

Cyndy King

From: Diane Scurlock <dscurlock22@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2024 4:46 PM
To: Spencer Cordovano; Tripp Hutchinson; Neil Bradshaw; Amanda Breen; Participate; Jade Riley
Subject: Proposed FY25 Community Housing Fund Budget concerns

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I have reviewed the Proposed FY25 Budget and have the following concerns and comments as they apply to Housing (Pages 68- 69).

1. The increase in salaries from FY24 by \$268K to \$693K in FY25 seems exorbitant. The salaries comprise 39% of the total Housing expenditure budget of \$1762K. The other personnel expenses under Housing include Professional Services (\$75K), Lease to Locals Professional Services (\$100K), and Lift Tower Lodge Professional Services (\$89K) totaling \$264K. The total budget for personnel expenses is therefore \$957K which equates to 54% of the total Housing budget. It seems as though a bureaucracy is being built up to spend the majority of the fund, versus trying to reduce housing costs. The FY25 Budget Highlights description includes pilot projects. Why would you hire additional salaried personnel for pilot projects?
2. Why have reimbursements to BCHA been reduced from FY24 to FY25 by \$392K? Housing, employment and services are entire Wood River Valley issues, and should be treated as such. The tiny town of Ketchum does not, and should not, be treated alone as if there needs to be barriers between our small towns in our Wood River Valley community. Having the BCHA (which was created because the affordable housing need was identified in the 1997 Ketchum-Blaine County Housing Needs Assessment) address affordable housing for Ketchum, Sun Valley, Hailey and Bellevue reduces the overhead costs versus each city addressing housing separately.
3. We need to figure out how to subsidize housing to those who provide necessary services to our valley residents—educators, health care providers, senior citizen aid workers, police and emergency service providers, etc. There are definitely limited funds to do this. Thousands, if not millions, of people would love to live in Ketchum, but they can't because of simple economics of supply and demand of housing, making our housing unaffordable to the vast majority. To provide subsidized housing to the broad category of 'full-time residents' versus those serving our communities will use up funding quickly and not achieve an improvement to our community.

Thank you for considering my input and answering my questions.

Sincerely,

Diane Scurlock
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From: Kerry Sharp <kerry@niobraragroup.onmicrosoft.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 10:19 AM
To: Spencer Cordovano; Tripp Hutchinson; Neil Bradshaw; Amanda Breen; Participate; Jade Riley
Subject: City Budget 2025

I note from reading the mayor's introductory comments to the 2025 budget that – “after core services the budget allocates the remaining discretionary funds to focus on three main areas:

1. Housing
2. Preserving Character
3. Investing in our city's Infrastructure.

I will keep my comments and input here brief:

Our city's DISCRETIONARY FUNDS should be focused on INVESTING in our city's INFRASTRUCTURE.

We are all familiar with hearing and reading about other city's dire problems with aging/failing infrastructure. Nearly always that has proved to spring from years and years of underinvestment in sustaining/maintaining/improving essential elements of basic infrastructure. The old adage holds – “You can pay now or pay later.” And pay later is much more costly.

KERRY SHARP

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From: City of Ketchum Idaho <participate@ketchumidaho.org>
Sent: Friday, June 21, 2024 10:05 AM
To: Participate
Subject: Form submission from: Contact Us

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Submitted on Friday, June 21, 2024 - 10:05am

Submitted by anonymous user: 68.227.52.254

Submitted values are:

First Name Ellie
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Question/Comment

Hello, I work at the Wood River Museum and frequently have to cross 4th St E & Walnut Ave to get to the Community Library (which the museum is a part of). There are only 2 stop signs on each side of Walnut Ave but I think safety of pedestrians could really be improved if that intersection was a four way stop. I thought reaching out here could be a first step and would love more information on how to work towards installing two more stop signs at that intersection.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.ketchumidaho.org/node/7/submission/12167>

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From: City of Ketchum Idaho <participate@ketchumidaho.org>
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2024 8:09 PM
To: Participate
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Submitted on Thursday, June 20, 2024 - 8:08pm

Submitted by anonymous user: 70.171.139.73

Submitted values are:

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Question/Comment

Disgusting! Needed to get to Pickett Fence today, no parking in 5 block radius! So they lost out on a sell. Needed to go grocery store, no parking in a 5 block radius. I am a full time resident and God forbid what' this mayor and council has done to this town. Just wait till Bluebird gets finished,. Shame on you! I

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From: peter tynberg <pltynberg@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 8:09 AM
To: Participate
Subject: For Public Comment at the 7/1/2024 City Council Meeting
Attachments: Assessment District for New Drainage Plan.rtf

Please include the remarks in the attachment below in the Public Comment Section for the City Council Meeting on 7/1/2024.

Thanks,
Peter Tynberg
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As communities develop over time problems arise and are usually dealt with as simply as possible. However occasionally long term consequences of those easy solutions do not become apparent until they become significant. The drainage plan for West Ketchum is an example of such a situation.

Over ninety years ago unwanted water from stormwater and snow melt needed to be disposed of in downtown Ketchum, and the simplest solution was to use culverts along and across streets to divert the water downhill towards the Big Wood River. When a property owner needed a permit the city required that the property owner accept an easement for the needed culvert. Over the past 90 years as more development occurred a system of culverts transported larger and larger amounts of unwanted water toward the Big Wood River. Federal and state laws prohibited this water being deposited directly into the Big Wood River because of possible contamination. Therefore, the system of culverts ended in depositing the water onto the properties that bordered the Big Wood River. The soil of these properties was intended to filter out the contaminants and thus clean the water before it ended in the river.

As water runs to lowest elevation that it can find, a large portion of this water ended on the three parcels on Wood River Drive with the lowest elevation. In the past 50 years these dry properties were turned into wetlands. As time goes on with further development in West Ketchum, this impaction of this wetlands with more unwanted water will only get worse. With further development containing more roads, more driveways, and more structures there will be less and less exposed soil to absorb the unwanted water. This will result in more water being deposited in this wetlands. The Ketchum treatment plant is unable to handle this additional load of unwanted water at present.

Thousands of parcels in West Ketchum are deriving benefit by disposing of their unwanted stormwater and snow melt. A new drainage plan for West Ketchum is sorely needed, and an assessment district composed of all the properties that will benefit from this plan is the proper solution.