THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL TENTATIVE
2006-2007 BUDGET MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2006 AT 10:00 A.M.

Present: Council Chair Patte Newman; Council Members: Jon Camp, Jonathan Cook, Robin Eschliman, Dan Marvin, Annette McRoy, Ken Svoboda; Mayor Coleen Seng, Department Directors; and Staff.

Introduction: Council Chair Patte Newman called the meeting to order at 10:00am. Newman asked that they follow the list of the budget changes that was complied by Steve Hubka and Dan Marvin in order. She stated that she would like each person that made a reduction or addition to that department to briefly state what their suggested change is. Then she would like to give the head of the department an opportunity to come forward and explain why they feel the cut is, or is not, a good idea.

Steve Hubka, Budget Officer for the City of Lincoln, addressed the City Council. He explained that this meeting is a tentative vote of the Council that will be the City Councils Budget and then there will be a hearing for the public to come forward and give their opinion on Monday, August 7th at 4:30pm. He stated that their final vote on the final changes to the Mayor's Recommended budget will be held on August 9th at 9am. He also stated that the purpose of meeting today is to let the public know about the items that have changed and of the new possible changes to the Mayor's Budget.

Building and Safety: Items on the table: 1. Reduce printing and copying, Svoboda; 2. Overall – cut something from Miscellaneous, Svoboda; 3. Cut $170,000 from services, Eschliman; 4. Cut $50,000 from Personnel, Eschliman; 5. Reduce equipment, McRoy; and 6. Reduce cars by 2, McRoy; McRoy announced that she would like to remove her budget cut of "reduce cars by 2" from the list.

Mike Merwick, Director of Building and Safety, came forward and stated that they are an enterprise fund and all the items that are listed are not tax funds, but enterprise funds. He said that they spend only what they have. He stated that he feels that their budget is in tact, and if they needed more funds, that they would ask at that time.

On item 1, "Reduce printing and copying", Mike stated that he agrees with Svoboda on item number one and said that they can reduce the printing costs of scanning the old permits and record books by doing half this year and half next year. However, he said that these books are being used more and more, and they are in poor condition.

On item 2, "Cut $50,000 from miscellaneous", Mike stated that they don't even have $50,000 in the whole miscellaneous fund. He stated that this fund is also an enterprise fund, so that money in that fund is money that they use. He said they use that fund for membership dues, subscriptions, certifications and education. Mike said that this fund is allocated between each of the departments, in which they all use a portion from this fund.

On item 3, "Cut $170,000 from services, Mike stated that these funds are for their Project Doc's, which allows them to submit and receive plans electronically. He said this was recommended by the streamlining committee, architects and engineers, and by the industry. They have worked on this project for three years and would like to continue with this project. He stated that this is not a tax-supported fund, and this is something that money has been set aside to do. This project will be able to be used by many other departments once it is completely set up.

On item 4, "Cut $50,000 from Personnel", Mike stated that healthcare costs, longevity fees, workman's comp, all of these have all gone up and they had to adjust to those increases. He said that they have had a couple of people go from single family to family, which really makes the insurance go up. He said that there is nothing in this area to cut. He said that they need that money to pay the people.

On item 5, "Reduce equipment by $10,000", Mike stated that they use that money to replace equipment or fix equipment when it goes down. They estimate every year how much it will cost to replace computers and equipment. He said that if the money is not used that year, they don't spend that money anywhere else, and the money stays in that fund for allocation for the following budget.

Building and Safety Voting Session: Svoboda made a motion to accept this page, seconded by Cook.

McRoy made a motion to remove Item 70 from the page, seconded by Eschliman. AYES: McRoy, Eschliman, Svoboda, Newman, Marvin, Camp, Cook; NAYS: None. Motion carried, 7-0.

Marvin made a motion to remove Items 67, 68, 69, and 71, seconded by Svoboda. AYES: McRoy, Newman, Marvin, Camp, Cook; NAYS: Eschliman, Svoboda. Motion carried, 5-2.

Camp made a motion to add to the page of cutting $50,000 from the General Funded items, seconded by Cook. AYES: Eschliman, Camp; NAYS: McRoy, Svoboda, Newman, Marvin, Cook. Motion failed, 2-5.

