



City Council Finance Committee
Committee Meeting No. 2015-4
June 22, 2015
6:00 – 6:55 p.m.

Minutes

- In attendance: Councilmembers Schmalz (Chair), Champion, Lord and Mayor Jennifer Gregerson.
- Jennifer Gregerson presented proposed budget amendment brief summarizing the draft budget amendment items.
- Councilmembers asked questions and provided suggestions for clarifications that can be addressed for the final budget amendment when it is presented to Council.
 - For the Fire Assessment Contract and Station 25 items, which are proposed to be paid for via efficiencies and existing line items, the Committee would like to see an explanation included with the budget amendment agenda bill. They are also interested to know if these are actual savings, delayed purchases, or potential items that would be cut in future budget years.
 - For the Public Defender contract, the Committee would like a brief analysis on our expectation of any additional 2015 costs, and an assessment of 2016 trends, either with the budget amendment or as part of the 2016 budget process.
 - The Committee recommended that the budget amendment items be clearly presented as three categories: items previously authorized by Council, new items that are net zero costs, and any other items.
 - The Committee suggested that the budget amendment presentation include the existing budget amount, if any, and the 2014 amount.
 - The Committee voiced concerns about the efficiency of having BNSF bill the City for the quiet zone, requiring reimbursement from the Port of Everett. The Mayor promised to follow up with staff to help provide an explanation of the process, and to pursue other options, such as having BNSF bill the Port of Everett directly.
- Councilmember Schmalz presented the rolling action item list of priorities for the committee and committee members explained the items.
 - The committee requested that the Mayor include details in the Council agenda bill on payment vouchers that are out of scope, unusual, or unexpected.
- The next meeting is scheduled for July 7th at 6:30pm. The draft agenda bill with the 2015 budget amendment will be discussed at that meeting.