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### **Council Chair Comments on Approval of Fiscal Year 2010 Budget**

The City will move forward with the Budget passed by the Council on June 10. The Budget Committee and the entire Council worked hard on completing a balanced budget.

“While I understand the Mayor’s disappointment in not obtaining his proposed \$3.59 residential rate; the Council’s effort to lower the tax burden on all residents, by approving a rate 17 cents lower than proposed, will result in a fair allocation of the City’s revenue needs. Like the Mayor, I would have preferred to have implemented some additional tax credit for homeowners,” stated Council Chair Todd Apo

The final budget does not create any additional pressure on next year’s budget, and assuredly it will not cause any additional shortfall for the 2011 budget.

“Clearly, the City will be faced with an even tighter budget next year. As we work through this year’s operations, both the Council and Mayor will examine how we can better operate city government to reduce the overall expenditures; while continuing to provide necessary and core public safety and city services.”

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