

CITY OF LEWISTON

CITY COUNCIL

MAY 22, 2007

REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL ROOM AT 7:00 P.M.

THE HONORABLE LAURENT F. GILBERT, SR., MAYOR, PRESIDING.

PRESENT: Councilors Mendros, Bernier, O'Brien, Samson, Paradis, Rousseau, City Administrator James Bennett, and City Clerk Kathleen Montejo. Absent/Excused: Councilor Jean

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Moment of Silence.

Mayor Gilbert read an email from a resident of Vancouver noting the Maineiacs team members are good representatives of Lewiston and were excellent sportsmen.

FINAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2008 BUDGET

Mayor Gilbert opened the public hearing to receive citizen input and comment. Larry Poulin of 394 Sabattus Street inquired if any funds were added to the budget to secure the area along the canal as a result of the accident in January. The City Administrator stated funds were not added to the FY08 budget, but the City is expecting a report within the week regarding the accident and recommendations for upgrades, and he expects these funds to be paid from the current budget in order to get the work done. No other members of the public expressed an interest to speak and Mayor Gilbert closed the hearing.

BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REGARDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2008 BUDGET

VOTE (142-2007)

Motion by Councilor Paradis, seconded by Councilor O'Brien:

To receive and review the recommendation from the Finance Committee regarding the Fiscal Year 2008 budget. Passed - Vote 6-0

FINAL ADJUSTMENTS TO THE 2008 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

VOTE (143-2007)

Motion by Councilor Mendros, seconded by Councilor Rousseau:

To amend the City Administrator's original recommended budget as outlined in the material entitled "FY08 Budget Proposed Transfers to School Department":

FY08 Budget Proposed Transfers to School

Department	Description	Adjustment
Police	School Crossing Guards - Wages	(\$28,312)
	School Crossing Guards - FICA	(2,150)
	School Resource Officers - Sal Credit	(18,342)
	School Resource Officers - MSRS	(8,036)
	School Resource Officers - FICA	(582)
	School Resource Officers - Health Ins	(9,075)
	School Resource Officers - Sec 125	(200)
	School Resource Officers - Work Comp	(3,575)
	Total Police	(\$70,272)
Recreation		
	Facility Operations	(\$55,575)
	Paint Press Box & Maint. Building	(1600)
	Repair Track - Franklin	(2200)
	Total Recreation	(\$59,375)
MPC		
	Utilities	(\$11340)
	Outside Rental	(543)
	Equipment Repairs	(675)
	Building Repairs	(4,050)
	Misc. Services	(608)
	Contract Waste Collection	(289)
	Fuel Supplies	(19,900)
	Household Supplies	(1,013)
	Other Supplies	(176)
	Building Improvements	(2,160)
	Total MPC	(40,754)
	GRAND TOTAL	(\$170,401)

Passed - Vote 6-0

VOTE (144-2007)

Motion by Councilor Paradis, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To amend the City Administrator’s original recommended budget as outlined in the material entitled “City Council Budget Adjustments”:

CITY COUNCIL BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Department	Description	Amount
City Attorney	Fees	(5,000)
City Clerk	Reduce cost of Scanner	(2,500)
MIS	Computer Equipment	(2,500)
Firefighting	Hydrant Rental	(8,775)
Firefighting	Reduce cost of Command Vehicle	(5,000)
Fire Stations	Sabattus St. Station paving	(5,000)
Municipal Garage	Reduce funding for Vehicle Equipment	(20,000)
General Assistance	Food Supplies	(5,000)
General Assistance	Rent	(25,000)
Library Building	Reduce cost of capital improvements	(3,000)
Debt Service	Principal 08 Bond Issue	(14,400)
Debt Service	Interest 08 Bond Issue	(139,000)
Debt Service	Interest Refunding 04 Bond Issue	(115,000)
A/L Airport	Replace funding for part of Taxiway with capital funds	(40,000)
Private & Parochial	Salaries (technical correction)	(27,106)
Pension & Retirement	Severance Payment	(10,000)
Reserve for Salaries	Credit for Turnover & Consolidation	(100,000)
Miscellaneous	Travel - All America City	(20,000)
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS		(500,931)

CITY REVENUE

Department	Description	Amount
Highway	State Highway Grant	145,000
General Assistance	General Assistance Aid	<u>(15,000)</u>
TOTAL ADD'L REVENUE		130,000

Passed - Vote 6-0

VOTE (145-2007)

Motion by Councilor O’Brien, seconded by Councilor Rousseau:

To amend the City Administrator’s original recommended budget as outlined in the material entitled “FY08 Proposed Department Realignment”:

FY2008 PROPOSED DEPARTMENT REALIGNMENT		
DESCRIPTION	POSITION	ACCOUNT
Transfer Parks maintenance from Rec. to Public Works	Deputy Parks & Rec. Dir.(M-8) To Deputy Public Works Dir.(M-9)	
	Deputy Public Works Dir (M-9) to Fleet Supt. (P-8)	
	District Team Mgr. (P-4) to Operations Mgr (P-5)	
	Rec. Supt. (P-6) to Deputy Rec. Dir. (P-7)	
	Net adjustments for realignment	7,500 General Fund
	Reduce 1 Mechanic (PW-8) to Equip. Servicer (PW-2)	(8,965)Municipal Garg.
Eliminate Vacant Positions	Eliminate 1 Parks Foreman (P-3) Recreation	(35,318) General Fund
	Eliminate 1/2 Equip. Mechanic (PW-8)	(17,649) Municipal Garg
	Eliminate 1 Water & Sewer Worker (PW-2)	(13,562) Water (13,562) Sewer
	Eliminate 3 Highway Workers (PW-2)	(78,999) General Fund
	Eliminate 1 Solid Waste Worker (PW-2) and transfer to Highway Worker (PW-2)	(26,333) General Fund
	Reduce General Assistance Caseworker (G-15) to Part-time	(12,382) General Fund
	Eliminate Police Support Serv. Coord. (P-4) and transfer to soon to be vacant Asst. Court Officer position (G-14)	(30,381) General Fund
	*Fringes Included	Eliminate Sr. Accountant(P-6) and transfer to PW Bus. Mgr. (P-6) position and increase Sr. Prin Clerk (G-12) to full-time
	Eliminate Housing & CD Officer (P-4)	(35,529) CDBG
	Transfer Dep. Dir Of Econ Dev. to be funded by CDBG	(51,349) General Fund 51,349 CDBG
	Eliminate Principal Clerk (G-10) in Central Services and transfer to open position	(22,110) General Fund
	Transfer Sr. Principal Clerk (G-12) to H.R. Secretary (M-2)	(5,970)General Fund

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Automate 3 Parking Facilities Effective Sept. 1	Chestnut St Garage 2 P.T. positions	(25,638) General Fund
	Oak / Park Garage 2 P.T. positions	(26,365) General Fund
	Canal St Garage 1 F.T. position (G-7) to MPC Janitor vacancy	(23,539) General Fund
	Transfer Parking Supv. & Sr. Attendant to Parking Facilities & Police Bldg. Maintenance - Eliminate Outside Janitorial Contract eff. Sept 1	(24,000) General Fund
	Transfer PW maint. charges from Police Bldg to PW Bldgs. (Amount \$16,853 No Budget Impact)	
	Purchase automated Parking equipment for 3 parking facilities on a 3 year lease purchase agreement	75,000 General Fund

	General Fund	Municipal Garage	Water	Sewer	CDBG
SUBTOTAL	(309,340)	(26,614)	(11,791)	(11,791)	9,632
Fringe Benefits:					
FICA	(25,313)	(2,036)	(1,037)	(1,037)	1,210
MSRS	(3,934)	(494)	(380)	(380)	(995)
Health Insurance	(83,397)	(2,214)	(2,800)	(2,800)	2,454
Flexible Spending	(2,826)	(432)	(133)	(133)	
Deferred Comp.	(3,655)	(359)			
RHS - no savings calculated because replacement personnel would not have time on the books					
TOTAL	(428,465)	(32,149)	(16,141)	(16,141)	12,301

GRAND TOTAL OF ADJUSTMENTS TO ALL FUNDS (480,595)

Passed - Vote 6-0

APPROVAL OF AID TO PRIVATE AND PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS

VOTE (146-2007)

Motion by Councilor O'Brien, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To accept the recommendation of the Finance Director, and to establish the following allocation amounts for aid to private and parochial schools for textbook and testing services for Fiscal Year 2008:

	Elementary	Secondary
Testing	\$ 7.00 per student	\$21.00 per student
Textbooks	\$28.50 per student	\$53.00 per student

To further authorize a payment of \$20,000 toward the cost of a School Nurse at the Trinity Elementary School. Passed - Vote 6-0

APPROVAL OF MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATES

VOTE (147-2007)

Motion by Councilor Paradis, seconded by Councilor Rousseau:

To authorize the Finance Director to approve payment for mileage reimbursement, at the rates and manner as budgeted, for the authorized use of privately owned vehicles in the conduct of official city business for each respective position as outlined:

<i>Position</i>	<i>Allocation</i>
Assistant to the City Administrator	200.00
Chief Assessor	480.00
City Clerk	300.00
Deputy Director of Economic & Community Development	200.00
Deputy Finance Director/City Auditor	125.00
Deputy Treasurer	100.00
Library Director	200.00
Mayor	500.00
Recreation Director	1,200.00
Social Services Director	100.00
Tax Collector	100.00

Per-mile basis. All others not specifically mentioned above shall be reimbursed at the standard rate allowed by the Internal Revenue Service, excepting motorcycles which shall be reimbursed at the rate of 75% established for other vehicles, plus tolls and parking supported by receipted vouchers other than meters.

