

AN ADJOURNED MEETING
OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE
FISCAL YEAR 1986-1987

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Council Chambers April 23, 1986

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hal Grobey.

Present:	Roger Gano, Council	Joe Brugato, Citizen
	Hal Grobey, Council	Aaron Corum, Citizen
	Alan Halstead, Council	(at 8:10 p.m.)
	Quentin Probst, Council	Lee Hall, Citizen
	Donna Proctor, Council	Marty McIntosh, Citizen
	Tommy Tucker, Council	Rick Rementeria, Citizen
		Lyle Wilson, Citizen

Others Present: Elvern Hall, Mayor
 Mike Warren, Budget Officer
 Brenda Stroud, Finance Director
 Doug Richmond, Asst. Finance Director
 Arvilla Page, City Recorder

Also present were 17 others comprised of City Staff, interested citizens and 1 member of the press.

Corrections of the minutes of the meeting of April 16, 1986 were reviewed by the Committee. Motion: Halstead-Gano to approve the minutes of the April 16, 1986 meeting, as corrected. Carried unanimously.

Ms. Stroud distributed revised pages for the budget document. Revisions were correction of errors and revision of numbers caused by changes made at previous meetings of the Committee.

Chairman Grobey announced that Jim Burke from Pacific Economica, consultant on the water and sewer funds, could not be present at this meeting. Therefore, the Committee will continue the review of the General Fund sections at the place of stopping on April 16, 1986, the next section being Engineering.

Mr. Warren asked to make some comments on the Administration Section which has been approved, but on which there has been some questions. He stated that the City Manager is evaluated by the Council in July and the Council may or may not make changes affecting the Administration budget. There is no increase in the Manager's salary from 1985-86 to 1986-87.

Motion: Gano-Proctor to approve the Engineering Section of the General Fund.

Greg DiLoreto, Public Works Director, noted this is one of five sections in the total budget where the cost of engineering services is reflected. In June of 1985 the positions of Public Works Director and City Engineer were combined. An Engineering

Technician position was then added saving money with the lower salary position. Mr. DiLoreto described the working of engineering services. Forty-three projects have been identified with several being completed. Staff has been trained to do special work 'in house' for a savings for the City and an increase in ability for the City to do future projects 'in house'. We have three licensed surveyors in the staffing. The decrease of \$28,000+ is because people have been taken out of this section of the budget and placed in other sections to reflect more accurately where they really do their work. The Public Works Director is one-eighth General Fund, one-eighth Street Fund, three-eighths Sewer Fund and three-eighths in Water Fund. Some of his time is costed to the sewage treatment plant project with reimbursement to the Sanitary Sewer Fund.

Vote on motion carried with one (1) nay, Brugato.

Motion: Gano-Probst to adopt the City Building Section of the General Fund.

Mr. DiLoreto stated the three houses owned by the City on Third Street and used by social service agencies are maintained in this section. The roofs of the three buildings are in need of repair. A previous estimate for replacement of the roofs was \$10,000 and \$11,000 has been allocated here to do the work.

The City Recorder called attention to several line items that are missing in this section of the budget which will need to be included and revisions made.

Motion: Halstead-Rementeria to table the motion adopting the City Building Section. Carried unanimously.

Motion: Tucker-Proctor to adopt the Street Lighting Section of the General Fund.

Mr. McIntosh asked what the status was of the 99W and Springbrook street light. Both the Traffic Safety Commission and the Public Safety Committee have recommended this light.

Mr. DiLoreto stated the light will cost \$6,000. \$3,000 has been encumbered from the 1985-86 budget for this light.

Motion Amendment: McIntosh-Tucker to add \$3,000 to this section for street light in Capital Outlay. Carried unanimously.

Vote on main motion as amended: Carried unanimously.

Motion: Proctor-Brugato to approve the Municipal Garage Section of the General Fund.

Mr. DiLoreto reported the municipal garage takes care of all city

vehicles including the ambulances. They also repair smaller equipment such as mowers. The increase in this section is for a heater. He reported that we will soon have a fleet management program on the computer which will provide better information on the scheduling of vehicles for maintenance and the cost of each vehicle. The program is being prepared at no cost by Pacific Economica. Mr. DiLoreto described the working conditions in the present building and the need for new facilities. Mr. Tucker stated he would like to see a new facility budgeted for next year.

Vote on motion: Carried unanimously.

Motion: Gano-Proctor to approve the Library Section of the General Fund.

Doreen Turpen, Library Director, explained the increase in this section. She stated that several years ago, the library budget was very small. She described the service improvements that have been made and the improvement physical working conditions for the staff with the remodeling and expansion of the building. She reported circulation has increased 54% since the opening of the new facility. There have been 1,000 new library cards issued in the past five months. This compares with 1,700, 1,700, and 1,000 respectively for twelve months in the past three years. She reported several grants have been received and more are expected. The new facility provides for a new variety of services, but also makes the work more complex for the staff. Comparison of this budget with other libraries of similar size shows this budget low. The number of books is average. There are presently the equivalent of five full-time staff. The staffing for this size community should be seven minimum. She emphasized the role played by volunteers in keeping the staffing at below the minimum requirement.

Mr. Rementeria asked Mrs. Turpen about any progress in forming a library district. She responded that information is still being gathered. At present, we can not determine how many people outside the City are using the library as cards are issued to families rather than individuals.