Marvin made a motion to move the whole list, seconded by Marvin. AYES: Eschliman, Camp; NAYS: McRoy, Svoboda, Newman, Marvin, Cook. Motion failed, 2-5.

The rest of the page, which is Item 66, was then voted on. AYES: McRoy, Eschliman, Svoboda, Newman, Marvin, Camp, Cook, NAYS: None. Motion carried, 7-0.

CIP: Items on the table: 1. Sidewalk maintenance and repair, Marvin; 2. AV Planning/Coordination Urban Development. Marvin; 3. AV Planning/Design Urban Development, Marvin; 4. AV – Triplets, Marvin; 5. AV- Comm. Revitalization Catalyst $150K – move to Parks playgrounds, Marvin. Marvin announced that he would like to remove Item 2 and Item 3.

Marc Wullschleger, Director of Urban Development, came forward and stated that they have spent millions of dollars on city funding for their nice roads and nice channel; however, they have not spent hardly any money on the community revitalization and he feels that they owe it to the neighborhood to do so. He stated that this is to buy real estate on a specific area and start a community revitalization project.

CIP Voting Session: Marvin made a motion to approve the whole page, seconded by Cook.

Marvin then made a motion to remove items 56, 57, and 58; and mark sidewalk transfers as 59a; and would like to include sidewalk funding for $750,000 as other funds in case they do highway allocation bonds, seconded by Cook. AYES: McRoy, Eschliman, Newman, Marvin, Cook; NAYS: Svoboda, Camp. Motion carried, 5-2.

The main motion was then voted on, which is approving Item 55. AYES: McRoy, Eschliman, Svoboda, Newman, Marvin, Camp, and Cook. Motion carried, 7-0.

City Council: Items on the table: 1. Cut printing by $1,000, McRoy.

McRoy stated that they have $1,900 in their budget for the City Council, and they only used $1,000. So she said she would like to suggest cutting the budget down to $1,000.

City Council Voting Session: Marvin made a motion to approve the whole page, seconded by Cook. AYES: McRoy, Eschliman, Svoboda, Newman, Marvin, Camp, Cook. Motion carried, 7-0.

Fire: Items on the table: 1. Cut Public Information Specialist, Svoboda; Overall from Miscellaneous, Svoboda; 3. Move cost of EMS Inc. back into Transport, Camp; 4. Reduce something in the Maintenance Division, Svoboda; 5. Cut $100,000 from services, Eschliman; 6. Cut $80,000 from supplies, Eschliman.

Rick Furasek, Assistant Chief of the Fire Department, came forward and stated that they have had an increase in cost in their data supply, and have been doing some personnel testing. He stated their supplies have increased because EMS Inc. and the physicians have been asking them to do more and more, which takes new equipment to handle that. They are going through a new testing vendor for their new hires, which will require extra costs. He stated that there has been some shifting of funds of new fees that were transferred into the budget for the new proposed fire station #11 that will be out at the airport.

Dan Wright, Deputy Chief of Training, came forward to help answer questions of reducing maintenance fees. He said that even though they will be getting some new fire apparatus, they still do have some reserve apparatus that will have a need for tire replacements and repairs.

Camp made some suggestions to Rick and Dan that he would like the Fire Department to look into and cut back on, which are the following: staff medical exams, EMS Enterprise fund on ambulance funds, rate increases, delay the North fire station, and charge late fees for fire trucks that aren't yet delivered.

Fire Voting Session: Camp made a motion to approve the whole page, seconded by Svoboda. AYES: Eschliman, Svoboda, Camp; NAYS: McRoy, Newman, Marvin, Cook. Motion failed, 3-4.

Eschliman made a motion to remove Item 61, seconded by Camp. AYES: Eschliman, Svoboda, Camp, Cook; NAYS: McRoy, Newman, Marvin. Motion carried, 4-3.

Camp made a motion to budget $250,000 from late penalties on the Fire Trucks, seconded by Eschliman. AYES: Camp; NAYS: McRoy, Eschliman, Svoboda, Newman, Marvin, Cook. Motion failed, 1-6.

The main motion was then voted on, which is to approve the rest of the items, which are Items 60, 62, 63, 64, & 65. AYES: Eschliman, Svoboda, Camp; NAYS: McRoy, Newman, Marvin, Cook. Motion failed, 3-4.

