

Request for City Council Action

Date: October 20, 2015

Agenda Section: General Business No. 6	Originating Department: City Manager's Office
Item: Council discussion regarding policy goals for FY 2017 budget No. 6.4	Approved:

Background:

Every year City staff begins preparing an annual budget by submitting requests for appropriation to the City Manager on or before January 30th. The City Manager uses these requests as the starting point for developing a proposed budget that is later presented to City Council for review and approval. The City Council is required to hold public hearings on the proposed budget and to adopt a final budget by no later than April 30th, the close of the City's Fiscal Year. Developing the annual budget is a collaborative effort among all City departments and the City Council.

While the annual budget serves as the foundation of the City of Carbondale's financial planning and control, it also serves as a policy document that prioritizes programs and services that the City wishes to provide. Establishing policy goals prior to the official start of the FY17 budget cycle will provide staff with direction regarding how resources should be allocated in the upcoming fiscal year so staff can develop the necessary strategies to achieve the City Council's policy goals.

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends that the City Council discuss their key policy goals for the FY17 annual budget.

Engineering Approval Obtained	Finance Approval Obtained	Legal Approval Obtained	Approval Obtained	Manager's Approval Obtained
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