



## Talk with the Mayor

Tuesday February 11, 2015

Please join the Mayor at the  
State of the City Address  
7:00 p.m. Middleton High School  
Lecture Hall

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## 2015 State of the City by Mayor Darin Taylor

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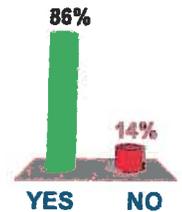
## Community Planning Meeting Responses:

Thank you to the residents who attended the community planning meeting on January 22, 2015 and voted on the direction the City is heading on growth, floodplain, grants, technology, police and library services. Voting was anonymous and results were displayed on-screen immediately.

### Question 1:

The City started its own police department and has four officers. **The City anticipates hiring two additional officers next fiscal year.** This would increase the police department budget in FY16 to about \$400,000. Money would come from reductions in other funds and would not increase real taxes.

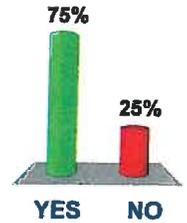
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### Question 2:

FEMA says there is floodplain along the Boise River, Mill Slough, and Willow Creek. Floodplains usually shift and expand. Some residents report flood insurance rates increasing to over \$1,000 per year, up 300-400%. **The City encourages growth and construction on higher ground.**

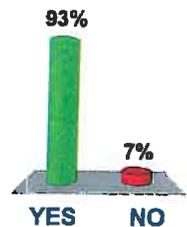
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### Question 3:

EPA sets standards in City permits allowing discharge of treated wastewater and storm water into the Boise River and Willow Creek. The City is in compliance and is investigating and investing in alternatives (like land-application, a treatment substation up-stream, etc.) that would minimize the volume of treated water discharged, and reduce the long-term cost to residents.

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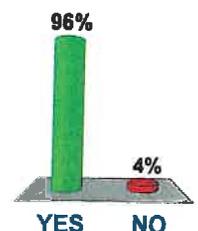
### Background information Question 4:

Phosphorus in the Boise River is a pollutant that EPA is seeking to reduce. The phosphorus limit for all Treasure Valley cities is 70 ug/l. Boise can discharge up to 770 ug/l on occasion or an average of 350 ug/l (five times the limit for other cities) if it constructs a facility at Dixie Drain to remove phosphorus.

### Question 4:

Boise's higher discharge of phosphorus into the river causes undesired conditions for aquatic life and human users as the river passes through Middleton. Middleton is appealing Boise's Dixie Drain Project. If the appeal is successful, Boise would remove phosphorus at its plants like other cities in the valley.

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## City Project Update

**Concord:** Road Reconstruction  
Status: Bid Opened January 28

**Concord:** Water Main Relocation  
Warrington Construction - low bidder \$85,425  
Status: Construction scheduled Feb 2015

**Concord:** Sewer Line Relocation  
Warrington Construction - low bidder \$19,545  
Status: Construction scheduled February 2015

**Waste Water Treatment Plant**  
Buildings over grit/screen system  
Ewing Construction - low bidder \$324,800  
Status: Walls being erected

**Trolley Station Annex**  
Status: Sheetrock, electrical, plumbing, cabinet installation

**Middleton Place Park Restrooms**  
Status: 90% complete  
Open in spring 2015

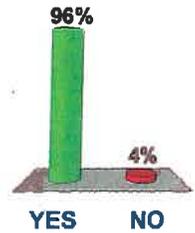
**Walking/Biking Trail**  
The eight-foot asphalt trail will be constructed to connect Roadside Park with Middleton Place Park along the north side of State Highway 44. The trail will also provide a half-mile trail inside Middleton Place Park.  
Status: Design/Survey  
80% funded by Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation grant

## Community Planning Meeting-continued

### Question 5:

The City recognizes the need for high speed data transmission for individuals and businesses. One of the primary advantages of fiber is its ability to support very high data speeds. This allows for not only faster internet connections, but enables one strand of fiber to carry data, voice and television signals simultaneously without affecting each other. The City is installing underground conduit for fiber-optics along main roads.

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### Background information for Question 6:

*Prior to 2012, the City requested a 3% increase in real property tax dollars from the county each year, in addition to taxes received from new construction.*

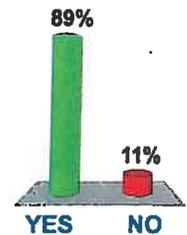
**The City did not take the 3% tax increase allowed by state law in 2012 or 2013, keeping taxes low for residents.**

*Idaho Code 63-802 limits the amount of real property tax dollars a city or county can request to three percent of the highest amount requested during the preceding three years.*

### Question 6:

The City's fiscal policy is to not increase real property taxes paid by existing residents except a three percent (3%) increase every third year in accord with Idaho Code, as the City did in 2014.

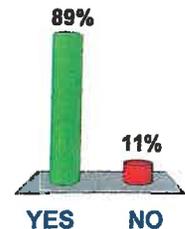
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### Question 7:

The City has the following funds: water, sewer, garbage, streets, and general fund (administration, building, library, parks and police). State law requires water fund revenue be used to pay water system expenses, and the same with the sewer fund. The City is using sewer revenue to pay-off early the approximately \$3.8 million debt incurred to build the sewer plant.

