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Press Release

DATE: November 12, 2014
TO: Media Representatives
FROM: Brian Shay, City Administrator
SUBJECT: City of Hoquiam Special City Council Meeting on November 17, 2014

Mayor Jack Durney has called a Special City Council Meeting to be held immediately following an already announced City Council Workshop at 7 pm, on Monday November 17, 2014.

Mayor Durney stated, "We have had two public hearings at which council members and the public asked questions regarding the budget. Following those, I presented a balanced budget to the Council to review and they have had opportunities to ask questions of me or department heads or to ask them at subsequent council meetings. It's time to make a decision and adopt a budget so that we can move forward to govern."

The Council called the 7 pm workshop to further discuss the Mayor's budget which calls for a 4% utility tax increase on water/sewer/stormwater bills to continue essential services. For the average customer, the increase will amount to an extra \$3.20-\$4.00 per month.

The budget as presented is extremely tight and includes no cost of living increases over the two year period and a decrease of 7 full time positions through attrition, which is a 25% staff reduction since 1995.

The City of Hoquiam truly values the dedication of the employees throughout every department as they continue to provide exemplary public services under these challenging times.



CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP AGENDA

November 17, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.

WORKSHOP – 2015-2016 Budget Discussion

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1. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. **Public Comment:** This is the time for anyone wishing to speak before the council to do so. *The duration for public comment may have a time limit so that all interested parties may be heard. The public comment period may also be moved or continued to another portion of the meeting to facilitate city business on the agenda.*

2. CONSENT AGENDA

3. COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION

- a. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- b. **OFFICER REPORT**
- c. **MAYOR REPORTS**
- d. **COUNCIL REPORTS**

4. LEGAL BUSINESS

- a. **ORDINANCES**
 1. Utility Taxes
 2. 2015-2016 Budget
 3. Ambulance Cancellation Fees
 4. Salary Schedule

- b. **RESOLUTIONS**

- c. **OTHER LEGAL**

5. OLD BUSINESS

6. NEW BUSINESS

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8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** To consider the acquisition, sale or lease of real estate, to discuss with the City Attorney matters relating to agency enforcement action, litigation or potential litigation, to receive and evaluate complaints or charges brought against a public officer or employee, and/or any other purpose permitted by RCW 42.30.110 (NOTE: Actual topics to be discussed will be announced at the Council meeting, as well as the estimated time when the executive session will conclude.) No action will be taken during the executive session.

9. ADJOURNMENT

If you require special accommodations during your attendance at the Council meeting please contact us at 360-538-3970 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting