


AGENDA
TROUTDALE CITY COUNCIL
7:00 P.M. -- City Council Chambers
104 S.E. Kibling
TROUTDALE CITY HALL

July 27, 1982

- (A) 1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Agenda Update: **Mayor**
- (A) 2. Consent Agenda:
 - 2.1 **Accept:** Minutes of 7/13/82 Regular Session
 - 2.2 **Accept:** Minutes of 7/21/82 Special Session
- (A) 3. **Address:** General Engineering Services Contract
Lee Engineering, Inc.
- (A) 4. **Status Report:** Downtown Parking and Loading Zones
- (A) 5. **ORDINANCE:** Commercial and Residential Alarm
- (A) 6. **Authorize:** Awarding of Bids on Frontage Road Pump Station
Lee Engineering, Inc.
- (I) 7. **Discussion:** Janis Youth Programs, Inc.
- (I) 8. **Discussion:** Tax Amusement Devices -- Blumenauer Letter
- (A) 9. Council Concerns and Initiatives
- (A) 10. Oral Communications and Adjournment



R. M. Sturges, MAYOR

(A) = Action Item
(I) = Informational Item

MINUTES
TROUTDALE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 27, 1982 - 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Sturges called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL :

PRESENT : Dalton Williams, Helen Althaus, Mayor Sturges, Frank Kaiser and Dan Lowe arrived at 7:05 P.M.
ABSENT : Sam Cox and Chuck Blanchard were excused absences
STAFF : Pam Christian, Nancy Nixon, George Haddock, Brian Freeman, Dave and Duane Lee and Lois Howell-Jessee
PRESS : Lori Callister from the Gresham Outlook and Joyce Wydrzynski from the Oregonian
GUESTS : Alfred Newman, Robert Johnson, Jolene Geates-Johnson, Thomas Clapper, Marlene Harwell, Dennis Schmitz, Paul Van Ry, Jim Jensen, Karen Tester, Eugene Bui, Tony Buzzard, Kathy Mahaffy-Dietrich and Bill Whisenant

AGENDA UPDATE

Mayor Sturges asked for an agenda update. Pam Christian indicated that agenda item #7 & #8 were information items only. She requested that council please review the material for further discussion at a later date. Also, agenda item #5 will be pulled from tonight's agenda as it is not yet ready to be acted upon.

Mayor Sturges said that because of the citizens being so upset about the street lights being turned off he would be allowing anyone at tonight's meeting a chance to be heard concerning the same.

AGENDA ITEM #2 - CONSENT AGENDA

- 2.1 : Acceptance of minutes of 7-13-82 regular session
- 2.2 : Acceptance of minutes of 7-21-82 special session

Dalton Williams made a motion to accept the consent agenda items 2.1 and 2.2. Frank Kaiser seconded the motion. Yeas 3 Nays 0.

AGENDA ITEM #4 - STATUS REPORT: DOWNTOWN PARKING AND LOADING ZONES

Pam Christian indicated that Scott Pemble had a meeting this evening so was unable to attend. If there were any questions concerning this status report she would be more than happy to answer them. Mayor Sturges asked Bill Whisenant if he had any comments? Mr. Whisenant replied that he had none.

Dan Lowe arrived at 7:05 P.M.

AGENDA ITEM #3 - ADDRESS: GENERAL ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT LEE ENGINEERING, INC.

Pam Christian voiced that Lee Engineering had not arrived yet so we should probably move on to the Street Lighting issue. It was so agreed.

STREET LIGHTING ISSUE

Mayor Sturges read a statement for the record. It read as follows: I am aware that there are those among you who are frustrated with the recent events in this City. Namely, the turning off of street lighting. If you will please bear with me for a few moments, I would like to take this opportunity to explain to you the method by which this City arrives at the budget, and what, if anything can be done about effecting a change at this late date. The operations of this, your City, is much like any large business, except for the fact that we cannot operate as a profit making organization, and we must conform to guidelines imposed upon us by the State government. Contrary to some public beliefs, no one on this Council, this budget committee, or our planning commission, design review board and other various committees received remuneration, with the single exception of myself. I do receive \$200 per month for time spent in City Business; over and above that spent in Council meetings. Computed out at \$5.00 per hour, for an average of 40 hours per month. In the entire State of Oregon, there are only two full time paid mayors, those of the City of Portland and Beaverton. So, no one up here, to whom you will be addressing your complaints, will be receiving remuneration for the abuses you may wish to impose upon them. The budget process is lengthy, with the various departments submitting their draft of requirements for the following year. Each department head is called upon to carefully explain the needs of their departments. The budget committee then must weed out those costs they feel are unnecessary, inflationary, or can be done without. And, by the same token, add to any program they sense is underfunded. By law, the Council cannot vary by more than 10% the budget proposed by the budget committee. To accuse our Staff of "playing games" with the budget, is a gross misjustice. The Staff only administers, not legislates. Street lighting has been supported by a Serial Levy which expired on July 1st, necessitating that continued funding would have to be tax supported. This was clearly indicated to the voters and it was the choice of the majority that such action take place. Admittedly, the voter turnout was light, but given the economic situation of these times; and the fact that virtually every tax measure has failed at the polls throughout this state, the budget committee chose not to resubmit the budget, but to stay within the confines of the present budget plus 6% as allowed by State law. The question is, If you wish the lights to stay on, where do we get the money? We cannot go back to the voters, so we must unfund some other program. Do we pull funds from the Street Fund? They are bare bones already! Do we pull funds from the Police Department? Executive Department? Planning? Frankly, I don't think so. I have studied the budget and I see only three (3) possible ways we can continue funding the lights. One is to not fund the street repairs on Sandy. This isn't wise, as in the winter when we have ice and snow no one could get up and down the hills in this City. And, should we have a fire down here, the fire department couldn't function either! The other options are to lay three or four people off, or to cut the entire staff down to a three and one-half or

four day work week. Inasmuch as there are no capital improvements, or expenditures in this budget, there is no where else we can cut except contingency, and that is very risky. Consider also, for the moment that we will have the 1½% tax limitation initiative on the ballot in November. It is a sure bet to pass! We will then have to restructure the City to enable us to function with the severe cut backs in every department, and in everything we do! Or, we can consider terminating as a City and opting to go County At-Large. I, however, believe we can cope with this when it happens, if everyone will accept the changes that will have to be made. We will then have to reconsider the functions of a City and restructure the entire organization, to deal with the severe cut-backs in every department that will be required.

Dave and Duane Lee from Lee Engineering, Inc. arrived at 7:10 P.M.

Mayor Sturges after reading his statement indicated to the people in the audience if they had a desire to speak to the council, please sign in with your name and address and when your name is called come forward and speak your peace.

It was decided to first address agenda item #3 before addressing the street lighting issue.

AGENDA ITEM #3 - ADDRESS: GENERAL ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT LEE ENGINEERING, INC.

Nancy Nixon told council that last November this issue first came up. At that time, Allen Perkins, Lee Engineering and Brian Freeman were to work together to try and reach a compromise. A tentative compromise was reached with the condition that the agreement come back before council in July 1982. Duane Lee told council he felt that considering the circumstances (financially) we should leave the rate schedule on the agreement right where it is and continue to work with the compromised rate schedule established last November. He did want to point out that he is not making much of a profit. He voiced that last year his unaudited profit was \$1,348.00. However, everyone is experiencing a tightening of the belt so he felt that it was best to continue with the compromised hourly rate schedule.

The compromised hourly rate schedule is as follows: Principal of Firm - \$40.00; Professional Associate - \$30.00; Project Engineer - \$26.00; Design Engineer - \$22.00; Senior Draftsman, Tech - \$18.00; Intermediate Draftsman - \$16.00; Junior Draftsman - \$14.00 and Secretarial - \$14.00.

Frank Kaiser made a motion to accept the compromised agreement for engineering services with Lee Engineering, Inc. and to extend it for 6 months. Dalton Williams seconded the motion. Yeas 4 Nays 0.

AGENDA ITEM #6 - AUTHORIZE: AWARDING OF BIDS ON FRONTAGE ROAD PUMP STATION, LEE ENGINEERING, INC.

Dave Lee told council that the bids were opened last Thursday, July 22, 1982. There were 6 contractors who bid on the project. The bids are much higher

than the estimated amount for the project which was \$10,500. The low bid was \$38,605. Dave indicated he talked with contractors to find out why the bids were so high. After talking with them he found out that there was a lot of confusion on their part regarding the project itself. There was a concern about the high water table and the history of the difficulties experienced by the original contractors back in 1972. Dave voiced that by modifying some of the specifications that a savings could result. Also, by working closely with the contractor, his subcontractors and suppliers he felt that the quoted price could be reduced by approximately \$4,000. In addition, he expressed that perhaps the City crews could help assist in certain areas regarding the lift station construction. Dave Lee recommended to council that they award the contract to Bill Booker with the stipulation that Lee Engineering enter into negotiations with the contractor so that the contract amount shall not exceed \$32,000 for both Schedule A force Main and Schedule B Lift Station.

Dalton Williams made a motion to accept the low bidder, Bill Booker, and to allow Lee Engineering to negotiate further with the contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, PGE, etc. in order to get the cost estimates down. Frank Kaiser seconded the motion. Yeas 4 Nays 0.

STREET LIGHTING ISSUE

Mayor Sturges indicated that we would address this issue now. He also said that he had requested that the Budget Committee attend tonight so they could answer any questions. The members in attendance are: Eugene Bui, Tony Buzzard, Kathy Mahaffy-Dietrich and Bill Whisenant. Nancy Nixon called the first name on the list.

Marlene Harwell - I'm very concerned with the lights being turned off and I did vote. I feel that with the street lights off it is a lot less safe for my 10 year old daughter to come home at night. Also, I feel that there should have been someplace else to find that money in order to keep the street lights on. If you didn't vote yes I don't feel the only alternative was to turn off the street lights. Something else should have been offered like the neighborhood paying to keep the lights on. All of my neighbors are more than willing to spend several \$ a month to keep them on. Perhaps, sell the street cleaning machine that we never see. We moved into this neighborhood because of the location of the school, street lights (safety factor) and when you come into the City via Stark, it's extremely dark and wait until winter it is going to be really bad. Several people have put in halogen lights and we're considering that also but we don't want to go to the expense until we find out if we're going to have to be paying something else too. What does incorporating into the County mean? Does it mean we'll get our street lights back on?

Mayor Sturges - It means we'll no longer be a City.

Marlene Harwell - Will we get our street lights back on?

Frank Kaiser - That will be up to the County.

Marlene Harwell - Then we don't know. If it means that the police not check

for vacation checks and make our neighbors do it, fine. It's also going to be harder to re-sell your house when the people find out we don't have street lights.

At this point Robert Johnson wanted some rebuttal comments from the Budget Committee.

Mayor Sturges indicated that rebuttal comments would be given after everyone was afforded an opportunity to speak.

Dalton Williams - The street cleaning machine was dropped entirely from the budget and we are now using a rehabilitated machine that cost us \$1,500 to keep going. Also, house checks are part of the routine patrol effort that our police provide.

Alfred Newman - You say routine patrol. I haven't seen anyone in my area for along time. There haven't been any patrol cars coming down my street, which is Laura Court, outside of having them park on corners up on Stark and 257th waiting to give somebody a ticket.

Dennis Schmitz - I feel pretty much as the first speaker. I have spoke with the engineer with Multnomah County in charge of street lighting and he said it was entirely possible to annex the street lighting system of Troutdale to the lighting system of Multnomah County at the expense of \$40.00 per household. It has nothing to do with dissolving or incorporating the City.

Mayor Sturges - That's long range.

Dennis Schmitz - I would much rather pay \$40.00 a year on my property taxes than the \$300 to \$400 that passing that levy would have imposed upon me.

Dalton Williams - I would like all of you to remember that the \$40.00 per household that was quoted by the County is a very important point relative to what you get for that \$40.00. I will expand upon that and talk about what the costs for the City to provide that same service are a little later.

Dennis Schmitz - It seems to me that the money spent (\$10,000) to turn the lights off and maybe \$10,000 to turn them back on could have been more widely used in providing lighting in the interim of the changing of the authorities.

Mayor Sturges - Initially when the lights were programmed to go off and they didn't go off, we got numerous calls from people who were wondering why the street lights weren't turned off. Then as it started to change around, people came back and said we don't want this to happen. I asked Pam to get ahold of PGE to try to put a stop to it to permit us to have a little bit more leeway to see if we couldn't find a solution by perhaps compromising something else. But by this time PGE had already started. The net savings is about \$50,000.

Dennis Schmitz - I feel that it would cost less to work with the County rather than the City. I'm concerned about the absence of the street lights as a serious hindrance to the welfare of the citizens of Troutdale.

Robert Johnson - I have a petition I'd like to give to council which

represents about 83% of the Fairfax Heights Homeowner's Association to have the lights turned back on. He wanted to know how much it would cost? They have seven lights in their cul-de-sac.

Pam Christian - We have to request that to PGE. But we have to have council make the decision if they're willing to act as the intermediary between the homeowner's and PGE because PGE has told the City that they will not bill on an individual basis.

Tony Buzzard - I want to know if it would be possible for the Homeowner's Association to work with PGE to get the lights back on?

Nancy Nixon - There wasn't anyway because homeowner groups and individual people would be excluded.

Robert Johnson - I have called PGE and they indicated that people would have to work with the City. This would mean that the City will be billed and then the City would have to bill the citizens.

Mayor Sturges - I want to know if there is a possible problem there with getting money from the neighborhoods?

Robert Johnson - I have 83% of the neighbors approval to pay for the street lights no matter how it was worked just in order to have the lights back on. Also, I would like to reserve some questions for Budget Committee members when they talk.

Alfred Newman - I have been a citizen of Troutdale for 5 years, I'm an ex-Marine and an irate citizen. I'm extremely concerned about the women being out in the dark streets at night. It's up to you folks to get together and get these lights back on. Whatever problems you have with your budget, it's up to you to work out. You've misappropriated your money. You put it in the wrong place. Our homeowner's association is chartered with the State. I would think you people would have to budget the money to keep the lights going for your own families protection as well as ours. I have recommended to my neighbors to get a large dog and a gun in order to protect themselves. Also, as a taxpayer voting on this past levy election I refuse to give the City a blank check. Everytime you have an appropriation we have a vote and you want money. There's no guarantee that we're going to give it to you. If you look at all the appropriations of all of the things turned down in the State of Oregon, it's got to be. I feel that the City needs to re-budget the money and get the street lights back on.

Pam Christian - The City of Scappoose is right now turning their lights back on after having them off for a year and during the course of that year there was not a higher rate of crime in the area.

Alfred Newman - On Laura Court, 2 weeks ago, we had 2 robberies.

Dalton Williams - Were the street lights on?

Alfred Newman - Yes

Dalton Williams - Maybe if they were off, you wouldn't have had the robberies.

Robert Johnson - Why were the street lights turned back on in Scappoose?

George Haddock - The people wanted it. There was a perception of fear that went through the community but statistically there's no appreciable change in the level of reported crime. They did have a higher level of calls on prowlers but that ended after awhile.

Alfred Newman - Are you Chief Haddock?

George Haddock - Yes

Alfred Newman - You've been here 3 years this month?

George Haddock - A little over 3 years

Alfred Newman - I talked to you once on the phone but you haven't made your presence too well known in the area since you've been up here and as far as I'm concerned we've had less patrolling within the area since you've been here than we had before. I've come down to the office to talk with you but was told that you have Fridays & Saturdays off.

George Haddock - So, I can work Sundays

Alfred Newman - I'll be in to see you again.

Paul Van Ry - Whether it is just a security blanket that people like or not that really doesn't matter. Everybody knows how people feel about lighting. Everybody is concerned. As the Chief said it probably is just a security blanket but it's something people like. What would be the possibility of having an election on one issue and why was the lighting lumped with everything else when it was a specialized issue?

Jim Jensen - I'm presenting a Petition from the citizens in Hickland Court to have their lights back on. We've been in quite a bit of contact with Pam Christian and PGE as well. I don't think I need to repeat the danger on roads particularly Troutdale Road and Stark at night. I will make mention of the fact that we're alot closer with our neighbors because we're having to watch each others houses these days. I do feel that there has been adequate police coverage. I want to know, after information obtained from Pam, the average cost for one street light which is at the end of the cul-de-sac on my property? I believe it is roughly \$100.00 a year or approximately \$8.12 a month. The five houses at the end of the cul-de-sac have agreed to in effect pick up the tab to pay for this. This presents a couple of problems: (1) Difficulty that you, the City, would have with billing of individual homes or homeowner's association on a monthly basis. This would be a horrendous problem. What we would like to propose is this: Depending approval by the Budget Committee as well as the City Council, we would like to give the City a check for one year's usage of that light which would eliminate the need for monthly billings. At the same time, to have the City consider or at least explain to me why we could not have, possibly through a vote or mandate however you want to do it, the lights incorporated in with our bi-monthly billing of water and sewer which is all on computer

now, it's at a set rate and I think it could be done. I don't think anybody in here regardless of how angry we are, feel that you and the Budget Committee have not done everything you can for our interests because you are all citizens here too. We would like to work with you, we're trying to find an answer so right now we need some guidance from you. Do we present this to the Budget Committee? Can you give them direction to go at this, or what?

Mayor Sturges - I think that depends on Eugene Bui after he listens to us tonight and if he feels inclined to ask the Budget Committee to come back into a meeting that's the proper procedure.

Nancy Nixon - It depends on what you are going to be discussing with the Budget Committee. If it's going to increase appropriations in any fund then, yes, we would have to reconvene the Budget Committee.

Frank Kaiser - What would happen if we don't increase but just change?

Nancy Nixon - You are talking about Street Lighting and that would be an increase in the Street Lighting Fund.

Jim Jensen - Would it be an increase if we paid it to the City?

Nancy Nixon - I think we could get around that.

Mayor Sturges - I think what he is getting at is he is in favor of a street lighting levy which we have had before.

Nancy Nixon - We have had two serial levies, one was for four years and one was for three years, they both expired on June 30, 1982. One was for arterial lights and one was for neighborhood lights.

Jim Jensen asked for a clarification - I'm not asking right now for anybody to decide on a levy for the lights it's simply a suggestion that that one item, the lights which are of vital interest to us, possibly down the road, after consideration by whoever is necessary to make that decision, would be possibly incorporated with our bi-monthly bills. Right now all I am suggesting or requesting is the approval of the council and this would not increase the appropriation of any sort to let us in effect buy the light, rent the light, lease the light from the City for one year and this would eliminate any need for bookkeeping unless my check bounces and at that time you can turn the lights back off. It's a solution that we would like to present to you.

Bill Whisenant - From the Budget Committee's standpoint, are we each going to be given a chance to speak?

Eugene Bui - I don't have any problems with anyone else speaking.

Dalton Williams - I want to know the amount of the levy that had previously supported Street Lights?

Nancy Nixon - In 81-82 it was approximately \$35,000. That was the annual tax levy. There were some other revenues coming into those funds. We had

budgeted approximately \$65,400 last year for street lights.

Dalton Williams - Did we spend that much? Also, did we have an average population of 3.5 people per household?

Nancy Nixon - That sounded close but I'm not sure.

Dalton Williams - Working with the \$40.00 figure given earlier the cost for the County comes to \$70,857.00 which is in excess of what we, the City, charge for that same service.

Helen Althaus - Wanted to know if Nancy would explain the advantages to the taxpayer in not having a separate levy for anything.

Nancy Nixon - It is to the advantage of the taxpayers of the City of Troutdale not to have operating serial levies because that amount which is on a serial levy is not eligible for any State tax relief. It's only that which is within the tax base that's eligible and that was one reason that Staff recommended to the Budget Committee that rather than going for our renewal of the serial levy that it be incorporated within the general operating levy in order for the taxpayers to enjoy the full benefit of whatever tax relief is available.

Dennis Schmitz - That's tax relief the taxpayer pays so what difference does it make?

Tony Buzzard - You're right, you are paying that. Call it a rebate program or whatever but by us including a serial levy in the general operating levy of the City you gain that much more potential to get money back out of the State and rebate where if it is not then you're only allowed to get your rebate on the operating fund. A comment was made that the City was blackmailing the people. Tony Buzzard said that the Budget Committee went in and cut all of the capital improvements out. All this budget was that we presented to the council and recommended to the voters was the budget we had previously with the addition of serial levies that were added on that went out July 1, 1982. I ran the ad campaign on this and I purposely did not go out with an ad campaign if you don't vote for this you're going to lose your street lighting. The reason I didn't do that is because I'm like most of you in the audience it makes me so damn mad I want to strangle somebody and I vote no so that is why you saw no ads, no fliers, nothing put out that said that type of thing. The ad was very simple, we did our job now it's up to the voters and unfortunately we had a miserable voters turn out and the people flat didn't vote.

