

**Kingsburg Finance Committee  
Regular Meeting  
June 14, 2018**

**Call to order:** Chairman Bruce Blayney called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

**Members present:** Bruce Blayney, Sherman Dix and Alexander Henderson.

**Member absent:** Alma Colado.

**Staff present:** Police Chief Neil Dadian, Fire Chief Tim Ray and City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Measure E Expenditure Discussion**

City Manager Alexander Henderson presented that the “yes” vote from the June 5, 2018 election is close to 72%. The Committee discussed adding positions and a ladder truck. The estimated prorated amount for Nov- June would be about \$732, 413. This amount doesn't include some online sales and vehicle sales. Member Dix asked Chief Ray what the need for the Chief Vehicle is. Chief Ray said the vehicle had over 190,000 miles and is way overdue. The importance of the purchases for the first time go around was discussed including not segmenting the general fund. Chief Ray said we need an engine more than anything.

Chairman Blayney discussed the possibility of spreading the engine purchase over two years with financing and hire 3 EMTs for the fire department. Grant funding from the hospital district was discussed. Spoke about personnel costs and how it will go up each year as they have step increases. Fire spoke about personnel staffing and the need for 5-0. Spoke about hospital district's grant.

The Committee spoke about the Measure E Oversight Committee. Chairman Blayney said the number one thing he has heard from the community is personnel, personnel, personnel. Member Dix spoke about the possibility of having a revolving CIP fund that can help with initial purchases. Committee spoke about the possibility of sales taxes in a recession and one time costs vs. long term costs. Spoke about the CFDs as a source of incoming income that can help if sales taxes goes down.

Member Dix asked about capital needs for the Police Department. Chief Dadian said he has two guys that are part time that can be full time tomorrow. Would like to see five sworn officers and one non-sworn officer. Minimum standard for safety. He also needs a second detective.

Spoke about 4-0/5-0 staffing for fire. Chairman Blayney said it is a management issue and council would not make that decision. Member Dix said if ambulance is revenue generating, would it bring in enough to cover 5-0? Chief Ray said they missed 464 ambulance calls since they didn't have two ambulances. The Committee made calculations and going to 5-0 with 2 ambulances would only have a difference of about \$75,000. Spoke about an ambulance enterprise fund that has a large debt. Member Henderson asked what is the priority for each department, and then he could work with the budget. Member Dix asked for a 5 year plan. The Committee agreed that the #1 priority is a fire engine and personnel. The Committee spoke about the cost of hiring Police Department Officers with equipment and how a couple a year would be prudent. Spoke about putting 'Paid For by Measure 'E' on capital purchases. Chairman Blayney said to use our surplus to fund this up front. Spoke about the hospital board to match our personnel request through their grant. Two full time officers will start on July 1, 2018 for the Police Department.

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The Committee discussed the School Resource Officer (“SRO”). Chief Dadian said we need to get to a safety standard for the existing officers first before we get an officer in the school. The Committee discussed how the School Districts have the funds to cover the cost of an SRO and to their knowledge all of the surrounding school districts pay for all or a portion of the SRO if they have one. Member Henderson said he spoke to both schools, and Kingsburg Elementary School District Superintendent Wes Server said the Police Department is doing a great job, would it be nice, yes.

**General Fund Balance Reserve Policy Discussion**

City Manager Alexander Henderson said that our reserve is above the level listed in our policy by \$1,100,000. He would like to discuss what to do with the reserve. He is proposing three funds, 7% for CalPERS funding, 15% as an economic stabilization fund and a 15% Capital Improvement Fund. The committee discussed the potential new three funds. Member Dix would like a set policy for economic development. The committee agreed to bring it to Council in July.

**Other Business:** None.

**Adjourn:** the meeting was adjourned at 7:29pm to the next regular meeting of the City of Kingsburg Finance Committee.