, no visits, and no emails with realistic suggestions or recommended cuts during this whole budget process. I have even heard a couple of council persons say it is not their problem to solve. That is not true as we all have a hand in the process. City Councils all across the state make budget cut recommendations and negotiate the outcomes.

I will have much more to say about this tomorrow night.

Mayor Duke A Bennett

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