Paul Van Ry - It's been obvious for along time, at least for a year, that property tax relief is dying and it's getting sicker by the day and it's that way because people lump it in with levies. Now, all we're interested in in this issue is paying for the lighting, that's all we want to do, we're not asking for anybody else to pay for Troutdale's lighting. We're willing to pay for our own lighting, that's what we are here for. Not property tax relief.

Jim Jensen - You said that if street lighting was separate from the

operating levy that regardless of the current or future status of the relief program, it would be ineligible for the possible state assistance. However, is it not correct that both the sewer system and the public water are directly or indirectly assisted by State Funds?

Nancy Nixon - That is not true. They are solely paid by the City of Troutdale.

Alfred Newman - Mr. Mayor, this gentleman so stated that it looked like we had such a bad turnout of 350 or whatever out of 2900 registered voters in Troutdale. What would it take to have another election for this one purpose of the lights which seems to be so critical for everybody's welfare?

Nancy Nixon - We cannot go for another levy this year. Once taxes have been levied and they were required to be levied by the 15th of July, 1982, unless we had at that point planned on another levy, we can't go back again and increase taxes.

Alfred Newman - Do we have to wait a year before this is going to come around again? So, we're going to anticipate if we have some fatalities here in Troutdale, instead of us appropriating money for the lights, that's what's going to happen. I'm not worried about me but I'm worried about the females.

Mayor Sturges - We can go back but the only thing that they could consider doing is unfund something else. There are no capital improvements so now you're down to really the basics of how many people do you let go. What departments can you let people go because there are no capital improvements? We chopped out the street sweeper in order to have the funds to repair Sandy Street. Sandy has to be repaired between now and the time that we have bad weather.

Karen Tester - I guess I feel that basically what we as citizens of Troutdale want to know is we can't have a levy, we can't have an election for a year so we need to know what we can do right now in order to get our street lights turned on. Where is Scappoose? What I don't understand is that Scappoose is a 5000 population City, 40 miles from Portland, most criminals from Portland probably don't get the urge to drive 40 miles just to rob a house but they will come to Troutdale. I think comparing Troutdale with Scappoose in our situation where we're closer to wonderful places like Rocky Butte where people seem to run away at a moments notice is a little different to Scappoose and to compare us to them in a years time to think that our crime rate won't go up is not realistic. I live in Sweetbriar, we get a letter every month and there are never less than 7 reported crimes in our one little community and there are 450 houses here. I couldn't give you the statistics basically as to what that breaks down into a crime rate but I know that it's not wonderful. We've had two calls, two serious complaints on Helena Court already since the street lights have been out. The police have been out there for fire bombs and people breaking into cars. It's just a little scary. A couple of years ago when street lights were going to be turned off we formed in Sweetbriar little mini service districts that we paid for to keep our lights on. Sweetbriar has our lights on in our greenway so obviously Sweetbriar's homeowner Association has contracted with PGE to keep those

lights on. So as a Homeowner's Association, can't we go ahead and do that for our street lights?

Pam Christian - What she is talking about is that they can show that they have the legal authority to assess the property and obviously Homeowner's Association do if they are chartered.

Jim Jensen - A couple of things that were brought up, (1) Scappoose, a lot of people don't know where Troutdale is and if you haven't been to Scappoose, you haven't missed much. Troutdale is basically, unfortunately, still a bedroom community for Portland. Speaking strictly from experience on this, Stark Street and Troutdale Road without lights are terrible. The kids are out of school right now and I hope that I speak as the only person in this entire room that's ever had the opportunity, for lack of any other word, of hitting a pedestrian at night. Fortunately, the person was not too terribly injured, dark night, dark clothes, long dark hair, drunk and this didn't make a damn bit of difference I'll tell you cause it still give me nightmares and that was 10 years ago. You drive down Stark Street now particularly and you get some kid on his bicycle, even if he has those reflectors on it, and you can't see them. You've got a problem, we cannot vote on a new levy until next year. That's not your dictates, that's State law. We've got Homeowner's groups in Sweetbriar and Fairfax Heights that have the legal authority to possibly assess, we've got groups like my cul-de-sac that would like to have the opportunity to take it over. What it is right now and it boils down to this more than anything else, we've got to get some lights on, even if it is a sporadic cul-de-sac or someplace along down there before anybody else in this room can talk about what it feels like to hit somebody in their car, whether or not it's your fault. I know coming down Stark Street, it's terrible. On my cul-de-sac we have half a dozen tiny little kids and at night the parents are out there but it is still awfully darn hard to see. And more than trying to protect the 12 and 13 year olds, let's look at the 2 and 3 year olds that are out there playing. That's what we want to do.

