

**MINUTES OF A BUDGET WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2006, AT 4:07 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
CITY HALL, ZION, ILLINOIS**

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order.

On call of the roll the following answered present: Commissioners DeTienne, Bennett, Flammini and Mayor Harrison. Commissioner Taylor arrived at 4:11 P.M.

**2006/07 BUDGET**

ESDA

Requests for capital outlay purchases include:

- Trailered generator - \$21,000
- VHF radios (25) - \$5,750; this figure has been reduced from \$11,500

The Board-up costs of \$2,000 were questioned, as they may already be included in the General Fund. Larry Pannell will check on this line item.

Community/Economic Development

Delaine Rogers requested adding a part-time clerk-typist position, in lieu of the current intern position, and taking 2/3 of the cost from TIF Districts 1 and 3.

ZBDC

This budget has been reduced by \$20,000 from last fiscal year. Transfers from TIF Districts 1 and 2 total \$50,000.

Downtown Revitalization

Commissioner Bennett questioned the \$10,500 grant for the Butz Building. Ms. Rogers stated this grant is a carryover from the previous fiscal year. Commissioner Bennett recommended giving a timeframe for finishing the project or the money is no longer available.

The Council agreed, if the Butz Building project is not completed as required by the end of 6 months, grant funds are no longer available.

Project Costs

Request for capital outlay includes:

- Various projects - \$100,000

TIF District #1

Proposed capital projects:

- Parking lot land bank - \$200,000
- Zion Market Square pre-development expenses - \$5,000

Total approved facades and grants for TIF District #1: \$96,443  
Carryover façade grant: \$2,600

TIF District #2

TIF District #2 was previously closed out.

TIF District #3

Total proposed projects for TIF District #3: \$291,750

Cable Fund

Commissioner Bennett stated there should be an intergovernmental agreement regarding the Living Museum expense, line item 73-00-2-02-290.

Delaine Rogers stated MRMC's donation of \$10,000 for the trolley should be placed in the Cable Fund's revenue. This is the second year of a 3-year donation.

Promotions, line item 73-00-1-02-125 should be changed from \$60,000 to \$10,000

Planning/Zoning Commission

There are no proposed changes to Planning and Zoning Commission.

Building & Zoning/Inspection

John Jones requested adding an additional Property Maintenance Inspector.

Requests for capital outlay purchases include:

- Office equipment: \$17,000
- 2 trucks: \$34,000

Public Property

Request for capital outlay purchases includes:

- 3 laptops for Commissioners: \$12,600
- Network software: \$61,000
- Technology miscellaneous: \$10,000
- Dumpster enclosure for City Hall: \$10,000
- Remodeling City Hall: \$25,000
- Truck for downtown maintenance: \$18,000

\$10,000 was included for Dome repairs, however, it was noted that long-range plans are needed for this structure.

A proposal was received from the Zion Historical Society regarding the City assuming responsibility for the Shiloh House. The Council will review this proposal, and discuss at a later budget hearing.

Public Affairs/Legislative

Clerk Mackey proposed utilizing a portion of the Special Events Coordinator amount, line item 10-01-1-01-050, as a special events stipend. The Council agreed to a one-time payment of \$2,400 to be made in December for this purpose.

Requests for capital outlay purchases include:

- Public Affairs offices carpeting: - \$3,500

Public Affairs/Legal

There were no recommended changes or capital outlay expenses for the Legal budget.

Public Affairs/Grants to Other Agencies

The Grants to Other Agencies budget reflects a total of \$25,025 to various entities and organizations with the understanding individual grants or donations must have the approval of the Mayor.

Public Affairs/Board and Commissions

There were no recommended changes to the Boards and Commissions budget.

Jubilee Days Commission

There were no recommended changes to the Jubilee Days Commission budget. The Jubilee Days budget includes a grant from the Township of \$4,500 and a transfer from City General Funds of \$12,000.

Festival of Lights

The Council agreed the trolley expense in line item 78-00-1-02-125 should be included in the Economic Development budget. The Council also agreed that the Festival of Lights Commission should reduce advertising expenses, particularly in radio and television ads. The Festival of Lights budget includes a transfer from City General Funds.

Accounts & Finance

Larry Pannell is obtaining a quote on a keypad security access system for City Hall, and has budgeted \$6,500 for this expense.

There were no recommended capital outlay expenses for Accounts and Finance.

Larry Pannell noted that he has added a line item entitled “Computers, Equipment and Related” to each department requesting computer equipment, so these items will no longer be included under capital outlay.

Revenue for Franchise Fees, line item 10-00-2-00-624, will be placed under the Cable Fund. This item represents Comcast fees.

Finance Director Larry Pannell reported that the City’s General Fund revenue from 2005/06 is \$11,775,815 with anticipated 2006/07 revenue at \$11,781,217.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, it was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 8:29 p.m. Motion carried.

Approved June 7, 2006

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City Clerk