The purpose of this meeting is for the Council to discuss preliminary budget priorities for 2012.

Overview

City Manager Barkley provided an overview of the broader economy, state and city revenue streams, and financial condition and forecasting for the City. He also discussed staffing issues at the Police Department.

Council Policy Priorities

Council and staff discussed the following priorities that were set at the February 4, 2011 Special Meeting:

• Code revisions that are in progress in which funding has already been allocated;

• EBDA relationships, mission, funding, scope – role in marketing Dolarway properties;

• Critical Areas Ordinance review will occur after the Code rewrite;

• Transit Benefit District – the survey is being conducted now;

• Tourism promotion;

• City street lights/Dark Sky Ordinance has been passed; and

• Brownfields redevelopment – City Manager Barkley may have a proposal to hire a grant writer/administrator.
City Manager Barkley and Finance Director Ariwoola discussed the proposed 2010 General Obligation (GO) Bond Projects as of June 24, 2011 and provided a handout.

Council asked questions of staff regarding the GO Bond Projects. Council requested staff put together a clearer report of exactly what projects are done, which ones are started, and which ones will not be done and the funding associated with those projects, and to include the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan improvements.

City Manager Barkley gave a report on his trip to Seattle with Finance Director Ariwoola in which they met with the bond underwriter. Three current bonds are being considered for refunding or payoff. Finance Director Ariwoola pointed out that according to the current policy, a bond must have at least three percent savings before it is considered for refunding. They also met with the Bond Counsel to discuss the refunding of the 2001 bonds that were used to purchase the land in West Ellensburg.

Council and staff discussed the following:

- The possibility of looking at fees the City charges for building permits and critical areas fees;
- The possibility of looking at fees the City charges for parks and recreation use, tournaments at Rotary Park, and field maintenance and preparation;
- Possible funding from QUADCO for bridge replacement;
- GIS implementation;
- Identifying other sources of revenue for the General Fund;
- Staffing issues in the General Fund, including the Police Department and Animal Shelter, Community Development, Public Works, Parks and the Library;
- The 3/10 of one percent sales tax will need to be reauthorized by a vote in 2013;
- Bond refinancing and possible land sale; and
- A potential contract for a feasibility study of flooding on Dolarway.

**Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn at 6:49 p.m. Elliott

Affirmed