

**CITIZENS OVERSIGHT AD HOC COMMITTEE
MINUTES – Wednesday, May 2, 2007**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Homer Alexander, Joyce Lundy, Graham Pask

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cheryl Taylor and Lanny McKay

STAFF PRESENT: Susan Slayton, Finance Director

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Alexander called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No members of the public were present.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from 4/19/07 unanimously approved

IV. NEW BUSINESS

General Discussion of the 2007 – 2009 Budget

Chair Alexander asked for clarification on the difference between the estimate of sales tax and transaction tax. He believed that the sales tax estimate for the General Fund should be double the amount of the transaction tax estimate. Susan Slayton told him that the difference is the transaction tax on auto sales; while the City doesn't receive regular sales tax on auto sales made in other cities, it does get the transaction tax component.

Concern was voiced about the "public safety" allocation in the budget and the plan for spending it. Slayton stated that she did not have spending plans at this point. The group then discussed the need for getting the spending plans before they could agree with the amounts allocated in the budget. Slayton stated that at this point, the committee is agreeing to the percentage allocation made by Council, but would then be able to audit the expenditures after the fact and disallow any that did not comply. All three members stated that they are not comfortable with that premise and want to see the spending plans. Chair Alexander asked Slayton to get the spending plans from Fire, Public Services and Police as soon as possible.

Chair Alexander asked for the date that the letter from the committee to Council would have to be turned into Bridgett Bauer, City Clerk; Monday, May 7th in the afternoon is the latest it can be turned in.

The decision was made to schedule a meeting prior to the budget workshop on May 10th. Member Pask will be out of town and asked to be included via conference call.

III. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Discuss allocations and planned spending for 2007 - 2009 budget – scheduled for the next meeting agenda.

IV. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for May 7, 2007 at 3:30 p.m. in City Hall's conference room.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 a.m.