

MINUTES OF BUDGET WORKSHOP

RIDGWAY TOWN COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

The Town Council convened for a budget workshop at 6:15 p.m. in the Ridgway Community Center, 201 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway, Colorado. In attendance Councilors Hunter, Barnes, Gold, Mayor Pro Tem Johnson and Mayor Clark. Councilors Austin and Williams were absent.

Town Clerk's Notice of Budget Workshop dated August 22, 2016.

The Town Manager presented a draft 2017 Capital Overlay and Five Year Capital Improvements Plan; Ten Year Capital Improvements Plan; a summary of the Capital Improvements Plan and Budget Retreat held August 20th ; and Draft 2017 Special Projects Summary.

Manager Coates reported sales tax revenues are up and there are no proposed expenditures for 2016 exceeding budgeted amounts.

The Town Manager presented the 2017 Capital Overlay Plan noting it contains staffing priorities, capital projects and outlays. Staff reviewed and discussed the document with the Council. There was discussion regarding staffing, hiring of a Planner, Parks and Public Works Director, and increasing hours of the Building Inspector. Staff and Council discussed the proposed community garden, street equipment needs, use of the community center and future expansion of Town Hall, Creative District Committee and Concert Series. The Council agreed the Community Center should not be rented out for public use during the days to allow use by staff and Town meetings; the Creative District Committee should become independent from Town Staff oversight; the Concert Series alcohol sales should be given to a non-profit organization for fundraising purposes with a percentage going to the series, no dogs will be allowed, parks and police staffing will be increased, the children's area will be closed before dusk, vendors shall be non-profit organizations and sponsors only with food vendors limited to four. The use of mail-ballot only elections should be pursued. Consensus of the Council was proposed items will be incorporated into the draft 2017 Fiscal Year Budget for presentation at a workshop on October 6th at 5:15 p.m.

Council and staff reviewed the Draft 2017 Special Project Summary dated September 12th and discussed with staff the Ten Year Improvements Plan.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kraft

Town Clerk