

The special meeting of the San Anselmo Town Council was called to order at 8:00 p.m. on July 2, 1987, by Mayor Cordingley. Councilpersons Chignell, Sharp, Walsh and Wooliever also present.

- 1. Call to order and flag salute

Flag salute not required at budget hearing.

- 2. Review of Proposed 1987-88 Budget

Acting Town Administrator Ernest Dickens presented an overview of the budget, noting that all capital items and training have been eliminated from all the budgets. Although training is warranted and a good expenditure, he feels the Town can withstand a year without. Mr. Dickens pointed out that if he felt the level of revenues represented a permanent situation, he would recommend the Town Council cut back severely on some services.

It was noted for the record that a letter dated July 2, 1987, had been received from John Holm, 10 Idlewood Drive, and distributed to the Town Council regarding the 1987-88 budget.

Herman Kramer, 1 Allemand Lane, read a letter to the Town Council dated July 2, 1987, asking the Council to take fiscal control of spending and bring it into line with the normal taxes the Town will collect.

Sarah Nome, 44 Alder Avenue, referred to the March and April billings for the Town Attorney and feels this amount should go to the business community for revitalization rather than be appropriated for legal services.

a) Fire

There was no one to represent the Ross Valley Fire Service and, therefore, this item was continued to the next budget hearing on July 7, 1987.

b) Police

Mr. Dickens noted the revenue from fines has decreased significantly from last year. Chief Bernard Del Santo said the proposed budget is feasible; however, it is trim. He strongly recommends two items: 1) surveillance equipment in the cell; and 2) two patrol cars. The Captain has been working patrol for the past year and the elimination of one officer position since December, 1986, has forced the juvenile investigator to return to patrol. Chief Del Santo noted the fines have decreased partly because they are being changed to service hours.

Councilman Chignell questioned the budget of \$50,000 for overtime and wondered if it could be internally controlled. It was suggested that the overtime budget be broken down in the future to indicate amount of sick time, vacation, disability and court time replacements. Chignell asked that dues for the California Peace Officers Association be stricken from the budget. Councilman Sharp questioned the need for the updated West Annotated Codes; it was pointed out that the entire Town relies on the Codes. In response to Mayor Cordingley, Chief Del Santo said the vehicle maintenance labor costs have increased \$7.00 per hour.

Mike Plagge, 36 Jordan Avenue, said that crime is down from 1982 and there are more officers than needed. Chief Del Santo noted San Anselmo has one officer per 735 persons, which is a bit below the average of one officer per 627 persons. He also pointed out that the Marin County Sheriff Department may be reducing its force available to the Sleepy Hollow and San Francisco Boulevard areas, which will make those areas require San Anselmo response. Nancy Olson, 1329 San Anselmo Avenue, said she supports the Police Department. Mr. Kramer suggested the Fire and Police Departments consolidate and also questioned the high utility fees. Atilio Segale, 20 Holstein Road, suggested San Anselmo Police providing the service at a charge to the Sleepy Hollow area.

The Council generally felt that the Police Department budget is good.

In response to Ms. Nome's suggestion, Mr. Dickens said the total revenues will be available at the final budget hearings before adoption.

c) Non-Departmental

Mr. Dickens pointed out that: 1) \$1,000 is proposed for the Chamber of Commerce, Country Fair Day and/or the new downtown association; in addition, there are monies proposed in the contingency fund. 2) the contribution to ABAG, originally deleted, is required in order for the health plan to still be available. Mayor Cordingley suggested the Youth Committee funds, if not used, could be applied toward the ABAG membership. 2) the existing computer system upgrade has been deleted from the budget although it is in need. While the software is available, the machine is not capable of storing quantities of information. As a result, word processing must be shut down for financial programs to proceed. Ms. Olson suggested the computer upgrades may help services for the Town. 3) some outside services are proposed to be deleted. Mr. Dickens said his priority for adding outside services to receive monies, is the 101 Corridor of \$1,000 since it is such a small amount, and then either the health or mediation services. Bill Jelinek, 53 Florence Avenue, stressed the importance of all the outside services, specifically Robson Harrington House Association. Jim Lill, Ross, member of the Ross Valley Ecumenical Housing Association, and Mr. Tracy asked for continued support of the Rebate for Marin Renters Program. Jody Becker of Marin County Mediation Services asked for continued support for their program. The Council generally agreed that all the services are valuable to the Town of San Anselmo.

Councilwoman Wooliever discussed the FAST project and noted the importance of continuing to support the idea. Ms. Nome stated the project is down the drain and should not be supported.

In closing the hearings, Mayor Cordingley asked that the General Fund Revenues be heard at the Final Budget Hearings.

3. Adjournment

The budget hearing of the Town Council was adjourned at 10:20 p.m. to a closed session on a personnel matter, and thereafter to the budget session of July 7, 1987, at 8:00 p.m.

LISA WIGHT
PLANNING TECHNICIAN