

## Resolution No. 1200

### A RESOLUTION OF THE EDMONDS CITY COUNCIL REGARDING THE 2009 PROPERTY TAX LEVY

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Whereas, the City Council adopted the 2009 Levy Timeline in February to provide a roadmap for action and decision leading up to the November 2009 levy, and

Whereas, the Citizens' Levy Review Committee was formed to vet the proposed levy and examine the general fiscal situation faced by the City, and has now completed that effort, and

Whereas, the comments and recommendations made by this committee were supportive of a levy between \$2m and \$4.3m, and called for specific, tangible items that could be supported by the citizens of Edmonds, like public safety and parks, and

Whereas, the current draft proposed levy is a function of 6 months of work on the part of Council and staff, and represents a strategy for a broad and general operations levy, and

Whereas, the two programmatic priorities of the community of Edmonds continue to be public safety and parks, and which alternatively could be a dominant component of a second levy option, and

Whereas, it is the sense of the Council that items listed on the 2009 levy should be previous cuts or proposed cuts, should the levy not pass, so that there is a clear trade-off and understanding about that for which citizens are voting this November,

Now therefore be it resolved that the City Council directs staff to prepare two levy options for presentation to and consideration by Council on June 16, 2009, and which meet the following criteria:

"General Operations Levy" Option: a refined general operations levy in the amount of \$3.75m which would be reflective of the work done to date by the Citizens' Levy Review Committee and the internal city Levy Work Group.

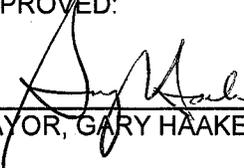
"Parks, Public Safety & Families Levy" Option 2: a more specific levy in the amount of \$3.75m which would have at least 75% of the funds directed to services which support parks, public safety and families in the City of Edmonds, to include but not be limited to:

- Funds for programs that support Edmonds families such as Yost Pool, the Senior Center, Discovery Programs, Domestic Violence prevention programs, etc, (approx. \$500,000)
- Funds for parks maintenance funds to keep open our 31 neighborhood parks threatened for closure (approx. \$800,000)
- Funds to fully staff and fully compensate our public safety employees in the police and fire departments, as well as other departments (approx. \$300,000 to public safety, with \$300,000 to other departments)
- Funds to adequately staff Edmonds Crime Prevention services (approx. \$200,000)

And be it further resolved that following the presentation of these two options, the Edmonds City Council, in conjunction with city staff be prepared to conduct 3 Open Houses for the public during the latter half of June and/or the first half of July.

RESOLVED this 19th day of May, 2009.

APPROVED:

  
MAYOR, GARY HAAKENSON

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

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CITY CLERK, SANDRA S. CHASE

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