

**CITY OF HASTINGS**  
**CITY COUNCIL FOLLOW UP**  
*for informational purposes*

**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**COMMUNITY ROOM**

**Monday, August 27, 2012**

**7:00 p.m.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Slavik, Nelson, Schultz, Hollenbeck & Mayor Hicks  
Councilmember Balsanek arrived at 7:04 p.m.  
Absent: Councilmember Alongi

Staff:

City Administrator Dave Osberg  
Assistant City Administrator Melanie Mesko Lee  
Finance Director Char Stark  
Assistant Finance Director Julie Flaten

**III. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

**IV. 2013 BUDGET**

Osberg introduced the topic and walked through the handouts provided in the packet

1. Discuss past and pending schedule for adoption of 2013 Budget
2. Review summary budget document
3. Review Staffing items under consideration
4. Provide Staff feedback on a pending amount for inclusion in the Preliminary Levy Resolution that will be presented for the City Council to consider at the meeting on September 4, 2012
5. Discussion of any additional funding sources or options that might be considered for inclusion in the final budget
6. Review status of capital equipment and other project funding requests and their existing status

Discussion on historical tax capacity, tax levy, and employee full-time equivalent (FTE) numbers; impact of varying levy increases on different property categories and values; setting the preliminary levy and working to reduce that amount

Public Comments:

Greg Stotko—asked about the issue of shared services/privatization, impact of increases on business community

Brian Meek—asked about the HFAC operations and costs

Schultz, Nelson to direct staff to prepare a preliminary levy resolution with a 2% increase  
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Mayor Hicks thanked those in the audience for their attendance on this important topic.

**V. ADJOURNMENT: 8:02 p.m.**  
Hollenbeck, Balsanek  
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**Next Regular City Council Meeting: Tuesday, September 4, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.**