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SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing Tentative Form of Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 to be made available to Public Inspection and setting forth date for public hearing on the same

DATE: May 14, 2009

The following comments are made for the presentation of the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2009-2010. The budget is based on efforts to maintain revenue levels and reduce costs while at the same time generating funding for needed capital initiatives.

Background

As you are aware, staff has been accumulating suggestions and comments from residents as well as members of the Board to incorporate into the budget document. The Board has discussed budget and capital at the meeting of February 5th. In addition, the Board discussed the budget on April 15th. At the meeting of May 7th, the Board and staff reviewed and discussed the budget plan in its' entirety. The Budget and Appropriation Ordinance is now in its' tentative form.

Overview

The budget for FY09-10 is \$16.5 million. Last year's budget was \$20.2 million. The current 2008-2009 budget included extraordinary grants allocated to the Park District-- \$750,000 from OSLAD, \$25,000 from Representative Bellock and \$20,000 from Representative Pihos. In addition, the District received over \$400,000 from the Village and Forest Preserve for Lyman Woods contributions. The Fiscal Year 2009-10 budget includes \$6.9 million from property taxes. In addition to the dollars received from property taxes, revenues are received from fees and charges for pass memberships, registrations, facility rentals and daily admissions; interest and miscellaneous receipts. The Park District does not receive dollars from sales taxes, utility taxes, or gasoline taxes. In the current fiscal year, the District purchased the Walnut property so there is a reduction in capital projects for 09-10 as that purchase is complete.

Major Activities for the new budget year:

- Maple Hill Pool Pass Program
- New marketing campaign
- Gold Medal Award Finalist Submittal
- Development of Comprehensive Corporate Sponsorship Program
- Park District to continue its leadership role for green initiatives in the community
- Implementation of Capital Projects Program

Green Initiatives for FY 09-10 include:

- Installation of occupancy sensors at Lincoln and Recreation centers
- Replacement of 2 electric powered arc trainers with self powered models at the Fitness Center
- Replacement of track flood lighting at the Museum Annex with energy efficient halogen lighting
- Implementation of Battery and Cell Phone Recycling Program
- Replacement of current lobby lighting with LED and CF bulbs at the William F. Sherman, Jr. Interpretive Center
- Partnership with the Village to produce a community electronics recycling event
- Completion of IPRA Environmental Report Card
- Inclusion of green options on bid documents
- Consideration of “no idling” policy for park district fleet vehicles
- Evaluate cost benefit of tire inflation with nitrogen
- Consideration of “hybrid vehicle” preferred parking at facilities
- Reduction in irrigation water consumption on a per site basis

Capital projects for FY 09-10 include the following:

- Lincoln Center Parking Lot Renovation
- Patriots Park Pond Edge Engineering
- Golf Course Parking Lot Renovation
- Vehicle and Equipment Replacement
- Watershed Infrastructure Improvement done through the Village of Downers Grove at McCollum Park, Sterling North and Washington Park
- Blodgett House Renovation
- ADA Evaluation for parks and facilities

Benefits for the Community

- Free Family Concert Series
- No cost recreation experiences at 49 parks
- Need based scholarships available
- Fee waivers for rentals and park permits for local non profit agencies
- Free Admission to Plowboys Vintage base ball home games
- Skate Park punch cards for use of Westmont Park District skate park
- Pool Pass Exchange Program with Butterfield, Lombard and Woodridge Park Districts

The budget has been revised from the last meeting as reflected in the budget and appropriation ordinance with the following:

- Adjusted budget to plan for positive fund balance
- Increase in receipts for Recreation
- Increase in donations for capital projects and liability insurance
- Increase in replacement taxes

- Reduction in IGA land improvements
- Reduction in Blodgett house building improvements

The ordinance also includes the estimated cash balance for the end of May which will be updated with actual cash numbers when received and a budget for the compensated absences fund. The budget also includes the remaining balance for capital projects as that is appropriated if needed for unanticipated capital projects. In addition, the budget includes the ending balance for liability insurance as that is being appropriated if needed. The certification of revenues is based on budgeted numbers for FY 09-10.

The District maintains 49 park sites containing over 600 acres and also School District 58's school sites. The District is also responsible for 20 softball/baseball fields, 17 tennis courts, and 13 soccer fields and numerous paths throughout the parks. The Park District offered over 1,100 programs with over 57,000 participants in 2008. Over 42,500 rounds of golf and 15,746 buckets of balls were played in 2008. This budget will help maintain the facilities of the Park District and provide needed leisure opportunities for both passive and active recreation.

Recommendation

According to the budget schedule, the Park District Board will place the 2009-10 budget on file after passage of a Resolution authorizing the placement of same. This will allow the documents to be "conveniently available to public inspection for at least 30 days prior to final action thereon." The draft budget will be on file at the library, Lincoln Center and the Administrative office and a summary will be on the web site. The formal public hearing and final approval of the budget is scheduled for the July 16, 2009, Board Meeting. The Budget and Appropriation Ordinance is filed with the DuPage County Clerk after passage and the public hearing.

Staff requests the Board consider passage and the authorization of the signatures for Resolution 09-1 Authorizing Tentative Form of Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 to be made available to Public Inspection and setting forth date for public hearing on the same.