Dan Lowe felt that this was now the time for the Budget Committee to give their opinions.

Kathy Mahaffy-Dietrich - I am a member of this Budget Committee and also have been a nurse for a number of years so when you're talking safety, you're talking to me because I've worked in the emergency rooms. Also, where I lived for a year and a half in a third world country people had cars and no one had lights and half the people who had cars didn't even have lights on the cars and yet there wasn't that big of a injury or death rate due to accidents. But believe me they had no idea what law and safety in traffic was all about. I'd like to go on if I could and answer the first persons question: What can you do to save money? That's about \$50,000 that we needed to come up with, that's an awful lot of money and that's a big lump sum to look at for a year. It was our impression when we looked at that budget, and we kept cutting and kept cutting and we knew that when the different department heads came in they had already come in with no increases from last year and we were asking them to cut back even more. I'm not sure how I can answer your question any further. I'm more than willing to listen to your solutions to the problem, I ask you to take a look at the budget and

tell me what they would be from your standpoint. I think you have an awfully lot of people who worked on that budget who were as concerned as you are, who have lived here as long as you have, who have families, children, cats and dogs that they are concerned about and they know that street lights will help, obviously will help people see better and we couldn't find any other way to cut. When it comes to annexing lighting to the County at \$40.00 a house a year on the average a house in the City of Troutdale ranges maybe in assessed valuation \$75,000, on the average, so there are going to be some that are more and some that are less. What we asked for in that levy was \$1.00 per \$1,000 more a year. So most people that we are talking about we were asking for \$70.00 a year more which in addition to taking care of street lights for a year we would have been able to afford you some long term planning for this City, that and a few more policemen or at least one sargeant and another person on the beach for the summer and some other things that people had said they wanted done along with some capital improvements which are overdue. You are all aware East County and how life is not real easy out here for owning a house. I hear tonight one possible solution. I believe it was one association that said that they would be willing to put that up front and if we could pay it for a year in advance to PGE I think that would be great and I see that as a possible solution. But I think that I can understand your frustrations I look at the people that served on the Budget Committee and they are all citizens and for whatever reason they are concerned and they wanted to take part in this City's government, however small or hokey this little City may seem to alot of people. There was concern just like the concern you are showing tonight and I think that I wanted to let you know that we didn't take this lightly. We had people who served on police departments that looked at the police budget and said I don't think you need this or I think we ought to reevaluate whether you need a new car this year, can't you get one from the State this year, can't you get one at a reduced rate or can't you consider keeping the others together for another year. Some of the city council members are machinists and had great ways to bail wire and chew gum things back together and they are going to work another year because of that. I can understand your frustration but I just hope that you understand that this wasn't done lightly, there was no threat of blackmail, it wasn't if you don't pass this then by God we're going to get our noses out of joint and turn off your lights, because they are our lights too.

Bill Whisenant - I was on the Budget Committee too and when the election was defeated we came back the next night and we were given three choices, to go back to the same amount of money; go back to the reduced amount of money or don't go back at all. I thought, maybe I was asleep, I found this out later, I thought if we voted not to go back we would come back as a Budget Committee and start looking at it again. I didn't realize, myself, I guess I was the only Budget Committee member that didn't realize, that what was up on that board was what was going to be cut. I asked that night if the City staff was going to go back to the different administrators, different department heads and get what they wanted cut or whatever, and they said yes they were going to go back to each department head. I thought we would come back again and figure out what we were going to cut after that. I still think wherever it can, it has to be cut. I think the street lights can be left in and other stuff cut out. It's not easy to do, if you have to cut jobs, I'm sorry but that's the way it is but I feel that there was something that should have been done besides that. We met that one night and that was it. We didn't

discuss anymore about that and I feel that something was haywire there. Maybe it was just me, I wasn't listening or whatever, I don't know, but I sure feel that way.

