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### 2011 City Budget – Maintaining Services without Increasing Taxes

City budgets for 2011 across the state are facing increasing challenges with often-decreasing revenue streams and increasing costs.

Pasco is not immune from those challenges, but with belt-tightening across the board and sound financial management, the budget now under consideration by the City Council permits the city to maintain services without increasing taxes. The projected \$30.4 million operating budget is only about \$300,000 more than the 2010 budget. The estimated gap of \$172,000 between revenue and expenses will be bridged using reserves.

Sales tax revenue, the major source of income for the city's general fund, is showing improvement in 2010 over 2009, but it is still well below 2008. The drop is primarily due to decreased construction activity and

lower sales of motor vehicles. Sales tax revenue is anticipated to grow about 1 percent next year.

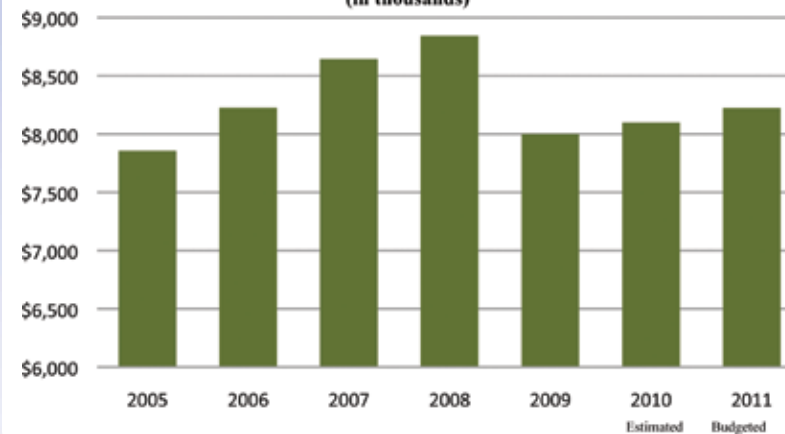
Property tax is another source of income for the general fund, and the Council is mindful of the need to avoid a property tax increase. The levy rate for 2011 is projected to be below \$2 per \$1,000 of assessed value (or \$200 for a \$100,000 value property). This rate continues to be virtually the same as the 2009 and 2010 rates, and reflects a 35 percent reduction in the City's property tax rate since 2002 when the rate was \$3.06.

The proposed budget requires no staff layoffs, although the Crime Prevention Specialist position, which has been vacant for over one year, will be eliminated. It includes no cost of living adjustments in 2010 for city employees.

In addition, the 2011 budget includes fewer major construction projects than most years. The completion of the design work on the Lewis Street Overpass is included as well as a modest expansion of the City's sewer plant and the replacement of the roof at City Hall.

Budget planning continues to be challenging for 2011 and beyond, and may be impacted by decisions made at the state level as legislators work to balance the state's budget. Meanwhile, the city is working diligently to maintain critical services without increasing taxes.

**Sales Tax Receipts**  
(in thousands)



## Proud to be your home!

## Watch for 2011 Business and Animal License Renewal Notices

With the first of the year right around the corner, it is nearly time to renew both business and animal licenses.



A business license is required for any person conducting business within the City of Pasco (PMC 5.04.020).

Currently, the city is reviewing the business license database and preparing to mail over 5,000 business license renewal notices including for in-city businesses, home-based businesses, occupancy registrations and rental dwellings. Renewal forms will be mailed by December 30 and renewal payment is due no later than the last business day in February. A late fee will be applied if the renewal payment is received on March 1, 2011 or after.

Animal licensing is required in the City of Pasco for all dogs (PMC 8.02.190). Licensing for cats is optional. Licensing, including proof of rabies shot, is for the well being of pets to help ensure that if a pet becomes lost it can be returned home. Without a license, a lost pet may be impounded and potentially adopted or euthanized. The deadline for animal license renewal is the last business day in February. A late fee will be applied if renewal payment is received on March 1, 2011 or after; a penalty of \$10.00 per animal will be assessed. Currently, there are over 4,700 animals licensed within the City of Pasco.

The city's website has information on business and animal licensing ([www.pasco-wa.gov](http://www.pasco-wa.gov)), or information on business licensing is available at 545-3402 and animal licensing at 545-3488.

## Winter Fire Safety Tips

The winter season brings special considerations for fire and health safety. The Pasco Fire Department recommends that all home and business owners:

- Check and/or change heating system filters,
- Have chimneys inspected and cleaned before use,
- Insure that all electrical extension cords are properly used and not overloaded,
- Replace all smoke detector batteries,
- Prepare and practice an escape plan from your home.



Remember that the winter season also increases driving hazards and always take driving conditions into consideration. Make sure fluid levels and tire pressures are where they should be and lighting systems are working properly. Carry a vehicle emergency kit with warm clothing for each passenger including blankets, flashlight with batteries, food (trail mix, etc.), a first aid kit, tire chains and a small shovel.



## New (and Favorite) Winter Activities

Winter is the perfect time to try new activities, take a day trip or enjoy being a part of the team. The Recreation Services Division has put together a full range of programs. New program highlights include:

- Beading and homemade greeting cards.
- Hip hop dance and ballet.
- Hike and GeoCache at Juniper Dunes.



- Wii Games including league play.
- Winter Break Daycamp for ages 6-12.

As usual, there are plenty of other sports, trips, activities, and more to keep you active.

The Winter Recreation Guide is available beginning December 7 with distribution through the Tri-City Herald, for pick up at Wal-Mart, Yokes, and the Pasco Library, or online at [www.pasco-wa.gov](http://www.pasco-wa.gov). Registration for classes begins December 14.



## Snow, Ice and Your Sidewalk

With winter comes the possibility of snow and ice on our roads, sidewalks and driveways. While the city is responsible for keeping roads clear, residents are responsible to maintain sidewalks and driveways adjacent to their property. Please pile snow on your yard, not in the street. If your sidewalk is icy, you may correct the hazard by applying rock salt or other approved de-icing agent.

When a sidewalk is not clear, the results can be very hazardous for pedestrians and school children. Pitch in and do your part to help keep your sidewalks and driveways hazard-free!



### *Holiday Observance:*

City Hall will be closed:

Friday, December 24, 2010

In observance of Christmas Day

Friday, December 31, 2010

In observance of New Year's Day

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