Passed - Vote 6-0

AUTHORIZATION TO USE THE INTEREST FROM THE FARRAR FUND

VOTE (148-2007)

Motion by Councilor O'Brien, seconded by Councilor Mendros:

To authorize the use of the interest from the Farrar Fund for expenses incurred in the Human Services Budget, for medical and dental services. Passed - Vote 6-0

WAIVER OF SECTION 6.06(F) OF THE CITY CHARTER (GNP-IPD)

VOTE (149-2007)

Motion by Councilor Paradis, seconded by Councilor Samson:

That the City Council deems it necessary to adopt a budget which exceeds the percent increase of the Gross National Product-Implicit Price Deflator, and hereby waives the provisions of Section 6.06(f) of the City Charter. Passed - Vote 6-0

ADOPTION OF APPROPRIATION RESOLVE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

VOTE (150-2007)

Motion by Councilor Samson, seconded by Councilor Paradis:

To approve the Appropriation Resolve for Fiscal Year 2008 by a roll call vote:

RESOLVED, That there is hereby appropriated for the support of the several departments of the City of Lewiston for the fiscal year, commencing the first day of July, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven, and ending the last day of June, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight, for the payment of the State and County Taxes, for ordinary indebtedness and expenses, for the interest on the debt, of the City of Lewiston, for the payment of lawful debts and dues from the City of Lewiston:

AGGREGATE BUDGET	\$ 86,789,520
MEANS OF FINANCING:	
General Property Tax	42,616,976
Anticipated Revenues	43,419,544
Prior Year's Surplus	753,000
TOTAL	\$ 86,789,520

Passed - Vote 5-1 (Councilor Mendros opposed)

**FINAL ADJUSTMENTS TO THE WATER, SEWER AND STORMWATER
FISCAL YEAR 2008 BUDGETS**

VOTE (151-2007)

Motion by Councilor Samson, seconded by Councilor Rousseau:

To amend the proposed water, sewer and storm water budgets as presented by the City Administrator and Finance Director as outlined in the material entitled "Water, Sewer and Storm Water Budget Adjustments":

WATER

DEPARTMENT	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Other Expenses	Contractual Approp. Of Income-07 Bond Issue	3,500
Other Expenses	Interest on Debt -07 Bond Issue	(30,000)
	Interest on Debt -Refunding04 Bond Issue	<u>(3,100)</u>
TOTAL		(29,600)

SEWER

DEPARTMENT	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Other Expenses	Contractual Approp of Income - 07 Bond Issue	750
Other Expenses	Interest on Debt -07 Bond Issue	(69,000)
	Interest on Debt -04 Refunding	<u>(4,480)</u>
TOTAL		(72,730)

STORM

DEPARTMENT	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Plan & Permit	Consultant	(6,000)
Collection Sys. Oper.	Reduce outside contractor work	(5,000)
Other Expenses	Contractual Approp of Income 07 Bond Issue	1,000
Other Expenses	Interest on Debt - 07 Bond Issue	<u>(65,000)</u>
TOTAL		(75,000)

Passed - Vote 5-1 (Councilor Mendros opposed)

ADOPTION OF WATER, SEWER AND STORM WATER APPROPRIATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

VOTE (152-2007)

Motion by Councilor Samson, seconded by Councilor Rousseau:

To approve the Water, Sewer and Storm Water Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2008 by a roll call vote:

RESOLVED, That there is hereby appropriated for the support of the Water, Sewer & Stormwater Divisions of the City of Lewiston for the fiscal year, commencing the first day of July, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven and ending the last day of June, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight:

Water Division Requirements	\$ 4,042,339
Sewer Division Requirements	\$ 4,461,012
Stormwater Division Requirements	\$ 2,071,303

Passed - Vote 5-1 (Councilor Mendros opposed)

Councilor Paradis and Bernier inquired from Council Mendros his rationale for voting against some of the budget items when during the budget workshops he did not speak against the items. Councilor Mendros stated that he did speak against some of these items during the workshops and voted on the budget items accordingly. He noted specifically that he disagrees with the stormwater fee and the water and sewer budgets, and expressed his concerns during the budget workshops, but did not want to be disruptive to the entire budget process. Mayor Gilbert noted Councilors may vote how they wish on various items and do not have to explain their reasons why they vote on certain items. Councilor Bernier also apologized to the School Committee for information she stated was provided to them at their meeting by Councilor Mendros that Councilor Bernier stated was inaccurate information.

VOTE (153-2007)

Motion by Councilor Bernier, second by Councilor Samson:

To adjourn at 7:40 P.M. Passed - Vote 6-0

A true record, Attest:

Kathleen M. Montejo, CMC
City Clerk
Lewiston, Maine