Eugene Bui - I appreciate your coming. As it's already been told in numerous different ways, we are citizens like you, some of us are out of work like you and some of us are not. We had the opportunity as Bill said at that last meeting to determine what to do, cut down on the service delivery to go back to you with a reduced budget, to go back to you with the same budget. About the same time we were having that meeting we found in trying to talk about putting the lights out in the special levy that there was a high delinquency rate all of a sudden in the last few months of people not paying their water bills and that delinquency rate was a concern to the City because that revenue has a lot to do with balancing how that fund functions. I would just like to say to you that I feel that we are all in this together and I would like to recommend to the council and as the chairman of the Budget Committee is no special demigod, I have no special credentials to be chairman, I am a citizen like you and any of you are welcome to apply to be on the Budget Committee, there are always openings. It was very tedious we worked at it for approximately 5 months, 2 and 3 nights a week down here at City Hall. They were public meetings and announced. We cut over \$300,000 I might add out of that budget that was allegedly a bare bones budget that came into us. By law we are mandated to provide certain services, this is not a pleasant statement, but regrettably street lights are something that we can provide. It is something that when you get down to just \$1.00 in your hand as the saying goes, it is not a must. And when the committee looked at that action as a group they decided to not go back to the people for an election. I do feel though that this concerned the citizens and I have felt this all along, I would like to ask the Mayor and the Council to consider reconvening the Budget Committee and invite these people who are here that I wish you had had the opportunity to be here during those 5 months and ask that you reconvene the Budget Committee. I think there could be some alternatives if you look hard. I don't know what they are, it's a very thick document and we need to look at it but I think the community is telling us that and I would so request that you order us back into session and announce a public meeting so that these people could come and we could put our heads together.

Jolene Geates-Johnson - My concern was the way it was presented to the media. The next day, our Acting City Administrator, it said right in the paper that they would turn off our street lights immediately and also two paragraphs later it talked about them not having adequate coverage from our police force. That came out several times since the 18th, in every paper, and you're telling the world that we're sitting ducks and we don't have police protection and we don't have lights out here. I feel that that was wrong on the part of the City. If you are going to do it, do it quietly, do it through our newsletters but don't throw it to the papers where you are telling everybody. I know it came from City Hall.

Pam Christian - We chose rather than to have everybody give their personal opinion, whoever you may get ahold of on the phone, we chose that I would take every phone call or my secretary and we were on the phone all week. When I walk out of my office and the camera is standing there in my face

there wasn't much I could do. I could have said no comment. But how much would they have done with that when council meetings, budget committee meetings are a matter of public record. They could have created their own story then. It was my preference to at least discuss it, let them know why and what happened rather than to have them sensationalize it even more than what would have happened if I hadn't have commented. If I was wrong, I apologize to you and to the council. There wasn't too much that I could do.

Dan Lowe made a motion to reconvene the Budget Committee. Dalton Williams seconded the motion. Yeas 3 Nays 0.

A discussion followed relative to the previous proposal of wanting to give the City a check for one year's lighting and also whether there was any possibility of leaving the street lights on that hadn't been turned off yet.

Frank Kaiser made a motion to leave the lights on that are still on. There was no second.

A discussion followed regarding the possibility of annexing with the County. A question was raised as to why there are so many people now staffed at City Hall? Why the Budget Committee voted the way they did?

Tony Buzzard - They left it up to staff and council to work out where the cuts were to be made.


Pam Christian said that we will cancel the City Council meeting on the 10th of August and have the Budget Committee meeting that date. It was then decided that there would be a Budget Committee meeting on the 10th of August, 1982 at 7:00 P.M.

AGENDA ITEM #9 - COUNCIL CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES

Dalton Williams challenged those people in attendance at tonight's council meeting to attend the Budget Committee meeting on the 10th of August.


Frank Kaiser made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dan Lowe seconded the motion. Yeas 3 Nays 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 P.M.



R.M. STURGES, MAYOR
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