Cook made a motion to remove the Public Information Officer in the Fire Department and place it in the CIC division, seconded by Marvin. AYES: Newman, Marvin, Cook; NAYS: McRoy, Eschliman, Svoboda, Camp. Motion failed, 3-4.

Svoboda made a motion to eliminate the Public Information Officer in the Fire Department, seconded by Camp. AYES: McRoy, Eschliman, Svoboda, Camp; NAYS: Newman, Marvin, Camp. Motion carried, 4-3.

Finance: Items on the table: Cut PC's, Svoboda; Cut $135,000 from increases in everything, Eschliman; Cut palm pilot charges, McRoy.

Don Herz, Director of Finance Department, came forward and stated that it is very important to them to make sure that the PC's and other types of equipment in the 911 center are working and do not fail. He stated that most of the equipment is handled through the CIP, except personal computers and chairs, which are typically handled through the operating budget. Don said

that as for the $135,000 increase; a significant part of that issue is from the 911 surcharges, which have dropped by $100,000, which then drives up the amount that the general fund provides. Don stated that they looked at the Mayor's proposed budget and they have looked at every line item and have reduced them as much as they could. He said he feels that the only thing that they could do at this time is reduce personnel, which is equivalent to three and a half operators in 911.

Don also said that one of the reasons that the 911 surcharges are going down is because of people switching from landlines to cell phones. Currently, he said they get the 911 surcharges from landlines; however, the 911 surcharges from cell phones go to the State of Nebraska. He stated that the State is administrating those fees and reimbursing 911 centers for implementing equipment upgrades. Don said that Julie Righter, the 911 Communications Manager, is heavily involved in trying to get more of our share of the 911 surcharge. Don also stated that he agrees that the palm pilot charges could be dropped. He said that they are trying to push this new type of technology for their ticket writers.

Eschliman stated that she would like to change her number by reducing it from cutting $135,000 from increases in everything, to $50,000.

Finance Voting Session: Cook made a motion to move the whole page, seconded by Svoboda. AYES: Eschliman, Svoboda, Camp, Cook; NAYS: McRoy, Newman, Marvin. Motion carried 4-3.

McRoy made a motion to remove the cut for palm pilot charges, seconded by Eschliman. AYES: McRoy, Eschliman, Svoboda, Newman, Marvin, Cook; NAYS: Camp. Motion carried 6-1.

Eschliman made a motion to reduce Item 16 from $135,000 to $50,000. AYES: McRoy, Eschliman, Svoboda, Newman, Marvin, Camp, Cook. Motion carried, 7-0.

Health: Items on the table: Option 1 of Reducing GF dollars by .75 System Specialist, McRoy; Option 2 of Reducing GF from Health to IS, McRoy; GIS Analyst should be in Planning Department; Eliminate publications specialist .75 FTE, McRoy; Restructure Public Health Nurses, Svoboda; Reduce utilities in Environmental. Public Health, Svoboda; Rentals Health Data and Evaluation, Svoboda; Eliminate standby pay for this Animal Control department, Marvin; Cut one to one half position and consider merging with another department, Marvin; Eliminate one Animal Control Officer to eliminate weekend service, Svoboda; Eliminate one Animal Control Dispatcher to eliminate weekend service, Svoboda. Marvin stated that he would like to remove item 9.

Bruce Dart, Director of Health Department, came forward to respond to Svoboda's comment that Animal Control is picking up fewer animals in which he feels two positions should be cut to eliminate weekend service. Bruce stated that they still respond to calls, but more animals might be brought into the shelter instead. He said that one of the things to think about is that if they reduce those two positions, there might be a greater burden on the police department to answer those types of calls regarding bite issues and so forth. He then stated that they are in the process of restructuring the Public Health Nurses. He also answered questions regarding Svoboda's suggested cuts.

Kathy Cook, Division Manager of Information & Fiscal Management for the Health Department, came forward and responded to Svoboda's questions also.

Health Voting Session: Cook made a motion to approve the page, seconded by Svoboda.

Marvin made a motion to remove Items 2, 6, 7, and 9, seconded by Cook. AYES: McRoy, Eschliman, Svoboda, Newman, Marvin, Camp, Cook. Motion carried, 7-0.

McRoy made a motion to remove Item 3, seconded by Cook. AYES: McRoy, Eschliman, Svoboda, Newman, Marvin, Camp, Cook. Motion carried, 7-0.

