

**City of Medical Lake
Special Council Meeting
2021 Budget Workshop Meeting
September 21, 2021**

Note: This is not a verbatim transcript. Minutes contain only a summary of the discussion. A recording of the meeting is on file and available from City Hall.

1. Mayor Maike called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Council Present: Tony Harbolt, Elizabeth Rosenbeck, A.J. Burton, Don Kennedy, Art Kulibert, Heather Starr and Chad Pritchard

Excused Absences: None

Staff Present: City Administrator Doug Ross and Finance Director Karen Langford

2. **Mayor's Welcome:**

- Mayor Maike welcomed everyone to the Budget Workshop

3. **City Administrator Ross gave the following updates:**

- City Administrator Ross explained to Councilmembers that it is still early in the year to make accurate spending and revenue predictions especially with snow removal and not knowing the amount of plowing that will be necessary. Administrator Ross stated that the operating budget does not vary by a great deal from year to year other than increases due to inflation, medical benefits and cost of living increases. Staff is looking for the Council's priority for Capital Outlay for the 2022 year.

4. **Councilmember Roundtable Discussion**

- Adding additional aerators to Medical Lake to bring the total from three to the planned five;
- Replacing and/or adding sidewalks on the west side of Lefevre St. between 4th St. and Lake St. where needed;
- Continue the revitalization of Peper Park;
- Lights on the pedestrian crossing sign where the walking path crosses Brooks Rd;
- Continue efforts to have more Broadband companies provide service to Medical Lake;
- Lighting on the back side (west side) of lake walking trail;
- Utilization of the former skate park space at Pioneer Park such as pickle ball or another shelter;

5. **Spokane County Sheriff Comments**

- Undersheriff Michael Kittilsved spoke with Councilmembers about future commitments to the Medical Lake Community and working on a simpler way of providing yearly cost estimates for service.

6. **Spokane County Fire District 3 Comments**

- Spokane County Fire Chief Cody Rohrbach gave an update on the wildfire season. Chief Rohrbach is hopeful that it is coming to an end but cautioned it isn't completely over. He thanked the community for approving the levy lid lift and discussed the impacts of the pandemic and vaccination mandates to his department.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S CLOSING COMMENTS

- Administrator Ross thanked everyone for their input. He updated the Council on the Lake St. inlay project, the completion of the Waterfront Park picnic shelter project and the Lake Trail signage project.

Adjournment: Mayor Maike closed the budget meeting at 6:28 p.m.

Mayor

Finance Director