Eino Aho, Library Volunteer, reported he has been involved with different libraries for a number of years. He described some of the work the volunteers perform.

Mr. Brugato stated he was concerned about operating costs, parking and the bonded debt for the library. He added that he hoped that somehow a library district could be formed. He stated it would be difficult to vote for a budget increase in this amount and that he has ideas to improve services and lower costs.

Mrs. Turpen responded that the library was designed with citizen input. The budget is prepared by staff and the Library Board. She asked what in this budget Mr. Brugato thought could be reduced.

Mr. Brugato responded that he had studied the budget and believed this large a budget was needed to continue that size library. If the economy remains the same for the next five to ten years, you will have to decrease the budget because the money will not be there.

Mr. McIntosh asked whether Mr. Brugato was referring to her looking for ways to reduce costs or to enhance income.

Mr. Brugato stated the idea of setting up a separate district needs to be pursued. It could then be carried on its own.

Mr. Warren noted that the budget includes doing work on the district this year. Staffing shortages make pursuing this very difficult, but we are moving ahead.

Mr. Rementeria stated that it was in the best interest of the citizens to pursue the district formation.

Mr. Gano stated he had heard Mr. Brugato state he had some concerns about the library budget, then state he did not have concerns about the budget. Does he or doesn't he?

Mr. Brugato failed to respond immediately and Chairman Grobey asked him to respond in adequate fashion to questions being posed to him. He stated that Mr. Brugato has a responsibility to answer questions. He added that Mr. Brugato's comments were pointed only at the newspaper. He asked Mr. Brugato to offer some positive comments.

Mr. Brugato responded that he was the only one that voted against the Administration budget because there was an error. The error was corrected tonight. He stated his concern is about future operational costs. He added that he would probably abstain when the vote comes up on this budget, stating that he would like more research to make the library self supporting because he questions whether we can support it. He stated he had no qualms with this budget except for the size.

Chairman Grobey stated he would like to respond to the statement made by Mr. Brugato with respect to the Administration budget. No one present knew there was an error in that budget, except Mr. Brugato has said he knew there was an error. If he knew this last week, why didn't he say so? He stated he believed Mr. Brugato voted against the Administration budget for other reasons than because there was an error in it.

Question on the motion on the floor was called for by several members of the Committee at this point.

Vote on the motion to approve the Library Section: Carried with one (1) abstention, Brugato.

Mayor Hall asked whether a member of this Committee could abstain. The City Attorney responded that he was not aware of any rule that would require a member to vote.

Social Services: Ms. Stroud pointed out that this section is funded through Federal Revenue Sharing funds. FRS will end shortly; the exact ending date is unknown at this time. The Budget Committee needs to consider how this will be funded in future years.

Chairman Grobey asked whether there have been additional requests from Senior groups included in this budget. Mr. Warren responded that none of the increases requested have been included. The budget is the same as last year.

Mr. Tucker stated we need to decide where we stand on whether we should fund social services. Mr. Gano said he would like to have a poll of the non-council people.

Rick Rementeria: This is budgeted mostly to one group, the support of seniors. I support the program. At some point the whole program should be independent of the Council. The Senior transportation covers Dundee and some of the Resources functions go to the Dundee area. Maybe they should have their own taxing authority.

Lee Hall: There is quite a bit of participation by seniors and we are all hopefully going to be seniors some day.

Lyle Wilson: It is the same budget as last year. Will the senior meals program be requiring more money with the move of the meal site? Mr. Warren explained the funding for the move and stated he did not believe they would be asking for more money. Mr. Wilson stated he approved of this year's budget.

Marty McIntosh: Asked what other sources of income these groups have. It would be best if the people using the services could support it, but they cannot. He asked who was responsible for the expending of this money. Mr. Gano explained that this is not a department of the City. He went on to explain the recent efforts made to bring about more efficiency and cooperation between the various groups. Mr. McIntosh stated that since there is a clear end in sight to the funding, there should be a clear end to the gift. There should be other sources of revenue for these groups.

Aaron Corum: Stated he has worked with the seniors and seen the work they do to benefit the community. He stated we are getting back ten fold in community support from this budget. It is not a very large part of the over all budget. The goodwill out weighs the cost. The need is there and are we really doing enough? These people also pay taxes. This is a token amount we are giving back.

Joe Brugato: Stated he agreed with Mr. Corum. He stated he has visited the meal site and seen how much the seniors get out of it other than food. The City put down a request for a senior center. We do need to have follow up though when we give money.

Mayor Hall reported that he had spoken to senators Hatfield and

Packwood offices today on the subject of continuing Federal Revenue Sharing. In the area of social services, we also give the use of the three houses for \$1 per year. We have already approved the expenditure of \$11,000 to replace the roofs on the houses. The only question on this section of the budget is that the money is put out and the Council then has no control on it. The agencies have been working on this for the past few months and it will assist us in getting reports back for the agencies.

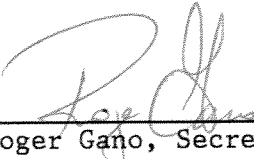
Motion: Brugato-Halstead to approve the Social Services Section of the General Fund. Carried unanimously.

The Committee discussed dates for future meetings. Wednesday, April 30 and Thursday, May 1 (if needed) were selected.

Motion: Tucker-McIntosh to adjourn. Carried unanimously.

Attest:


Arvilla Page, City Recorder


Roger Gano, Secretary