

**CITY OF SEQUIM  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
SEQUIM TRANSIT CENTER  
190 WEST CEDAR STREET  
SEQUIM, WA**

**NOVEMBER 12, 2009**

**5:00 P.M. SPECIAL STUDY SESSION**

Council members present: Laura Dubois, Erik Erichsen, Ken Hays, Bill Huizinga, Susan Lorenzen, and Walt Schubert.

City Staff present: City Manager Steve Burkett, Clerk Karen Kuznek-Reese, Admin. Service Director Karen Goschen, Planning Director Dennis Lefevre, Public Works Director Ben Rankin, and Police Chief Robert Spinks.

**2010 Budget**

A 2010 budget summary was distributed. Burkett addressed the outside agency funding requests cover sheet and attachments.

Erichsen expressed concern over the increases submitted by the Chamber for the Visitor Information Center (VIC). The Chamber will bring line item detail to the SMAC meeting for review. They need to justify their request.

Most agencies are requesting the same amount as in the past, the VIC is the exception. Erichsen suggested we may want to do an RFP for the VIC if the price continues to increase. There was discussion concerning the hotel/motel fund. SMAC will address this budget request at their meeting on Monday and come back with a recommendation.

Erichsen will attend the Monday meeting and let them know expenses need to be cut.

Dubois would like to fund the United Way at \$50,000. Councilors discussed the funding of the outside agency requests. Schubert reiterated the need to establish a Park & Recreation District. The current Park District is set up to run SARC only. There was discussion that the City should not continue to fund the Boys & Girls Club indefinitely. The Club needs to have a better plan for the long term.

Mayor Dubois suggested doing a survey to see what the citizens wanted to pay. We need to look at long-term plan and the City should not be funding programs/activities for the entire community. There should be a school district-wide park and recreation district. We need to investigate a park district.

Ken Hays left at 6:10 p.m.

It was suggested a survey be done for funding social services. What does the public want? Burkett suggests this be part of the discussion at the March planning workshop. If that is at the top of the priority list for Council, it will put on the work plan. We can provide information concerning a Metropolitan Park & Recreation District. Schubert suggested talking with the Park Board.

Burkett asked if there are any other issues that they be brought to him.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Karen Kuznek-Reese, MMC  
City Clerk

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Laura Dubois  
Mayor

Minutes approved at a regular Council meeting held on November 23, 2009.