

**CITY OF MASON  
COUNCIL WORKSESSION  
MARCH 12, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

The following members of Council were present: Barbara Spaeth, Rich Cox, Tom Grossmann, Charlene Pelfrey, Don Prince, and David Nichols. Victor Kidd joined the meeting through a conference call.

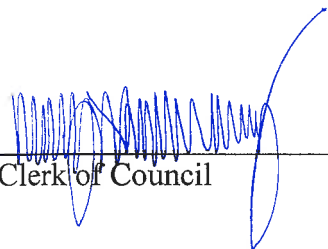
**FIRE LEVY**

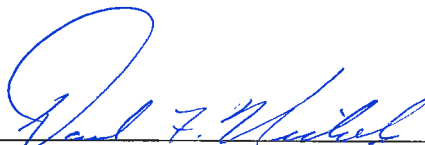
Councilmember Pelfrey summarized a phone conversation with Roger Effrin by listing the pros and cons of placing a levy on the August or November ballot. The Safety Committee considered this information and recommends placing a 5-year 6.2 mil Fire Levy on the November ballot. She explained that the November ballot would have a bigger turnout and represent a better cross section of the community. If approved, with a 6.2 mil levy, the Reserve Fund balance is projected to be \$1.5 million in 2017. It is also projected that 6.2 mils could be sustainable for 10 years with a renewal in 2017 for five more years. Councilmember Pelfrey explained that a 5.9 mil levy would leave a zero Reserve Fund balance in 2017 and would require a 6.5 mil levy in 2017 to maintain service levels.

Council discussed alternatives to a property tax fire levy, the increase in property taxes on a typical residence, the importance of educating the voters, and the economic development impact.

The next worksession on this issue was scheduled for Monday, March 19, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

  
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Clerk of Council

  
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Mayor