

MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET HEARING - JUNE 21, 1983

Mayor Wooliever convened the meeting with Councilmembers Toal, Capurro, Buckle and Ollinger present.

The Administrator reported to the Council:

1. Compulsory arbitration legislation has again been defeated.
2. The Board of Supervisors today approved the Corte Madera Creek Maintenance Agreement with content as originally approved by the Council, and there will be no requirement for funds from San Anselmo for some time.
3. Although there is no specific new news on the question of the pension over-ride tax, it appears certain there will be no retroactive assessment, but future use of this tax may trigger reduction in basic property tax allocation. Hence it may be necessary to use instead a square foot (Measure O) type tax. Councilmember Buckle noted that a sq. ft. tax would be more equitable, would be more closely related to ability to pay, than pension override.

HEARING ON BUDGET 471 - LIBRARY

The Administrator provided revised figure for total labor costs at \$120,335, revised figures for property insurance at \$1,189 and books allocation at \$29,686, giving a revised total for the enhanced budget of \$167,063. It was understood that the enhanced budget is the one under consideration subject to receipt of the projected State aid.

M/S Ollinger, Toal to give tentative approval to the enhanced Library budget as revised, including increase in fines to County standard. Ayes all.

HEARING ON BUDGET 430 - POLICE

The Administrator provided revised figures for labor cost of \$805,278 for the recommended budget and \$842,217 if the current staffing level is maintained; property insurance at \$603 and a request from the Major Crimes Task Force Oversight Committee to increase San Anselmo's contribution from \$9,072 to \$11,487, resulting in a total for Acct. 20 in the recommended budget of \$12,515.

M/S Capurro, Buckle to approve the increase in contribution to the Major Crimes Task Force from \$9,072 to \$11,487. Ayes all.

M/S Capurro, Ollinger to approve an increase in total labor costs to \$842,217 and maintain current staffing level. Motion passed on a 3 - 2 vote with Toal and Buckle voting no.

Thereafter, M/S Capurro, Ollinger to give tentative approval to the revised Police budget in the total sum of \$932,335. Motion passed on a 4 - 1 vote with Buckle voting No.

HEARING ON NON-DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET NO. 421

The Administrator presented a revised figure of \$450 for property insurance and recommendations for two new accounts in this budget: 06 - to cover County collection charges for a special tax based on square footage; and 22 - Utility Rate Regulation in response to a request from TURN for a contribution @ 10¢ per resident for a total of \$1,197 to be offset by reduction in the various budgets for utility costs.

The Administrator also presented a request from the Marin County Housing Authority for an indication of interest and willingness to contribute towards continuation of rent assistance.

M/S Toal, Ollinger to approve addition of the sum of \$5,000 to Acct. 13 - Rent Assistance - on the condition that a grant is secured from the San Francisco Foundation for a dollar for dollar match with a commitment from the Foundation of continued support for at least five years. Motion passed on a 3 - 2 vote, with Capurro and Buckle voting no.

Councilmember Buckle advised that he had met with Supervisor Brown and County Auditor Mitchell to seek elimination of continuing annual County charge, after initial setup cost, for collection of a square foot tax. Mitchell refused to budge.

Motion was made by Wooliever to establish a new account for tax collection charges at \$10,000. This motion died for lack of a second with majority Council consensus developing that this action would be premature pending decision on tax levy.

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With respect to Account 52 - Contribution to Retiree Health Insurance - Council received an opinion from the Town Attorney that no change can be made in contributions to current retirees with differing policy changes applicable to current and future employees possible. Council directed that this question be brought back on a future regular meeting agenda.

M/S Wooliever, Ollinger to include new account 22 in the sum of \$1,197 for a contribution to TURN, to be offset by reduction in budgeted amounts in utility accounts. Motion failed on the following roll call vote: Ayes: Ollinger, Wooliever
Noes: Capurro, Buckle
Abstain: Toal

M/S Toal, Capurro to give tentative approval to the Non-Departmental budget as revised in the total sum of \$45,734. Motion passed on a 4 - 1 vote, with Buckle voting No.

HEARING ON BUDGET NO. 432 - FIRE

The Administrator announced a revised figure of \$1,141 for property insurance, resulting in a total budget of \$907,419.

M/S Toal, Capurro to give tentative approval to the Fire budget as revised. Ayes all

HEARING ON BUDGET No. 411 - TOWN COUNCIL

M/S Toal, Buckle to give tentative approval to the Town Council budget as recommended. Ayes all.

HEARING ON BUDGET NO. 412 - ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

The Administrator announced a revised figure of \$129,079 for total labor costs, for a total budget of \$155,304.

M/S Toal, Ollinger to give tentative approval to the Administration & Finance Budget as revised. Ayes all

HEARING ON BUDGET NO. 416 - LEGAL SERVICES

M/S Capurro, Toal to give tentative approval to the Legal Services Budget as recommended. Motion passed on a 4 - 1 vote, with Buckle voting no on the basis that in his opinion a 5% increase is too high and \$80.00 per hour is excessive.

At Capurro's suggestion, the Council directed that Final Review now scheduled for June 23 be rescheduled for July 12th.

LIBBY HANSON
Secretary