

BROKEN ARROW CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
May 12, 2008

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Section Minutes: Mayor McCaleb called the meeting to order at the noted time of 5:30 pm.

2. Roll Call

Present:	Philip Tucker, Craig Thurmond, Richard Carter, Mike Lester, Wade McCaleb
Absent:	None

3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Section Minutes: Mayor McCaleb led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

4. General Council Business

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- A. Review of Frozen Fiscal Year 2008 personnel increases and personnel increases for Fiscal Year 2009

Item Minutes: Assistant City Manager, Dave Wooden, presented the item consistent with the fact sheet contained in the agenda packet and responded to Council inquiries.

Council discussion included order in which personnel will be hired; expected hiring timeline; amount of sales tax collected; contingency plan for the future.

No action was required or taken.

- B. Review of proposed Fiscal Year 2009 General Fund and Broken Arrow Municipal Authority Fund balances

Item Minutes: Mr. Wooden reminded everyone that tonight's meeting was a City Council meeting for presentation of items for general review, and further discussion and approvals would occur at the June meetings of the City Council and Broken Arrow Municipal Authority.

Mr. Wooden presented this item consistent with the fact sheet contained in the agenda packet. He noted a 10% increase in health care costs was projected; however, the insurer will be increasing premiums by 25%. The budget figures will be adjusted by \$552,000 for the next meeting. The increase can be absorbed and will not affect the \$894,000 required fund balance.

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Council discussion included the tightness of the budget; savings alternatives; swings in sales tax income; and funding of the 10% reserve in the City and Broken Arrow Municipal Authority General Funds.

No action was required or taken.

C. Discussion of Fiscal Year 2009 operational budgets for General Fund and Broken Arrow Municipal Authority

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Following Mr. Wooden's presentation, each department head presented a brief overview of their departmental budget consistent with the presentation provided in the agenda packet, and responded to questions from the Council.

No action was required or taken.

D. Review of proposed Fiscal Year 2009 budgets for funds other than General Fund and Broken Arrow Municipal Authority that are budgeted by the City of Broken Arrow

Item Minutes: Mr. Wooden presented the item consistent with the fact sheet contained in the agenda packet.

Council discussed the possibility of reworking the Downtown Façade Renovation program to encourage use of the funds and improve the downtown area.

No action was required or taken.

5. **Remarks and Inquiries by Governing Body Members**

Section Minutes: There were no remarks or inquiries.

The Mayor asked for a Motion to recess at 9:05 p.m. prior to entering into Executive Session.

Motion:	Move to take a short break before returning for Executive Session.
Motion by:	Craig Thurmond
Second by:	Mike Lester
Ayes:	Philip Tucker, Craig Thurmond, Richard Carter, Mike Lester, Wade McCaleb
Nays:	None

Section Minutes: Mayor McCaleb reconvened the regular session at the noted time of 9:13 pm.

Motion:	Move to enter into Executive Session.
Motion by:	Mike Lester
Second by:	Craig Thurmond
Ayes:	Philip Tucker, Craig Thurmond, Richard Carter, Mike Lester, Wade McCaleb
Nays:	None

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Nays: None

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Motion:	Move to deny the landowner's offer to sell the real property located at Kenosha and South Evans Road.
Motion by:	Mike Lester
Second by:	Craig Thurmond
Ayes:	Philip Tucker, Craig Thurmond, Richard Carter, Mike Lester, Wade McCaleb
Nays:	None

7. **Adjournment**

Motion:	Move to adjourn.
Motion by:	Mike Lester
Second by:	Richard Carter
Ayes:	Philip Tucker, Craig Thurmond, Richard Carter, Mike Lester, Wade McCaleb
Nays:	None

Section Minutes: The meeting adjourned at the noted time of 9:34 pm.

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