

AGENDA FOR THE SPECIAL FINANCE / POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TO BE HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM, CITY HALL,
ON THURSDAY, 2009-SEP-24, COMMENCING AT 3:00 P.M.

1. **CALL THE SPECIAL FINANCE / POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING TO ORDER:**
2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**
3. **MAYOR'S REPORT:** *(blue)*

(a) **Draft 2010 – 2014 Budget Priorities**

During two budget priority setting seminar sessions, Council has developed a list of the following 11 budget priorities:

1. maintain safe and adequate water supply and sewer services;
2. develop a strategy for increased energy self-sufficiency (including energy production);
3. economy/ability to pay, support green industry;
4. downtown hotel;
5. recreation facility replacement/sports recreation centre;
6. public transportation;
7. environmental protection;
8. growth management;
9. engage in long-term strategic planning;
10. public safety (police and fire protection);
11. create strong pride of place

The next step in the process would be for Council to consider formal approval and ratification of these priorities.

If approved, then Staff could be instructed to prepare the five year financial plan following the general direction provided by these priorities.

(These “new” budget priorities would not necessarily mean that existing City services that do not specifically address these priorities will be reduced. Emphasis will, however, be given to services and expenditures that help achieve the new priorities. The priorities are principle statements and not necessarily linked to direct new spending in any given year.)

Recommendation: *That Council:*

1. *ratify the 11 budget priorities listed above and instruct staff to prepare the 2010-2014 Financial Plan using these priorities as a general guide;*

AND:

2. *provide any other direction it desires in relation to the 2010 - 2014 Financial Plan.*

4. **QUESTION PERIOD:** *(Agenda Items Only)*

5. **ADJOURNMENT:**