

**City of Edmonds 2011 Preliminary Budget
Frequently Asked Questions
11/17/2010**

Exhibit 4 page 6 - what is the break out of Misc Revenue in terms of how much money we lost from the fire revenue?

Answer: Please see FAQs for the week of 10/11/2010, Numbers 1 and 4

Same exhibit - can you please breakout the interfund and why it decreased as well as the transfers both on revenue and expense?

Answer: The 2011 reduction was due primarily to the suspension of the General Fund contribution to the Equipment Rental Fund for vehicle replacement (approximately \$281K). The contribution resumes in 2012, however that increase is reflected in the transfers category, hence the increase. When we publish the final version of the budget, we will place the continuation of the contribution back in the interfund category.

Same exhibit - Debt service is the same, the Mayor in his opening remarks indicate bond refinancing, wouldn't that change this number? Where is the bond refinance anyway?

Answer; The Mayor's budget message states " our bond counsel has advised us that we can save roughly \$62,000 by refinancing some of our bonds, which I am recommending we do." The budget only recommends we look to refinance our bonds where is it prudent to do so. This is an action to be taken in the future and its impact is not reflected in the Mayor's 2011 Preliminary Budget.

Exhibit 5 page 7 - Where is finance on this report? Why was it left out? Where is IT?

Answer: Finance and Information Systems now report to the same Director, therefore, the employee count for both departments are now reflected in the Administrative Services category.

Exhibit 6 page 8 - same page and exhibit - I thought the city had a hiring freeze, why the FTEs?

Answer: This exhibit details the city's proposed decision packages. They are submitted for council consideration.

Exhibit 6 page 8- same page and exhibit - Rental Toilets? For where and why so much?

Answer: In the past three years, there has been a substantial increase in park usage due to the economy and citizens staying closer to home and taking advantage of the city's wonderful park system. We have also added two new parks, Hickman Park and Haines Wharf Park along with Interurban trail that could open late next year. In addition, soccer, baseball, and football activities have also increased within the city's park system.

Due to this increased activity, the demands on park toilets have also increased. This decision package requests \$5,000 to address the increased need for additional chemical toilets and servicing within the park system. This current annual rental lease cost is \$20,000 and is projected to grow to \$25,000 during 2011.

Page 43 - What does "Mgtz" stand for ?

Answer: These line items represent the City's share of principal and interest for bonds (issued by Snohomish County) that funded the capital costs associated with the design, development, acquisition, and installation of the Snohomish County Emergency Radio System. "Mgtz" is the nickname used in our budgeting system for this project. "Mghz" is the acronym for Megahertz.