Cook made a motion to remove Item 8, seconded by Marvin. AYES: McRoy, Newman, Marvin, Cook; NAYS: Eschliman, Svoboda, Camp. Motion carried, 4-3.

McRoy made a motion to reinstate Item 2 and delete Item 2, seconded by Svoboda. AYES: Eschliman, McRoy, Camp, Cook; NAYS: Svoboda, Newman, Marvin. Motion carried, 4-3.

The main motion was then voted on, which is approving Items 1, 4, 5, 10, & 11. AYES: McRoy, Eschliman, Svoboda, Marvin, Camp, Cook; NAYS: Newman. Motion carried, 6-1.

Marvin made a motion on Items 10 & 11, to not reduce the inter fund transfers from the general fund, seconded by Cook. AYES: Marvin; NAYS: McRoy, Eschliman, Svoboda, Newman, Camp, Cook. Motion failed, 6-1.

Marvin made another motion on Item 5 to not reduce the inter fund transfers from the general fund and transfer those into miscellaneous contractual, seconded by McRoy. AYES: Newman, Marvin, Cook; NAYS: McRoy, Eschliman, Svoboda, Camp. Motion failed, 3-4.

Human Rights: Items on the table: Eliminate one Office Manager, McRoy; Eliminate one Civil Rights Investigator, McRoy; Move Senior Civil Rights Investigator to Grants, Eschliman.

McRoy stated that Item 12 is incorrect, and that she had suggested eliminating one senior office assistant position, not one office manager.

Larry Williams, Director/Equal Opportunity Officer of Commission on Human Rights, came forward to state that they have one office manager position now, which is retiring, and they are downgrading that position to a Senior Office Assistant position. So they will have two senior office assistant positions. Larry stated that he feels that it is important to our community to have a Civil Rights Investigator. He said that it would be very difficult for them to maintain the grants that they have and to continue as they do if they didn't have that position.

Sandi Moody, Office Manager for Commission on Human Rights, came forward to help answer the questions of the Council.

Council Chair Patte Newman announced that there would be a five-minute break at 11:30am. The council reconvened the meeting at 11:35am.

Human Rights Voting Session: Marvin made a motion to move the whole page, seconded by Svoboda.

McRoy made a motion to remove Items 13 & 14, seconded by Marvin. AYES: McRoy, Newman, Marvin, Cook; NAYS: Eschliman, Svoboda, Camp. Motion carried, 4-3.

The main motion was then voted on, which is approving Item 12. AYES: McRoy, Eschliman, Svoboda, Newman, Camp, Cook; NAYS: Marvin. Motion carried, 6-1.

Library: Items on the table: Eliminate .5 Graphic Designer I, McRoy.

Carol Connor, Director of Lincoln City Libraries, came forward and stated that the graphic designer works with the children's things, and the position is only 20 hours a week and doesn't include health insurance. She stated that she makes the children's programs and creates graphics online in which allows them to print them off. She stated that she feels that the position is necessary to help continue to educate the children, and to help them develop stronger reading skills.

Library Voting Session: McRoy made a motion to approve the whole page, seconded by Marvin. AYES: McRoy, Eschliman, Svoboda, Camp, Cook; NAYS: Newman, Marvin. Motion carried, 5-2.

Mayor's Office: Items on the table: Cut supplies – which Division/funds, Marvin; Eliminate Ombudsman position, Svoboda.

June Pederson, Director of Lincoln Area Agency on Aging, came forward to explain why the supplies fund is so high. She stated that 90 percent of all supplies are from their department. She did say that they have reduced 17 percent of the cost of supplies from last year. She said that they also have a number of things that have reimbursement options. She said one of them is their handyman, which is part of their list of supplies, such as paint and hardware, and they charge that back to their client that asked for that repair.

June also stated that the other big item is from their central kitchen, which is predominately food. She said that they considered that food and supplies, and they get reimbursement from client fees and money from Older Americans Act and USDA to balance some of those expenses.

Mark Bowen, Chief of Staff to the Mayor, came forward to address the item of cutting the Ombudsman position. He explained that the Ombudsman is a City Ombudsman, and not the Mayors Ombudsman. He said that she does investigations on city departments as needed, and she also is the Administrator for the new Action Program that is now in place. She oversees the program and makes sure that each issue gets addressed. Mark stated that he feels it is clear that the public is using her services with the amount of calls and emails that she gets. He said he is against cutting her services.

