



ITEMS 7, 8, AND 9

Public Safety Funding

Overview

- ~\$701,000 – Increase to Highland City Portion of Lone Peak Fire & Police Budgets
 - Fire – Maintaining Level of Service
 - Cedar Hills' exit
 - Revenue loss
 - Fixed costs
 - 8 firefighters/EMT on duty at a time
 - Police – Recruitment and Retention
 - 401K match, increased base salary, Tier II change

Option 1 (Item 7)

- \$12.57 per month Public Safety Fee
 - Per home on utility bills
 - \$150.89 per year
- Would be in the General Fund but tracked like B & C road money

Option 2 (Item 8)

- Increase the certified tax rate
- Current
 - General Operations Rate – 0.001090
 - Revenue--\$1,757,778
 - Library Rate – 0.000164
 - Revenue--\$264,473

Option 2 (Item 8)

- Potential Increase
 - Added Public Safety Rate – 0.000435
 - Revenue - \$701,000
 - 35% increase
- Truth in Taxation Process
 - Noticing
 - Final decision August 6

Option 2 (Item 8)

- Median Highland Home - \$554,300
 - Current
 - \$382.30 per year ~ \$31.86 per month
 - Increased Rate
 - Additional \$132.50 per year ~ \$11.04 per month
- Average Highland Home - \$604,000
 - Current
 - \$416.58 per year ~ \$34.71 per month
 - Increased Rate
 - Additional \$144.38 per year ~ \$12.03 per month

Option 3 (Item 9)

- Councilmember Dennis and Smith
 1. \$8 per month Park Fee for all utility accounts
 2. \$8 per month Public Safety Fee for all utility accounts
 3. \$20 per month Open Space Fee eliminated
 4. \$116,500 General Fund Surplus used

Option 3 (Item 9)

- Same amount of money spent on Parks and Open Space
- \$701,000
 - \$138,500 by eliminating the transfer from General Fund to Open Space Fund
 - \$446,000 from \$8 per month Public Safety Fee
 - \$116,500 from Previous Year's Fund Balance

Option Summary - Residents

1. Public Safety Fee (Item 7)
 - \$12.57 per month for all utility accounts
2. Raise Property Tax Rate (Item 8)
 - \$12.03 per month increase (Average Highland Home)
3. Public Safety Fee/ Parks Fee/ Open Space Fee Elimination (Item 9)
 - \$16.00 per month increase for non-open space residents
 - \$4.00 per month decrease for open space residents

Other Options/ Considerations

- Budget Cuts
 - Over the past 10 years, inflation adjusted spending has decreased 1.6% and population has increased 31%
 - Any additional cuts mean a reduction in level of service
 - Unfunded needs: open space maintenance, playground and fleet replacement, general plan updated, cemetery fence, etc.
- Using Reserves
 - Ongoing Costs vs. One Time Revenue
 - Lewis & Young General Fund Study
- Fully Vetting Options/ Public Communication