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Input sought for budget requests, capital projects

The City of Show Low's fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30 and planning for the 2007-08 budget year has begun. Included in the process is a review of budget requests and future Capital Improvement Program projects. The documents and recommendations coordinated and produced by City staff are later approved by the City Council.

Annual Budget

An important facet of the planning process is preparing an annual budget. The budget, which projects estimated revenues and expenditures, provides the financial framework to serve our citizens. Revenue comes from sales taxes (paid by everyone who shops at our local stores); state-shared funds, based on our population; federal and state grants; development fees; utility payments and charges for airport and aquatic center programs; special revenue funds (state and county money from gasoline and property taxes, lottery proceeds, etc.); fees for building and business permits and dog licenses; interest earned on our investments; and fines collected from violators cited in magistrate court and overdue library books. There is no property tax in Show Low, although homeowners pay property taxes to Navajo County for schools, fire services, etc. The money we collect is spent on projects, community programs, public safety, partnerships for economic development, and the cost of providing services by over 165 employees.

We welcome community input in the planning process. Citizens may attend any or all of the proposed City Council budget meetings in Council Chambers, 180 N. 9th Street. Two Town Halls are geared specifically for public comments, with an opportunity to submit suggestions for a program, project, activity, or event for Council consideration and possible inclusion in the budget.

- Jan 18, 6 p.m., budget study session
- Jan 25, 6 p.m., Town Hall (budget meeting for citizen input)
- Apr 3, 6 p.m., brief budget review meeting
- Apr 19, 5:30 p.m., Town Hall and budget study session
- Apr 26, 5:30 p.m., budget study session
- May 3, 5:30 p.m., budget study session
- May 17, 5:30 p.m., budget study session
- June 5, 7 p.m., Council consideration of tentative budget
- July 3, 7 p.m., Council consideration of final budget

Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

You may also have a specific Capital Improvement Program (CIP) project in mind. Capital projects total more than \$50,000, ranging from water service and waste disposal to recreational resources, such as parks and community centers, and include replacing or improving deteriorated infrastructure, facilities and equipment.

The CIP's goal is to identify capital needs or projects, evalu-



ate requested projects and develop a fiscal plan to fulfill them. A five-year plan is created and projects are scheduled for a given year. The projects requested now will be programmed in fiscal year 2012 (July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012).

If you feel a particular project should be considered, submit a Project Request Worksheet (*see back page*). You may not know specific costs, so submit all requests regardless of cost. If the project totals less than \$50,000, it may be considered through the regular budget process. **Complete the worksheet and mail or drop it off at City Hall, 550 N. 9th Place, by February 23, 2007.**

The Mayor and Council are responsible for approving CIP projects. Staff provides information to the Council on how this year's CIP was developed. Comments received from the public are presented, with differences between the recommended prioritization and public opinion noted.

Your City! Your Plan!

The General Plan amendment process is in full swing. The City's current plan, which guides growth and development, was adopted in 1999. State law requires a revision every 10 years, with citizen input an important part of the process. What is your vision of Show Low's civic image? Share your suggestions at an open house on Wednesday, January 31, from 4 to 7 p.m. in Council Chambers, 180 N. 9th Street.

Street light information



Sometimes a citizen will ask, "What do I do if a street light is burned out or not working properly?" Here's what you can do: Call the Public Works department at 532-4100 and provide the street light's location and problem. We will contact the appropriate utility company and request that it be added to the repair schedule.