Lin Quenzer, the Ombudsman for the City of Lincoln, came forward to respond to Newman's suggestion of turning in a monthly report to the City Council members, which would list everything that she is involved in. She said that currently she gives weekly reports to the Mayor, so doing a monthly report for them shouldn't be a problem at all. Lin said that some of her main duties include the following: referring callers to the correct departments, answering questions and solving problems, serving backup for the Mayors office, and administering the Action Program. Lin told the City Council that she has had training in Public Works and Utilities, Building and Safety, and Health Department issues.

Mayor's Office Voting Session: Svoboda made a motion to move the page, seconded by Marvin.

Marvin made a motion to remove Item 31, seconded by McRoy. AYES: McRoy, Newman, Marvin, Cook; NAYS: Eschliman, Svoboda, Camp. Motion carried, 4-3.

The main motion was voted on, which is Item 30. AYES: McRoy, Eschliman, Svoboda, Camp, Cook; NAYS: Newman, Marvin. Motion carried, 5-2.

Parks and Recreation: Items on the table: Eliminate fund development contract to save KENO funds, Svoboda; Move back to newspaper insert, Svoboda.

Lynn Johnson, Director of Parks and Recreation Department, came forward and responded to Svoboda's concern with the development contract to save Keno funds. Lynn stated that they have a contract with an individual that has been doing that work for the past six years, which has been involved in generating 7.7 million dollars worth of revenue, which have primarily been capital construction projects. He said that a year ago they started to ask themselves, "if there wasn't sufficient general revenue funding, how could this be funded?" They came up with using the Keno funds because keno is one of their primary methods of funding capital construction projects.

Lynn stated that in the year 2000, they did a survey and they asked people how they would like to get their information on Parks and Recreation programs. He said more than 80 percent said that they would like to get that information by mail. So this year they tried an experiment of doing a newspaper insert of their department program brochures. They felt that with the current volume of inserts already in the newspaper, they found that their inserts just got lost or buried. So Lynn feels that they would be better off just mailing the brochure separately in the mail, because the time that they did mail it separately they got a huge positive response from it.

Parks and Recreation Voting Session: Svoboda made a motion to approve the whole page, seconded by Eschliman. AYES: Svoboda, Camp; NAYS: McRoy, Eschliman, Newman, Marvin, Cook. Motion failed, 2-5.

Planning: Items on the table: Support addition of GIS Manager position, Svoboda; Cut GIS Manager, Svoboda; Cut one GIS Analyst, Svoboda; Cut one Planner, Svoboda.

Marvin Krout, Director of Planning Department, came forward to respond to Svoboda's wishes to cut one planner. Krout stated that they did add one long-range planner back in 1999, which helps them with their reports and studies. He stated that without that position they would have to decline on helping the many different task forces. He also stated that they now have four people in the GIS position, which used to be seven people. He said that these people do a variety of things from providing graphic support, written notices for mailing, tracking programs, update Permits Plus program, provide online services for applicants and so on. Therefore, he feels that these positions are very important to their department.

Planning Voting Session: Marvin made a motion to approve the whole page, seconded by Cook.

Marvin made a motion to remove Items 34 & 35, seconded by McRoy. AYES: McRoy, Newman, Marin, Cook; NAYS: Eschliman, Svoboda, Camp. Motion carried, 4-3.

Cook made a motion to remove Item 36, seconded by McRoy. AYES: McRoy, Newman, Marin, Cook; NAYS: Eschliman, Svoboda, Camp. Motion carried, 4-3.

The main motion was voted on, which was to approve Item 37. AYES: Eschliman, Svoboda, Camp, Cook; NAYS: McRoy, Newman, Marvin. Motion carried, 4-3.

Police: Items on the table: Cut $500,000 from Police Garage from Maintenance and Repair and increase from prior year, Eschliman.

Tom Casady, Chief of Lincoln Police Department, came forward and stated that the Police Garage takes care of the entire live vehicle fleet for the City. They are not just responsible for their vehicles, but also those of other city agencies as well. Also, he said that they are funded by the mileage that all of these agencies pay on their fleet. So he stated that if they reduce the $500,000 from their Police Garage budget, that essentially they would really be preventing the Police Garage to buying gas and paying insurance. Next he gave a highlight of some items of why their expenses have been going up, which are from the following items: health insurance increases, increased cost of fuel, increase in auto insurance, small increase in liability insurance, and increase in the number of vehicles they replace.

