

CITY COUNCIL - #13-78

(Current Budget)

April 13, 1978
4:00 p.m.

A special meeting of City Council was held today with the following members present - His Worship Mayor G. Parisien; Aldermen P. Armstrong, R. Aubry, G. Cameron, F. Guindon, L. Keen, L.G. Lavigne, A. Lebano, A. LeBlanc, B. Lynch, J. Pescod, G. Samson and G. Williamson.

The Commissioner of Finance presented and explained his current budget report dated April 10, 1978. He stated that the preliminary budget represents a 15.2% increase in the mill rate. However, if Council wishes to control the growth in mill rate in a similar spirit as the senior levels of government, he suggested a mill rate increase of 8.7 mills Commercial and 7.4 mills Residential or the reduction of from the present budget of \$500,000.00.

Mayor Parisien outlined to Council his format for this meeting and recommended that the budget report be reviewed page by page, and that motions be adopted for any changes made to the report.

It was moved by Alderman F. Guindon and B. Lynch that the format as outlined by the Mayor be adopted. CARRIED

A-1(a) - General Government Grants -

It was moved by Alderman J. Pescod and P. Armstrong that the Senior Citizens Association estimate of \$3,600. be reduced to \$1,000. DEFEATED

It was then moved by Alderman G. Cameron that the total grants of \$5,650. be deleted. NO SECONDER

It was moved by Aldermen L. Keen and A. LeBlanc that this whole item be deferred until whole budget report has been reviewed. CARRIED

A-3 - General Government - Treasury -

It was moved by Aldermen B. Lynch and A. Lebano that \$50,000. be deducted from Debt Charges. CARRIED

It was moved by Aldermen D. Aubry and G. Williamson that a report be prepared on the cost of overtime being paid as a result of evening meetings held at City Hall. CARRIED

A-8 - 1978 Revenue Budget -

It was moved by Aldermen D. Aubry and B. Lynch that FEES be increased by \$10,000. for building permits. CARRIED

It was moved by Aldermen D. Aubry and G. Williamson that INTEREST be increased by \$25,000. CARRIED

B-1 - Protection to Persons & Property - FIRE -

Moved by Aldermen A. Lebano and D. Aubry that Council reaffirms its policy regarding a 4% increase in salaries for all bargaining units in 1978. CARRIED

This motion reduces PERSONNEL total by \$29,000.

B-2 - Protection to Persons and Property - POLICE -

Moved by Aldermen G. Williamson and A. Lebano that this budget be approved. DEFEATED

It was then moved by Aldermen G. Cameron and B. Lynch that the Board of Commissioners of Police be requested to consider the hiring of one person only, not two. CARRIED

This motion reduces the salaries to 1 additional person (\$9,000.) and also that the 4% policy be retained and reduce further SALARIES by \$27,000.

C - Transportation Services -

The Commissioner of Finance advised that a 9th Function has to be added as Air Transportation for \$2,000.00.

At this point Aldermen A. Lebano, G. Williamson and L. Lavigne asked permission to leave having to attend another meeting. The Chairman accepted their request and the Council agreed to continue with the budget deliberations.

C-1 - Department of Public Works - Property Section -

Moved by Aldermen B. Lynch and G. Samson that the downtown merchants be advised that the cost of Xmas lights would be their responsibility and that \$2,000. be deducted for this purpose under Special Events. CARRIED

C-4 - Department of Public Works - Garage Section -

Moved by Aldermen L. Keen and G. Samson that \$4,400. be removed from Yard Operation being the sum to pave part of the yard at the Workshop. CARRIED

C-5 - Transportation Services - Engineering -

Moved by Aldermen G. Cameron and B. Lynch that one draftsman be hired. CARRIED

C-6 - Transportation Services - Transit -

Moved by Aldermen G. Cameron and F. Guindon that the 6 part-time drivers become full time employees. CARRIED

C-7 - Department of Public Works - TRAFFIC SECTION -

Moved by Aldermen B. Lynch and J. Pescod that \$18,000. be retained under Activity G331-299 for traffic lights at Cumberland and 13th Street. CARRIED

Following this motion, Alderman F. Guindon advised the Council that it was necessary for him to leave to attend another meeting.

G-4 - Recreation and Cultural Services - Water Street Arena -

In discussing this budget, it was moved by Aldermen J. Pescod and B. Lynch that \$8,000. be deducted for the deletion of paving the parking lot. CARRIED

G-6 - Recreation and Cultural Services - Kinsmen Building -

It was moved by Aldermen G. Cameron and J. Pescod that paving at a cost of \$8,000. be deleted. CARRIED

G-9a - Recreation and Cultural Grants -

The Commissioner of Finance requested that two organizations be added: Kennel Club, \$130. and Historical Society, \$3,500.

