

**TUESDAY, 7:00 P.M.**

**Date May 16, 2006**

**BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**FIRE STATION 21**

**NEWBERG, OREGON**

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**Members Present:**

Mike Boyes  
Lon Wall  
Robert Soppe  
Jack Reardon

Bob Larson  
Ernie Amundson  
Bob Andrews  
Roger Currier

Bart Rierson  
Dawn Nelson  
Sally Dallas  
Darlyn Adams

**Absent:** Bob Stewart, Mayor

**Others Present:**

Jim Bennett, City Manager  
Kathy Tri, City Finance Director  
Dave Brooks, IT Director  
Terry Mahr, City Attorney  
Dan Danicic, Public Works Director  
Howard Hamilton, Operations Div

Brian Casey, Deputy Chief of Police  
Janelle Nordyke, Ass't Finance Director  
Leah Griffith, Librarian  
Barton Brierley, Planning Director  
Al Blodgett, Division Chief

**Absent:** Robert Tardiff, Police Chief

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**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Sally Dallas called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

**2. Roll Call**

Roll call was noted by Kathy Tri.

**3. Approval of the May 2, 2006 Minutes**

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| <p><b>Motion:</b> It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes as presented.<br/>Ayes 11; Abstained 1 (Mr. Soppe). Motion passed</p> |
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**4. 2006-07 Budget Questions Memorandum dated May 10, 2006**

Memorandum was provided to the committee members and is available for public review.

## Questions:

- **Bus System:**

Ms. Griffith provided the following cost per person for bus services in Newberg.

| Services      | Cost Per Person                  |
|---------------|----------------------------------|
| Dial a Ride   | \$1.50                           |
| Link          | \$1.50 +                         |
| Town Flyer    | Up to \$5.00                     |
| Taxi Services | \$2.00 pickup<br>\$2.50 per mile |

Ms. Griffith stated that the Town Flyer would incorporate a diversion route to pickup senior and disabled citizens from their home. She noted that approximately 62% of the riders are not seniors or disabled citizens.

It was asked if retail establishments donated funds to support these services. Ms. Griffith stated that they did, however the majority of the donations are from senior citizens with limited income.

Mr. Rierson understood the shortfalls in the budget. He believed the City should subsidize for the bus services and stated that they do make a difference in the quality of citizen's lives.

- **Your Community Mediators of Yamhill County:**

It was verified that the Municipal Judge would implement the \$1.00 assessment fee with council's approval. Mr. Mahr stated by adding the \$1.00 assessment fee it would remain under the traffic ticket cap per the state statute.

Members and staff continued discussion regarding clarification of budget figures within departmental funds.

**MOTION:** Mr. Larson moved to increase the bus transit budget fund to \$12,000 and to include the \$1.00 assessment for Your Community Mediators of Yamhill County. (YCMYC)

**Discussion** was held regarding the actual recommended budget for the bus services and then asked how many mediation cases have been handled in Newberg. Ms. Bertram stated that 38 cases at an average of \$18.00 per hourly rate.

Mr. Rierson reminded members that a motion was on the floor and recommended the additional verbiage "up to \$5,000 for YCMYC" be included in the motion. Mr. Larson agreed to the addition. Seconded by Mr. Rierson.

Continued discussion regarding the \$1.00 assessment was held among members and the services YCMYC provides.

Mr. Wall called for question.

**Clarification of motion is as follows:** It was moved and seconded to increase the bus system funding from \$10,000 to \$12,000 and to support Your Community Mediators of Yamhill County by adding a \$1.00 assessment to the traffic citation revenue and that it not to exceed \$5,000.

Ayes: Adams, Larson, Rierson, Nelson, Nelson, Dallas and Reardon.

Nays: Currier, Soppe, Boyes and Amundson.

Abstained: Wall.

Motion passed.

Discussion was held regarding the finding of the long-range projections. Ms. Tri stated the projections were very close to what will actually take place. She noted that staff does not over extend their approved budget and only spends what is needed to get them through the year.

## **5. Budget Approval**

Ms. Tri read the "Request for Budget Committee Action-2006/07 Property Taxes and Budget Approval" message into record. (Memorandum #2)

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded to reference Memorandum #2 into the budget records. Ayes: 11; Abstained 1 (Mr. Andrews). Motion passed.

The following amended levying property taxes was read into record:

- Operating Tax Rate \$4.3827 per \$1,000 assessed value
- Debt Service Levy \$483,516; and

approve the 2006-07 budget of \$65,799,685 for Council approval.

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded to approve the property tax as amended and to approve the new budget total. Ayes ; 11; Nays ; 1 (Mr. Soppe). Motion passed

## **5. Adjourn**

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 PM. Passed unanimously.