Robin stated that she would like to change her recommendation, but would like to work with Steve on doing it so she can see what kind of impact it will have on the general fund.

Police Voting Session: Marvin made a motion to approve the whole page, seconded by Camp.

Eschliman made a motion to change Item 33 from 500K to 50K out of Police Garage Services, seconded by Svoboda. AYES: McRoy, Eschliman, Svoboda, Camp; NAYS: Newman, Marvin, Cook. Motion carried, 4-3.

The main motion was voted on, which is to approve Item 33. AYES: McRoy, Eschliman, Svoboda, Camp; NAYS: Newman, Marvin, Cook. Motion carried, 4-3.

Public Works and Utilities: Items on the table: Cut GPS survey equipment, McRoy; Cut and hold equipment at $100K, Svoboda; Cut Associate Engineer Specialist, Svoboda; Cut two Senior Engineer Specialists, Marvin; Engineering – Take vacancy/turnover savings, Marvin; Landfill – Take vacancy/turnover savings, Marvin; Wastewater - take vacancy/turnover savings, Marvin; Water – take vacancy/turnover savings, Marvin; Cut City Traffic Engineer – merge with City Engineer, Marvin; Cut miscellaneous and maintenance and repairs anywhere, Svoboda; Increases ride for five to $7.50, Svoboda; Eliminate all General Fund fleet purchases, Svoboda; No new equipment in Snow Removal, Svoboda; No new equipment in Streets and Highways, Svoboda; No new equipment in Landfill, Svoboda; Cut Engineering overtime, Svoboda; and Cut increase in durable street markings, Eschliman.

Karl Fredrickson, Director of Public Works and Utilities, came forward and stated that he thinks there were some misunderstandings on some issues that they hired some more engineers when the street bond was out, which was not true. He stated that the Associate Engineer Specialist in Traffic Engineering is a position that responds to sidewalk complaints and requests, and oversees all sidewalks. If that position is eliminated, there will be less service to the people that call in regarding sidewalk issues.

He also stated that the two Senior Engineering Specialists are not engineers, but they are technicians at the highest level. This position is used as project managers at their construction projects. They also oversee contractor payments, and they provide supervision to inspections at the job sites. He stated that he feels that they have the workload to be busy, and he feels that if these positions are cut, one position could not handle all of the workload alone.

Karl told the Council that the Engineering Services also serves as a consultant to other city departments, which help with designing work.

Darl Naumann, Economic Development Coordinator for the Mayors Office, came forward to speak on behalf of the Zucker Report. He said that there were 67 recommendations in the Zucker study and five were not recommend to be implemented by the city. The final recommendation of the group was approval of almost all of the 67 recommendations. Five were denied, and three of those that were denied were recommending reducing engineers. The committee decided to improve project management and reduce the amount of engineers at meetings, and not reduce the number of engineering positions in the Public Works Department.

Karl passed out some information to the Council, which reviewed the City Traffic Engineer's accomplishments that he has had direct impact on. He stated that their City Traffic Engineer does more than just dealing with traffic recommendations; he also deals with running traffic safely and efficiently as possible in the community. He stated that he feels it would be a terrible mistake to cut the City Traffic Engineer. He said that the city moves on transportation, and not having the expertise of the traffic engineer is a tremendous mistake.

Jim Dormer, Superintendent of Fleet Services in Public Works and Utilities, came forward to answer questions regarding the recommendation of eliminating all general fund fleet purchases. He stated that the general fund purchases that they have identified this year are primarily in the Parks Department, except the two backhoes that are for the maintenance division. These pieces of equipment are very essential to the operation of these divisions and efficiencies. He said if they delay the purchase of these, it will only increase their requests for next years budget because they have similar types of equipments that is also aging.

Lynn Johnson, Director of Parks and Recreation, came forward and stated that they have 21 categories of equipment that have been identified as having to be replaced, with four of those identified as critical needs. He stated that the least critical needs are the staff vehicles. The frontline equipment is the critical needs item, which is a pickup in mechanical maintenance that travels citywide and hauls materials to each construction site, also a couple of large mowers to mow large areas, and some line trimmers. Lynn stated that he can give the Council a prioritized list stating this information.

