

**MINUTES OF A BUDGET WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2006, AT 2:05 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 Bennett, Flammini, Taylor, DeTienne and Mayor Harrison.

**DUMPSTER SCREENING**

Commissioner Flammini stated various issues have been raised regarding the dumpster screening requirements, including lack of space, who is included, multiple businesses in one location, and whether to allow multiple dumpsters or to allow multiple businesses to utilize one dumpster. Commissioner Flammini stated this ordinance was introduced to address visible garbage and garbage containers, however, there are individual trash containers that are unsightly, which can be right next to a screened dumpster. Mayor Harrison suggested including dumpsters, which can be seen from main thoroughfares or public streets. Commissioner Bennett recommended enforcing new construction, while reviewing existing cases on an individual basis. Commissioner Flammini noted one area, which needs to be addressed is the west side of Sheridan Road between 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Street. Mayor Harrison recommended requiring one dumpster corral on each end of this block to accommodate all of the businesses in between. Mayor Harrison also suggested making the container use more restrictive, so the owner or landlord only could utilize it. Commissioner Taylor noted the factors to consider are location, visibility and whether or not the container can be seen from public streets. Mayor Harrison requested that the Council address all of their ideas or concerns on this topic, and inform Commissioner Flammini and John Jones accordingly.

**BUDGET**

Larry Pannell stated, upon review of the proposed budget with current requests, there would be a shortfall of \$2,055,102.

Commissioner Taylor recommended additional revenue sources and increased line items to reflect either the past year's actual revenue or to take into account new businesses and sources of revenue.

The Council agreed to the following revenue amendments:

- Sales Tax, 10-00-1-00-613 - increasing from \$2,002,424 to \$2,302,424
- State Income Tax, 10-00-1-00-615 - increasing from \$1,760,505 to \$1,860,505
- Business Licenses, 10-00-2-00-620 - increasing from \$29,228 to \$37,228
- Interest, 10-00-4-00-641 - increasing from \$195,000 to \$240,000
- Rental Revenue, 10-00-5-00-642 - increasing from \$30,560 to \$35,560
- Water Service Charge, 10-00-6-00-652 - increasing from \$80,000 to \$180,000
- Revenue from Culvers - adding \$400,000
- Revenue from IDOT,  
maintenance of Sheridan Road - adding \$60,000

The Council directed Larry Pannell to look into a new law regarding liens, noting possible revenue in fees for filing liens. Commissioner Taylor noted the Rescue revenue was down. Mr. Pannell stated the levy was lower in this fund. Mayor Harrison noted the city could save \$532,000, if capital vehicle requests were removed from this budget. Commissioner Taylor recommended repaying MFT funds for street and road projects, should Calpine funds become available. Commissioner Bennett noted the fire truck could be funded out of the Fire Impact Fund either through a cash payment or for payment of a note. Commissioner Bennett stated he is opposed to increasing personnel. Commissioner Taylor stated the city's priorities should be for police and street services. Mayor Harrison noted police manpower is a very important issue.

Zion Historical Society/Shiloh House

A proposal was received from the Zion Historical Society, asking the City to consider assuming responsibility for Shiloh House. The Council noted they are opposed to assuming ownership of Shiloh House, however offered suggestions for promotions and fundraisers, the sale of literature, and the hours of operation. Delaine Rogers noted TIF funds could be utilized, due to the historical nature of the property. Suggestions included a feature in the City’s newsletter, adding the house as a trolley stop, hiring interns for extra hours, holding a fundraiser at the house, airing a video of the house on cable TV, and promoting historical book sales at Paige Turner Books. It was agreed for Mayor Harrison and Delaine Rogers to meet with the Zion Historical Society regarding available TIF funds and promotional ideas.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to approve the proposed budget for Fiscal Year May 1, 2006 through April 30, 2007, with additional revenue sources as recommended.

The Council then discussed and recommended reductions in expenses, helping to fund additional police officers, as follows:

- Eliminating Ebenezer Avenue roadway repair - \$55,000
- Eliminating one truck in Inspection, 10-05-1-05-990 - \$16,000
- Eliminating Police vehicles, 10-03-1-05-990 - \$113,052
- Eliminating Harley Repair School, 10-04-1-02-240 - \$1,750
- Eliminating laptops, 10-06-0-05-950 - \$12,600
- Eliminating City Hall remodeling, 10-06-1-05-995 - \$25,000
- Reducing Festival of Lights budget from 77,373 to 61,121 - \$16,252
- Eliminating Incentive Contingent, 10-01-3-02-290 - \$1,500
- Reducing Boards & Commissions, 10-01-5-02-290 from 1,000 to 250 - \$750

At this time, Commissioner DeTienne amended his motion, and Commissioner Flammini amended his second to approve the proposed budget for Fiscal Year May 1, 2006 through April 30, 2007, including the additional expense reductions, as recommended. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, nay; Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, it was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 5:52 p.m. Motion carried.

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City Clerk

Approved July 5, 2006