



City Council

City Council Chambers ♦ 524 West Stephenson Street ♦ Freeport, IL 61032

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT
SPECIAL MEETING
Monday, June 1, 2015**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Freeport, Illinois, Committee of the Whole was called to order by Mayor James Gitz with a quorum being present at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 1, 2015, in council chambers.

2. ROLL CALL

Present on roll call: Mayor James Gitz and council members Tom Klemm, Peter McClanathan, Art Ross, Jodi Miller, Patrick Busker, Sally Brashaw, Mike Koester, and Andrew Chesney (8).

City Staff Present: Corporation Counsel Sarah Griffin, City Clerk Meg Zuravel, Finance Director Cynthia Haggard, Fire Chief Scott Miller, and Chief of Police Todd Barkalow.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderperson Ross, chairperson of meeting.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS

There was no one signed on the sheet for public comments on agenda items this evening.

5. PRESENTATION OF THE 2015-2016 CITY BUDGET – POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Finance Director Haggard stated that she provided to the council the 2015-2016 City of Freeport Budget at the Committee of the Whole meeting held on May 11, 2015 and this is a working preliminary document. She stated the purpose of tonight's discussion will be the two departments having to do with Public Safety including Police and Fire Department. Director Haggard stated on the agenda for this meeting were updated budget documents and this afternoon she met with the chiefs for Fire and Police and have placed copies of their budgets on the desks of the council so they have the most up-to-date figures.

Preliminary budget documents were provided at Committee of Whole on May 11, 2015 [view document](#)

Additional Attachments provided on June 1, 2015 for Police and Fire Department: [view document](#)

Each council member was provided an opportunity to ask department heads questions regarding the Police and Fire Departments. Discussion was held on department staff count, difference in management and employee positions and benefits, promotions, cost of living rates, PEHP, and contractual raises. There were no final actions of the Committee of the Whole or recommendations to the Freeport City Council.

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Finance Director Haggard explained that her intent is to continue to have discussion on the budget documents through the end of June and to have the finalized appropriation ordinance prepared for first meeting in July, which is July 6, 2015. She reminded council that this is a draft and it is subject to change as she still has finalized revenue and expenditure numbers coming in.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments at this time.

Mayor Gitz noted we will take a five minute break before beginning the City Council meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

S/ Meg Zuravel
Meg Zuravel, City Clerk