Public Works & Utilities Voting Session: Cook moved to approve the whole page, seconded by Marvin.

Cook made a motion to change Item 49, to 170K instead of 436K, seconded by McRoy. AYES: McRoy, Eschliman, Newman, Marvin, Camp, Cook; NAYS: Svoboda. Motion carried, 6-1.

Cook made a motion to remove Item 48, seconded by Marvin. AYES: McRoy, Newman, Marvin, Cook; NAYS: Eschliman, Svoboda, Camp. Motion carried, 4-3.

Marvin made a motion to remove Item 39, seconded by Cook. AYES: McRoy, Eschliman, Svoboda, Newman, Marvin, Camp, Cook. Motion carried, 7-0.

Cook made a motion to move the Transportation Planner from Public Works department to the Planning department, seconded by Marvin. AYES: McRoy, Eschliman, Svoboda, Newman, Marvin, Camp, Cook. Motion carried, 7-0.

Svoboda made a motion to remove Item 52, seconded by McRoy. AYES: McRoy, Eschliman, Svoboda, Newman, Marvin, Camp, Cook. Motion carried, 7-0.

Marvin made a motion to remove Items 41 & 47, no second.

Marvin made a motion to remove Item 41, seconded by Svoboda. AYES: McRoy, Svoboda, Marvin, Camp; NAYS: Eschliman, Newman, Cook. Motion carried, 4-3.

Svoboda made a motion to remove Item 46, no second.

The main motion was then voted on, which was to approve Items 38, 40, 42 – 47, 50, 51, 53, and 54. AYES: McRoy, Eschliman, Svoboda, Newman, Marvin, Camp, Cook. Motion carried, 7-0.

McRoy made a motion to reduce the internship training to $11,730 instead of 16,380 from her list of changes, seconded by Marvin. AYES: McRoy, Eschliman, Svoboda, Newman, Marvin, Camp, Cook. Motion carried, 7-0.

McRoy made a motion to reduce by 1 percent from the Water and Wastewater rate increases from McRoy's list of changes, seconded by Eschliman. AYES: McRoy, Eschliman, Svoboda, Newman, Marvin, Camp, Cook. Motion carried, 7-0.

Council Chair Newman adjourned the meeting at 1 pm and announced that they will re-adjourn at 3pm in the City Council Chambers.

Urban Development: Items on the table: GIS position similar to other departments, McRoy; Eliminate ROW Specialist, McRoy; Eliminate one ED Program Specialist previously grant funded, Svoboda; Cut one to two positions in UD, McRoy.

McRoy stated that she would not longer like to support cutting the Right of Way Specialist.

Marc Wullschleger, Director of Urban Development, came forward and stated that their Economic Development Coordinator, Troy, is incredibly efficient and is the only one of two in the County that is IEDC certified. He has leveraged $4 million in the last four fiscal years, and created $123 million of private money. He said that the money helped create 396 jobs, and they promised to create 443, so they only have 47 more jobs to go.

Marc stated that their department has suffered with a nine percent loss of Community Block Grant Funds in their next fiscal year, and now they can't afford to pay for one of the Community Development Program Specialist positions. However, over the last two years they have really shifted over to the Economic Development and basically their staff acts as staff to the Mayors office and Darl Naumann's office. Because of that, their roles and responsibilities have changed and now they are using TIF for Economic Development. He stated that the staff person for that position couldn't be funded with HUD money. It has to be funded by other sources, and that is why they changed it over to General Fund. He told the Council that if they cut this position, they will have fewer jobs created, fewer property and sales taxes created, and a slower work return.

Marc also told the Council that the GIS Analyst position is very helpful to them. He stated that he position helps the with Permits Plus program, dealing with other departments, and online services for the public and other city departments. They also deal with mailing notices that are sent out to the people. He stated that he feels that this position is very beneficial to their department.

Urban Development Voting Session: Svoboda made a motion to approve the whole page, seconded by Marvin.

McRoy made a motion to remove Item 26 & 27, seconded by Camp. AYES: McRoy, Eschliman, Svoboda, Newman, Marvin, Camp, Cook. Motion carried, 7-0.

