

MINUTES -- THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

MARCH 28, 1984

Committee Members Present:

Councilors: Councilors Hansen and Kelley.

Citizens: John Kelly, Juanita Leger, Jerome Levey, Henry Miggins, and Lester Rawls.

Committee Members Absent: Councilors Kafoury, Kirkpatrick, and Oleson.

Other Councilors Present: Councilor Deines.

Also Present: Rick Gustafson, Executive Officer.

Staff Present: Donald Carlson, Dan Durig, Norm Wietting, Dennis Mulvihill, Ed Stuhr, Doug Drennen, Ray Barker, Jennifer Sims, Pat Kubala, Dennis O'Neil, Warren Iliff, Kay Rich, Steve McCusker, Bob Porter, Jack Delaini, Jane Hartline, and Gayle Rathbun.

Testifiers: Robin Drew and Clyde Jenkins.

The FY 1984-85 Budget Committee meeting was convened at 5:36 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Kelley.

The Committee's discussion focused on the proposed budgets for Solid Waste and the Zoo. The following requests for further information or discussion were made:

Solid Waste:

- o Request for further discussion of bad debts; specifically, why was bad debt line item dropped, what is timeframe for determining bad debts, and how much is written off?
- o Request for further discussion of the Recycling Program.
- o Request for further information regarding the costs for data processing that are not DPA related.

Zoo:

- o Request for additional information on camps and what they do, as well as what role educational services plays when new exhibits open.
- o Request that contract for market survey in Public Relations budget be delineated as a one-time expense.
- o Request for further information regarding statement that Zoos are a business.
- o Request for information on how Public Relations budget and personnel compares to other Zoos.
- o Request that staff investigate combining contract for armored car services with the landfill? Request that staff investigate the possibility of centralizing contracts for like services in order to effect cost savings. (This request was directed to Budget & Administrative Services.)
- o A concern was raised regarding preventative maintenance vs. maintenance repair. Staff was requested to provide percentage of budget proposed to be spent on preventative maintenance.

The following testimony was presented on the Zoo budget:

- o Dr. Robin Drew, President, Friends of the Zoo, testified in support of the Zoo and expressed enthusiasm for the new exhibits proposed to be constructed.
- o Clyde Jenkins, a volunteer at the Zoo, described the Zoo's volunteer program and also spoke in support of the Zoo.

Responses to requests for information and further discussion was scheduled for the Budget Committee meeting of April 4, 1984 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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