



SEQUIM NEWS

NOVEMBER 2010

Upcoming Public Hearings

November 8: 1) 2011 Revenues 2) Property Tax 3) Fee Ordinance 4) 2010 Budget Amendments
November 22: 1) Final Hearing on 2011 Budget

Meeting Dates & Locations

City Council Regular Meeting Transit Center	2 nd & 4 th Monday 6:00 p.m.
City Council Study Session - Transit Center (when required)	2 nd & 4 th Monday 5:00 p.m.
Planning Commission Transit Center	1 st & 3 rd Tuesday 6:00 p.m.
Park Advisory Board PW - 615 North 5 th Ave.	2 nd Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
Design Review Board PW - 615 North 5 th Ave.	2 nd Wednesday 5:00 p.m.
Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) - Transit Center Conf. Room	November 8 11:00 a.m.
Centennial Committee Transit Center Conf. Room	3 rd Wednesday 1:00 p.m.
Sequim Speaks - Transit Center Conf. Room	4 th Tuesday 6:30 p.m.

**City Offices will be closed on
 November 11 – Veteran’s Day
 November 25 & 26 – Thanksgiving Holiday**



Prepare Now!

Prepare ahead for disasters including earthquakes, tsunamis, or severe weather storms. Establish your family plan and know your evacuation routes. Visit the Washington State Emergency Management website to learn more.

http://www.emd.wa.gov/preparedness/prep_index.shtml

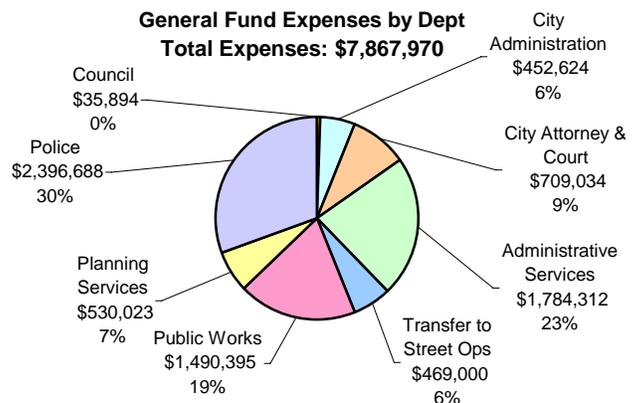
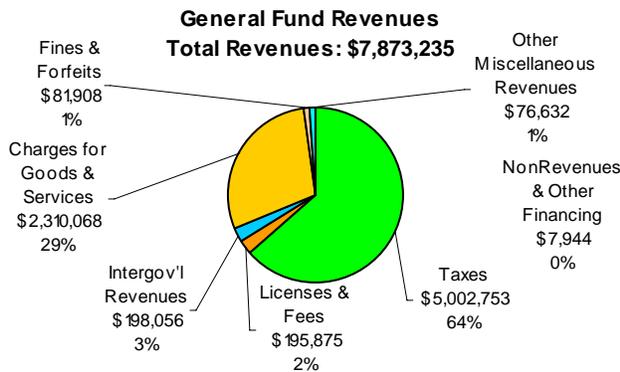
For electrical services call Clallam County PUD at 360-452-9971

2011 City Budget Goes to City Council for Review

In keeping with the budget goals as established by City Manager Steve Burkett, the 2011 budget is balanced with expected revenues slightly higher than expected expenses. In conjunction with the long-range financial plan, the 2011 budget establishes a foundation to maintain a balanced budget for the next several years.

The budget was designed to continue to implement the City Council's top priorities and to minimize the impact of any tax and fee increases on residents and tax payers, especially low income residents. The budget has been balanced without additional staff layoffs or furloughs, and aims to maintain high priority services and improve services that have been underfunded, although lower priority services may need to be reduced to decrease expenses. Improved two-way communications with citizens and making sure that expense reductions do not have negative long-term impacts were also considered in the budget.

Below are charts that display where the city revenue comes from and how the monies are distributed through city departments.



Budget Calendar

November 8 – 2011 Proposed Budget Presentation to City Council
November 15 – Budget Study Session
November 22 – City Council scheduled to adopt 2011 Proposed Budget

Help Us Shape Sequim's Downtown -- Citizen Participation Opportunity

The City of Sequim Planning Department invites you to participate in the development process of our Downtown Plan on **November 4 and 5, 2010**. Our "Downtown Studio Storefront," located at 175 W. Washington Street, will be home to our planning efforts. This is your opportunity to view preliminary downtown design concepts, review the results of our transportation mobility/walking audit and engage in community dialogues which will help shape the Downtown Plan.

Thursday, November 4, 2010

12:00 PM and 6:00 PM Meet our project team to give your input on what the "vision" for downtown Sequim should include. Help to create the guiding principals as growth and development occur downtown.

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Join the project team for a presentation of the downtown background analysis and findings, and take part in the open dialogue discussions.

Friday, November 5, 2010

12:00 PM to 2:00 PM Visit the Downtown Studio storefront and continue to give your input on the Downtown Plan.

5:00 PM to 8:00 PM Attend our open house where the project team will be available to answer your questions and display their concepts.

6:00 PM to 7:00 PM The project team will give a final presentation to present a preliminary "vision" of Downtown Sequim and will share their initial findings of what should be the guiding principals as growth and development occurs downtown.

For information please contact Joe Irvin, Interim Planning Director at 360-681-3439 or at jirvin@ci.sequim.wa.us.

Full-time City Employees

Each month the city introduces new employees so our citizens know who is working in our service departments. Recently we've been asked why new employees are being hired when budgets are so tight. The reality is that the overall number of employees has changed very little in the past five years. Most of the new hires represent replacements as employees leave the city, or a shifting of positions from one department to another. As illustrated below, from 2007 to the proposed 2011 budget, the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) employees has increased by one employee from 71.9 to 72.9, and the number of employees per 1,000 of the population has changed from 13.49 employees per 1000 citizens to 12.49. This measurement is a rough measurement of the efficiency of city operations and our goal is to maintain or reduce the ratio.