It was then moved by Aldermen D. Aubry and B. Lynch that the grant to the Seaway Valley Tourist Association be reduced by \$2,364. CARRIED

G-10 - Recreation and Cultural Services - Library -

It was moved by Aldermen L. Keen and D. Armstrong that building furnishings under Other Funds and Agencies be paid over 2 years and that this year's allocation be \$15,000. CARRIED

H-2 - Planning and Development - Planning and Zoning -

The Commissioner of Finance advised the Council to reduce "printing" from \$3,000. to \$1,000.; Equipment from \$3,000. to \$2,000. and delete Other Funds and Agencies being \$2,500.

H-4 - Planning and Development - Commercial and Industrial Development -

The Council was asked to reduce Other Funds and Agencies from \$35,000. to \$25,000. (B.I.D.)

It was moved by Aldermen G. Cameron and J. Pescod that the Chamber of Commerce provide a report before the next meeting detailing what amount is spent on tourist promotion. CARRIED

H-5 - Planning and Development - Residential Development -

Moved by Aldermen L. Keen and J. Pescod that "Persons and Business" (N.I.P. Bridge Area) be covered over 2 years and that \$78,000. be allocated for 1978. CARRIED

I-1 - Department of Works - Projects -

1. Sewer Section - Moved by Aldermen G. Cameron and A. LeBlanc that \$24,320. for pumps be left in the budget. CARRIED

I-2 - Sidewalk Reconstruction -

Moved by Aldermen B. Lynch and A. LeBlanc that this project be deleted in its entirety. DEFEATED

It was then moved by Aldermen G. Samson and J. Pescod that \$21,000. only be retained for 11th St. from Sydney St. to drain on south side. CARRIED

3. Traffic Section -

Traffic Signal Coordination - It was the concensus of Council that \$3,000. be retained in the budget from the \$32,500.

Intersection Realignment - Moved by Aldermen L. Keen and J. Pescod that this project be deleted. CARRIED

Fifth & McConnell Improvements - Moved by Aldermen D. Armstrong and G. Cameron that this project be deleted. CARRIED

Street Lighting Improvements - Moved by Aldermen A. LeBlanc and J. Pescod that this project be deleted. CARRIED

I-3 - Parking Meters -

The Commissioner of Finance Advised Council to delete this cost of \$5,500 as it is shown elsewhere.

Parks Section

Park Lighting - Moved by Aldermen D. Aubry and B. Lynch that this work be done in 2 years and that \$10,675. be retained this year. CARRIED

Rose Garden - Moved by Alderman B. Lynch and G. Samson that this item (\$6,000.) be deleted. CARRIED

Scenic Boat Tour Landscaping - Moved by Alderman Cameron and A. LeBlanc that \$1,796. only be spent this year. CARRIED

Irrigation - Moved by Alderman D. Aubry and L. Keen that the project for the front lawn between the complex Parking Lot and Water St. (\$7,000.) be deleted. CARRIED

I-4 - Projects

Ban Shell Study, Design - Moved by Alderman B. Lynch and G. Cameron that this project (\$6,000.) be deleted. CARRIED

GUINDON PARK

Planting Trees in Concrete Planters - Moved by Alderman G. Cameron and J. Pescod that this project (\$5,000.) be deleted. CARRIED

Landscaping Picnic Area and Floral Drive - Moved by Alderman B. Lynch and D. Aubry that \$10,000. only be spent this year. CARRIED

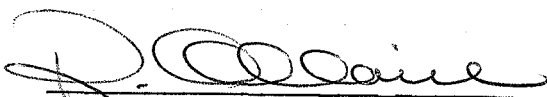
Tree Planting - Moved by Aldermen G. Samson and G. Cameron that this project be deleted (\$4,000.) CARRIED

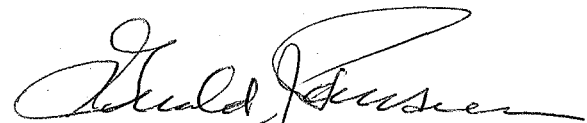
At this time, Alderman F. Guindon returned to the meeting.

Tender #11-78 -

Moved by Alderman Guindon and Aubry that the tender for Traffic Signs and Associated Supplies be awarded in accordance with the recommendation of the Purchasing Agent, Director of Engineering Services and Commissioner of Finance. CARRIED

These actions completed the 1st review of the current budget. Mayor Parisien advised the Council that the Administration would be preparing a revised report to be considered before the regular meeting of Council on April 24th. This special budget meeting will start at 4:00 p.m. The Mayor noted that approximately \$510,000. had been cut from the budget as a result of this evening's actions.


Clerk


Mayor