Marvin made a motion to remove Item 29, seconded by McRoy. AYES: McRoy, Eschliman, Svoboda, Newman, Marvin, Camp, Cook. Motion carried, 7-0.

The main motion was then voted on, to approve the rest of the page, which is approving Item 28. AYES: McRoy, Eschliman, Svoboda, Marvin, Camp; NAYS: Newman, Cook. Motion carried, 5-2.

McRoy made a motion to eliminate the ED Specialist position in Urban Development from her list and to transfer the funds, that support this position, of $30,000 to CDR and $24,000 would go back to the general fund, seconded by Marvin. AYES: McRoy, Eschliman, Svoboda, Marvin, Camp, Cook; NAYS: Newman. Motion carried, 6-1.

Other Miscellaneous Cuts: Items on the table: Negotiate to reduce contribution to civilian retirement to a 1.5 to 1 match, Marvin; Negotiate to reduce contribution to civilian retirement to a 1 to 1 match, Eschliman; More emphasis on cutting overtime, $250K citywide, Eschliman.

Don Taute, Director of Personnel, came forward to address questions of the Council regarding retirement cuts. Don stated that if the City Council would like to make a change in the employer contribution, they would have to pass an ordinance to do so. Don told the Council if they would like to change the employee contribution, he suggested that they set a date stating that any employee hired after that date would fall under their new employer contribution.

Steve Hubka, Budget Officer, came forward and stated the savings out of each department, and then asked for a motion to approve the Mayors recommended list. Steve stated that they might want to consider the list without the Public Information Officer position and the Human Rights position, because they appear on another list. Jon Camp moved approval of the list with those two deletions, seconded by Marvin. AYES: McRoy, Eschliman, Svoboda, Newman, Camp, Cook; NAYS: Marvin. Motion carried, 6-1.

Miscellaneous Cuts Voting Session: Cook made a motion to make a $50,000 cut from the miscellaneous contractual budget, seconded by Eschliman. AYES: McRoy, Eschliman, Svoboda, Newman, Marvin, Camp, Cook. Motion carried, 7-0.

McRoy made a motion to reduce the 4th of July celebration fund by $10,000, seconded by Svoboda. AYES: McRoy, Eschliman, Camp; NAYS: Svoboda, Newman, Marvin, Cook. Motion failed, 3-4.

Camp made a motion to reduce the Data Processing Services and the Data Processing Systems Development by $50,000 from each one, seconded by Svoboda. AYES: Eschliman, Svoboda, Camp; NAYS: McRoy, Newman, Marvin, Cook. Motion failed, 3-4.

Svoboda made a motion to reduce $90,000 from consultant services from miscellaneous, seconded by Camp. AYES: Svoboda, Camp; NAYS: McRoy, Eschliman, Newman, Marvin, Cook. Motion failed, 2-5.

Camp made a motion to add $245,000 to contingency for economic development purposes marked for LPED, seconded by Eschliman. AYES: McRoy, Eschliman, Svoboda, Newman, Marvin, Camp, Cook. Motion carried, 7-0

Svoboda made a motion to reduce the Capital Outlay Equipment by $30,000 from general expense, seconded by Camp. AYES: McRoy, Eschliman, Svoboda, Newman, Marvin, Camp, Cook. Motion carried, 7-0.

McRoy made a motion to reduce the diversity fellowship program by $15,000, seconded by Svoboda. AYES: McRoy, Eschliman, Svoboda, Newman, Marvin, Camp, Cook. Motion carried, 7-0.

Svoboda made a motion to reduce the miscellaneous other service charges by $20,000, seconded by Camp. AYES: Eschliman, Svoboda, Newman, Camp, Cook; NAYS: McRoy, Marvin. Motion carried, 5-2.

Camp made a motion to remove Item 84 from the page, seconded by Eschliman. AYES: McRoy, Eschliman, Svoboda, Newman, Marvin, Camp, Cook. Motion carried, 7-0.

Marvin made a motion to remove Item 86 from the page, seconded by McRoy. AYES: McRoy, Newman, Marvin, Cook; NAYS: Eschliman, Svoboda, Camp. Motion carried, 4-3.

The main motion was then voted on, which is to approve Item 85. AYES: Eschliman, Svoboda, Camp; NAYS: McRoy, Newman, Marvin, Cook. Motion failed, 3-4.

Council Chair Newman Adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm

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