

BOARD OF LIBRARY DIRECTORS
AURORA (ILLINOIS) PUBLIC LIBRARY

Special Board Meeting

November 20, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Jeffry Butler, Joe Filapek, Maria Lozano, Archie Needam, John Savage, Eva Serrano,

Absent: Avis Miller, Andrew Smith

One Vacancy

Also present: Executive Director Daisy Porter-Reynolds, Deputy Director Michaela Haberkern, Human Resources Manager Brenda Blough, Business Manager Kathleen Fennell, Administrative Assistant Kim Gautschi

Stewart Whitt represented Whitt Law, LLC who provides legal services at monthly board meetings.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

There are no additions to the agenda

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Public Comments were made by Louise Van Anandel and Ken Van Anandel.

FORMER BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget discussion

Jeffry Butler, John Savage and Michaela Haberkern met with Mayor Richard Irvin, Chief Management Officer Alex Alexandrou and Interim Chief Financial Officer Stacy Hamling to discuss the Library budget. The Board suggested asking for a 2.5% levy increase to compensate for IMRF funding as other City entities do. The City stated they opposed setting a levy increase for the library at this time. The library also faces a cash flow issue with property tax revenues coming in late spring and early fall. The City Finance Department and Mayor have committed to covering the library's expenses until tax revenues come in.

The proposed 2018 Budget published by the City of Aurora shows Library expenditures exceeding revenues by \$774,000. Library staff developed three alternate budget scenarios and discussed those with the board. The first scenario shows six open positions which the budget reserves but does not fund. The next two scenarios fill those positions on 1/1/18 and 7/1/18 respectively and funds them at different intervals. The last scenario fills only three critical positions at the beginning of the year and brings the library budget to a \$500k deficit.

John Savage recommended a motion to approve presenting our budget proposal to City of Aurora to include filling our three critical positions on 1/1/18.

Maria Lozano moved, seconded by Archie Needam, to recommend the library budget as revised for approval by the City Council.

Roll call on motion:

Yes: Butler, Filapek, Lozano, Needam, Savage, Serrano

No: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Miller and Smith

One Vacancy

Motion carried.

PROPOSED BUDGET APPROVED

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Eva Serrano seconded by Joe Filapek, the board voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:31

p.m.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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Secretary, Board of Directors

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