

**CITY OF BAYPORT  
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
July 7, 2014  
5:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The workshop was called to order by Mayor St. Ores.

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Mayor St. Ores, Councilmembers Carlson, Goldston, Hanson, and McGann

Staff Present: City Administrator Logan Martin, Assistant City Administrator/Planner Sara Taylor, Fire Chief Mark Swenson, and City Attorney Andy Pratt

**DISCUSS CITY BUDGET ITEMS AND PROJECTS FOR 2015**

Administrator Martin reviewed a tentative schedule for preparation of the preliminary 2015 budget, noting it would be presented to the City Council on September 8, with final approval on December 1, 2014. He summarized the historical trend in the general fund budget and tax levy over the past five years, and noted there is a projected increase in the city's taxable market value in 2015.

The City Council expressed an interest in keeping the levy relatively flat for the preliminary 2015 budget, but may also be in favor of a minor levy increase to secure adequate funding to facilitate special projects and infrastructure improvements. The consensus of the City Council was that economic development initiatives, as well as implementing a more aggressive plan to address aging infrastructure were two of the highest priorities the city should focus on for 2015. Other projects the city may consider, if funding permits, are additional park improvements and a radio-read water meter system, which would most likely be included in the city's capital improvement plan over the next several years. It was noted that the proposed new fire hall would primarily be funded with bonds and a cost-share by the other communities served by the Bayport Fire Department. Therefore, this potential project would not have a significant impact on the overall budget and levy for 2015.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Councilmember Carlson and seconded by Councilmember Hanson to adjourn the workshop at 5:58 p.m.