



To: The Lansing Community
From: Councilmember Brian Jeffries and Councilmember Carol Wood
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Monday, May 16, 2005, City Council approved the FY2005-06. We spent countless hours studying the budget, over fifteen hours in Pre-Budget Hearing, and ten days in televised Budget Hearing before we voted on the budget.

Some of the concerns City Council wrestled with were the future projections for revenue that we would receive during next the fiscal year from income tax and, our State revenues sharing.

There were a number of proposed cuts within the budget that the Administration gave to City Council, along with additional cuts the Administration presented during the course of budget hearings. Some of those cuts included closing the Washington outdoor ice rink; reducing staffing at Fenner Nature Center and the Turner Doge House; three community Center Programmers as well as a Senior Leader at Letts Center; and personnel cuts within each City Department including Police and Fire.

The Administration recommended a number of fee increases which included Parks and Recreation to Building Safety, and of the fees some included a Fire Burn Permit fee, to charging \$2.00 per visit at the two City pools.

Some of the changes made by City Council to the Mayor's budget include:

- **Pool Fee**--reducing hours at the Pools but **no fee**.
- **Groesbeck Banquet Center**—we did not bond for a Groesbeck Banquet Center nor approve any plan for a center.
- **Consolidated Garage Plan**—we did not bond for a Consolidated Garage Plan nor approve any plan for a garage.
- **Hiring of City Public Relations Employee**—no funding for this position.
- **Community Programmers**--reinstating the Community Programmers at the Community Centers.