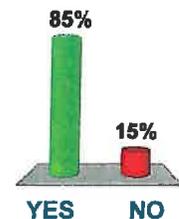
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### Question 8:

The City is planning to acquire easements to construct a 12 mile walking-biking trail throughout Middleton. This project is in the 5-10 year plan.

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## City Reports

### Middleton Police Department Calls

Month	Code Enforcement	Community	Drug Offense	Juvenile	Persons Crime	Property Crime	Public Offense	Traffic	Other/911	TOTAL
December	1	37	4	10	14	18		5	48	155

### Sentenced Misdemeanors

Month	Code Enforcement	Community	Drug Offense	Juvenile	Persons Crime	Property Crime	Public Offense	Traffic	Other	TOTAL
October 2014			1		2			2		5
November 2014			2		2	1	1	2	1PV	9
December 2014			1		1			8	1PV	11

### Fund Report FY15 - Ending 12-31-2014

	Budgeted	Expenditures	Proposed Budget Increase	% Remaining	Cash Balance
<b>General Fund</b>					
Admin	\$475,852	\$80,366		83%	\$312,935
Building	\$244,705	\$386,253	\$400,000	40%	
Library	\$718,321	\$64,509		91%	\$264,503
Parks	\$952,113	\$67,384		93%	\$360,649
Police	\$110,000	\$109,217	\$290,000	70%	
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$2,500,991</b>	<b>\$707,728</b>	<b>\$690,000</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>\$938,087</b>
Garbage Fund	\$515,545	\$79,909		85%	\$175,177
Sewer Fund	\$1,752,378	\$303,408		83%	\$1,686,551
Street Fund	\$2,006,358	\$491,878	\$200,000	78%	\$284,134
Water Fund	\$805,428	\$131,286		84%	\$2,211,321
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$7,580,700</b>	<b>\$1,026,492</b>	<b>\$890,000</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>\$5,295,271</b>

## Local Government Leadership

The City of Middleton is made up of many different governing districts. It is important to understand that different districts have different leadership, rules, regulations and taxing abilities. This information should help when you have questions. Each of these districts has open meetings that can be attended to understand issues and provide input.

### City of Middleton - 585-3133

City Council meetings: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., City Hall. The City owns and manages the police department, library, city water and sewer systems, streets and drains and, the following parks: Roadside Park, Centennial Grove, Middleton Place Park, Piccadilly Park.

### Cemetery District - 585-9394

Cemetery Board Meetings: 2nd Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the Cemetery District Office. Owns and manages the Middleton Cemetery.

### Middleton School District - 585-3027

School Board Meetings: 2nd Monday at the School District Office 6:15 p.m. Owns and manages all public schools in the Middleton area.

### Fire District - 585-6650

Fire Board Meetings: 2nd Monday at the Fire Station. Owns and manages Middleton Rule Fire District.

### Greater Middleton Park & Rec. District - 585-3461

Park & Rec Board meetings: 1st Thursday at the park and rec. office on 310 N. Hawthorne. Owns and manages Hawthorne Park, Foote Park and Ed Payne Park.

### Urban Renewal District - 585-3461

Urban Renewal Meetings: 4th Tuesday at 310 N. Hawthorne. Implements the Urban Renewal Plan.



Emergency 911  
Non-Emergency Phone  
208-585-0008

## February Calendar

<b>City Council</b> 6:30 p.m. City Hall	Feb 4
<b>State of the City</b> 7:00 p.m. MHS Lecture Hall	Feb 11
<b>City Council</b> 6:30 p.m. City Hall Public Hearing - Budget Amendment	Feb 18
<b>Planning and Zoning</b> 7:00 p.m. City Hall	Feb 23

## Community Planning Meeting - continued

### Background information Question 9:

Since 2012, the City has received over \$1 million in grants to help fund park amenities, trails, sidewalks, street design, a park & ride lot, and bus shelters.

These grants have criteria that must be met by the City when applying for and implementing the grant funds. The only long-term restriction is maintenance, which the City would do anyway.

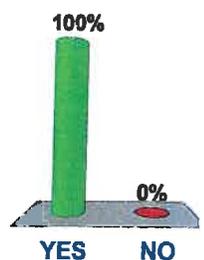
The Land and Water Conservation Fund requires that a park remain a public park in perpetuity as a condition of receiving funds.

There are no other long-term regulations, conditions or obligations.

### Question 9:

The City would like to continue seeking grants.

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### Question 10:

Please rank the following priorities for the Middleton Public Library.

1=Most important to you, and 7=Least important to you.

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|--|---|
| 1. Attend children's programs .....              | 2 |
| 2. Check out teen/children's materials .....     | 1 |
| 3. Check out adult materials .....               | 7 |
| 4. Read and relax in a comfortable setting ..... | 4 |
| 5. Attend family events .....                    | 3 |
| 6. Use public computers .....                    | 5 |
| 7. Purchase used books .....                     | 6 |

Rank