

Minutes of a Council Budget Session held on Monday, January 13, 2003 at 9:15 a.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Tony DiBartolomeo
Deputy Mayor Robert Pillon
Councillor Mickey Bezaire
Councillor Lynne Fox
Councillor Frank Gorham
Councillor Anthony Leardi
Councillor Rosa White

ALSO PRESENT

Hilary Payne, CAO
David Mailloux, Clerk
Paul Beneteau, Treasurer

Deputy Mayor R. Pillon chaired the meeting until the arrival of Mayor Tony DiBartolomeo.

Public Works

Lou Zarlenga reviewed additional items on his report dated December 17, 2002,

Mayor Tony DiBartolomeo arrived at 9:35 a.m. and assumed the chair.

CQ - Centennial Park - questioned usage of existing bleachers.

CQ - Mayor suggested sign at Parking Area for Seagram Park on William Street advising that parking is for visitors to the Park.

CAO asked for Council to determine priorities for budget items.

Councillor Fox stated that anything with safety concerns should be a priority.

Mayor asked that Treasurer determine real growth and that we strive for a 2.5% increase after the elimination of inflation related assessment increase on existing buildings and property.

Mayor asked cost of sewer work to be done on Murray Street be looked at.

Treasurer was asked to come back with pros and cons of limiting % increase to real growth.

Lou Zarlenga - OCWA expenses have been incorporated in Environmental for 2003 - makes figures look high.

Roads

Lou reviewed pages 12 & 13 of budget.

Councillor White brought up idea of study being done of intersections to determine need for lighting.

Lou will be doing study of intersections.

Deputy Mayor Pillon took issue to County Engineering and they said they would do if criteria is met for lighting.

CQ - CAO - come up with criteria - look at County Policy - could adopt it or change it.
- maintenance cost of existing ones and new ones.

CQ - sample bylaws for snow removal.

Deputy Mayor asked that we look at hard surfacing the remaining gravel roads in the rural areas.

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Lou Zarlenga advised that the Roads Needs Study will address this.

Lou left at 11:40 a.m.

Tourism & Economic Development

Kristy DeLuca reviewed the Tourism & Economic Development budget.

Immediate approval is needed for:

laptop - \$3,000.00
TV show - \$2,000.00 U. S.

Moved by A. Leardi, seconded by R. White that we pay a portion (25%) of the cost of a TV production to the maximum of \$2,000.00 U.S.

Motion Carried

Moved by R. White, seconded by R. Pillon that we purchase a laptop computer for Kristy DeLuca.

Motion Carried

Economic Development Committee will review budget and report back to Council.

Moved by A. Leardi, seconded by R. White that we go In-Camera for a legal matter.

Motion Carried

Council rose to attend the Regular Council meeting scheduled for 1 p.m.

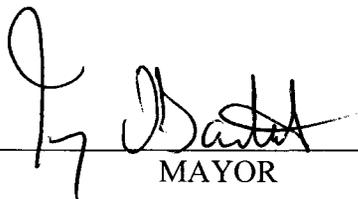
After the meeting:

Moved by A. Leardi, seconded by F. Gorham that we move In-Camera to continue the meeting that was recessed to allow Council members to attend the Regular Council meeting.

Motion Carried

Moved by A. Leardi, seconded by F. Gorham that we rise and adjourn.

Motion Carried


MAYOR


CLERK