

**ARLINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING  
NOVEMBER 28, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

1. Call Meeting to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approve the Agenda

**DISCUSSION ITEM(S)**

3. Review of 2018 Budget
4. Adjournment

**NO OFFICIAL BUSINESS WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THIS MEETING.  
THE MEETING IS FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY**

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The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., Mayor Richard Nagel presiding.

Members present: Mayor Nagel, Battcher, Cowell, Hatlestad, Heiland, Jaszewski

Members absent: None

Also present: City Adm. Melvin, Kurt Menk

The following item was discussed in detail and no formal Council action was taken:

1. 2018 proposed budget.

City Administrator Melvin reviewed with the Council the proposed 2018 budget. Due to staff turnover the Council worked with Interim Administrator Laura Elvebak and Tom Olinger from Abdo, Eick & Meyers to prepare the 2018 budget. The initial increase was set at 6% and is driven by the addition of the 2017 G.O. Improvement Bonds which added an additional liability of \$52,000 to the levy. The General Fund increase is due to increasing personnel costs including rising health insurance costs and the accomplishment of a fully staffed Police Department.

The Council reviewed line items included in the 2018 budget by identifying significant variations between 2017 and 2018 budgeted amounts. 2018 capital improvement expenses were reviewed and some capital improvement expenses were modified because they had already been purchased in 2017 or were no longer needed, i.e. replacing Fire Department brush rig done previously and replacing a 2013 squad which was able to be repaired at minimal cost. The Council also felt strongly that the City should set aside some funds to address the lack of public safety radio communications in areas within the City. Initial estimates for installation of an additional antenna to provide radio coverage throughout the City of Arlington were estimated to range from \$250,000 - \$750,000. Representatives from Alpha Wireless, County and City staff are looking further into these costs, alternative options, grants and funding partners.

Melvin informed the Council that he has a meeting scheduled with Tom Olinger on Thursday and that some changes based on their input at this meeting would be made to the Budget that is presented to the Council as part of the Truth in Taxation on December 4. Melvin indicated he would distribute additional information.

Mayor Nagel adjourned the Special Workshop meeting.

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City Administrator Patrick Melvin

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Mayor Richard Nagel