

RESOLUTION R-5085

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND FINDING THAT SPECIAL CONDITIONS EXIST AND SUSPENDING THE RESERVE REPLENISHMENT PRINCIPLE RESTRICTING THE USE OF UNPLANNED FUNDS.

WHEREAS, in October 2011, the City Council passed Resolution R-4900 establishing Reserve Replenishment Principles; and

WHEREAS, one of the Reserve Replenishment Principles provides that once reserves reach 80 percent of target and the revenue stabilization reserve is at 100 percent of target, unplanned ending fund balances available at the end of the biennium may be used to meet other one time or ongoing needs; and

WHEREAS, one of the Reserve Replenishment Principles provides that once reserves reach 80 percent of target and the revenue stabilization reserve is at 100 percent of target, that 50% of unplanned ending fund balances be used for additional reserve replenishment and the remainder is available for other needs; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to use some of the available ending fund balances for one time needs during the 2015-2016 biennium; and

WHEREAS, projected reserve levels will pass 80% during the 2015-16 biennium; and

WHEREAS, the preliminary 2015-2016 Budget recommends using more than 50% of unplanned fund balances for one-time purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Reserve Replenishment Principles provide that the City Council may take action to suspend Reserve Replenishment Principles if the City Council finds that special conditions exist warranting such action; and

WHEREAS, the City Council makes the findings set forth below;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as follows:

Section 1. Findings.

- A. There is a need to continue the City Council practice of funding some programs with one-time funds, such as the ARCH Trust Fund, enhanced Human Services grants, and the Kirkland Performance Center, given the importance of these programs to the quality of life of the community, the discretionary nature of the funding levels and the absence of reliable ongoing resources for those purposes.

- B. A one-time revenue investment is needed to augment the Public Safety/Information Technology sinking funds which are critical to the health and well being of the community and the safe and reliable operations of the government.
- C. There is a need to use one-time funds to address some of the high priority recommendations from the recently completed Fire Strategic Plan and Standard of Cover Study, including siting a new fire station in north Kirkland, to enhance the public safety of the residents of the City.

Section 2. Suspension. Based upon the special conditions described in Section 1, "Findings," the City Council suspends the Reserve Replenishment Principle restricting the use of unplanned funds during the 2015-2016 biennium.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 9th day of December, 2014.

Signed in authentication thereof this 9th day of December, 2014.

  
MAYOR

Attest:

  
City Clerk