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MEMORANDUM

Date: September 12, 2013

To: Mayor and City Council

Through: Darin Atteberry, City Manager *DA*
Mike Beckstead, Chief Financial Officer *MB*

From: Lawrence Pollack, Budget and Performance Measurement Manager *LP*

Re: Sept. 10, 2013 Work Session Summary Follow up – 2014 Budget Revisions

There was a brief presentation on the financial summary of the City Manager's Recommended 2014 Budget Revisions and the available revenues to support those proposed expenditures.

Councilmembers raised various questions of the 2014 Revisions in preparation for 1st reading of the budget. The following are the specific questions or guidance that was provided:

- 1) There was a question as to why Natural Areas money was proposed to fund the request for additional staffing in the City Attorney Office and what that specific amount was. After researching the question, water rights attorneys are used by the Natural Areas Department, but any allocation of an internal resource to provide support for the Natural Areas has not been determined. Accordingly, funding for the revision request will be coming from the General Fund (for \$73K) with the balance of the request (\$210K) coming from the Water Utilities. Support provided for the Natural Areas would be covered by existing appropriations in Natural Areas.
- 2) There was a request made to update the text of the 2014 Special Election revision since there has not been a decision made by Council to place an item on the ballot. Accordingly, the revision will be updated to reflect a potential special election that could be held in November 2014 or April 2015.
- 3) There was apparent support for the two Transit revisions for increased east/west mobility; those will be included in first reading of the 2014 Annual Appropriation Ordinance.
- 4) There were questions raised about the appropriate level of increased support for the Senior Center. Staff will be responding to City Council with a follow-up memo.

- 5) A question was asked about how these revisions support the City's strategic objectives. It was acknowledged that that linkage is missing and will be addressed in the next revision cycle.

First reading to the 2014 Annual Appropriation Ordinance is scheduled for October 15, 2013.