

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 17, 2007**

The meeting was called to order in at 6:32 a.m. in City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor Alan E. Oberloh with the following Aldermen present: Lyle Ten Haken, Mike Woll, Ron Wood, Mike Kuhle, Bob Petrich. Honorary Council Person: Dale Ryen.

Staff present: Joseph Parker, City Administrator; Brian Kolander, Finance Director; Janice Oberloh, City Clerk.

Others present: None.

ASSIGNMENT OF PURCHASE AGREEMENTS

A resolution was presented that would formally accept the Assignments of Purchase Agreements for the properties north of Interstate 90 that the City is in the process of purchasing, and would transfer interest in the purchase agreements for those properties to the Economic Development Authority.

The motion was made by Alderman Ten Haken, seconded by Alderman Wood and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution transferring interest to the Economic Development Authority:

RESOLUTION NO. 3303

A RESOLUTION TO ASSIGN PURCHASE AGREEMENTS FROM THE CITY OF WORTHINGTON TO CITY OF WORTHINGTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

(Refer to Resolution File for complete copy of Resolution)

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Discussion was held on several issues that have arisen after precertification of the proposed 2008 budget was done. Items include the \$14,800 City share of the Okabena/Ocheda Joint Powers Board, which is currently not funded, the City's contribution to Worthington Regional Economic Development Corporation, transfer from the Worthington Public Utilities Electric Department and rate increases, the additional position request from the Public Works Department, and a proposal for increased funding from the City to the County Attorney's office. Alderman Ten Haken suggested that the City Administrator and the Finance Director crunch some numbers prior to moving on to discussions with the County offices.

RESERVE AUTHORIZATION

Brian Kolander, Finance Director, was seeking Council authorization to close out some debt service accounts and transfer those funds, approximately \$500,000, to a new account that could be used to reduce the levy or for economic development purposes.

The motion was made by Alderman Kuhle, seconded by Alderman Wood and unanimously carried to authorize staff's request to close out the old debt service accounts and roll the funds into a new account.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Wood, seconded by Alderman Woll and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 a.m.

Janice Oberloh
City Clerk