



CITY OF TOPEKA

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

BUDGET COMMITTEE

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Date: June 30, 2015
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: Law Enforcement Center, 320 S. Kansas Ave.

Committee Members present: Deputy Mayor Karen Hiller (Chair), and Councilmember Elaine Schwartz.

Staff present: Administrative & Financial Services Director Doug Gerber, Budget Manager Nickie Lee, Deputy City Attorney Mary Feighny, and Department Heads.

1. The meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor Karen Hiller, Chair.

Deputy Mayor Hiller stated that this was an optional informational budget meeting, held for those Committee members who wished to have more detailed budget information, with no action items on the agenda.

2. Review and discussion of individual departmental budgets
 - a. Doug Gerber presented the Finance Department budget.
 - i. Councilmember Schwartz would like to see the City hire a full-time grant writer whose sole responsibility would be grant writing; she will make a motion to amend the budget.
 - b. Doug Gerber presented the Human Resources Department budget.
 - i. Councilmember Schwartz would like to see the City form a program, similar to the State's program, where employees who suggest good ideas on improving efficiencies would be monetarily rewarded.
 - c. Doug Gerber presented the IT Department and Executive Department budgets.
 - d. Judge Vic Miller presented the Municipal Court budget.
 - e. Deputy City Attorney Mary Feighny presented the Legal Department budget.
 - f. Zoo Director Brendan Wiley presented the Zoo Department budget.
 - g. Police Chief James Brown presented the Police Department budget.
 - h. Fire Chief Greg Bailey presented the Fire Department budget.
 - i. Director of Neighborhood Relations Sasha Stiles presented the Neighborhood Relations budget.
 - i. Deputy Mayor Hiller asked if the revenue earned from the permits still supported the trade inspector's salaries. Nickie Lee stated that she would look into that and provide an answer at a later time.

- j. Planning Director Bill Fiander presented the Planning Department budget.
- k. Doug Gerber presented the Utilities Department budget.
- l. Director of Public Works Doug Whitacre presented the Public Works Department budget.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

The complete budget can be viewed at:

http://www.topeka.org/Administrative/city_budget.shtml

The videos of this meeting can be found at:

Part 1

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=68hET8kBduc>

Part 2

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qW10eRnl7X8>