

CITY OF LEWISTON

CITY COUNCIL

MARCH 25, 2003

BUDGET PRESENTATION HELD IN THE COUNCIL ROOM AT 7:00 P.M.

THE HONORABLE LAURIER T. RAYMOND, JR., MAYOR, PRESIDING

PRESENT: Councilors Philippon, Bernier, O'Brien, Jean, Mason, Paradis, Rousseau, City Administrator James Bennett, Assistant City Administrator Phil Nadeau and City Clerk Kathleen Montejo.

ALSO PRESENT: Finance Director Richard Metivier, Purchasing Agent Norman Beauparlant, City Auditor Heather Hunter, Treasurer Paul Labrecque, Fire Chief Michel Lajoie, Recreation Director Maggie Chisholm, Library Director Rick Speer, Public Works Director Christopher Branch, Chief Assessor Joseph Grube, Human Resources Director Denis Jean, Development Director Greg Mitchell and Police Chief William Welch.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
Moment of Silence.

Councilor Mason arrived at 7:10pm.

City Administrator James Bennett presented the 2004 fiscal year budget. The budget, as proposed, has an increase of \$2,229,765 for a total of \$38,356,665 on the City side. The Education Budget is \$36,062,112 for an increase of \$1,494,905 from last year. Overall, the proposed budget is \$74,418,786 with an increase of \$3,724,679 or a 5.2 % increase. The Water Division proposed budget is \$3,030,816 for an increase of \$449,666 or 17.4% increase. The Sewer Division proposed budget is \$4,080,694 which is an increase of \$75,933 or a 1.8 % increase.

At the conclusion of the Administrator's presentation, the Council received the summary copies of the budget. The Councilors will be receiving the budget supporting documents within the next week. Councilors discussed tentative plans for budget workshops and decided to discuss the workshop dates during next week's Council meeting.

VOTE (1)

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

To adjourn the meeting. Passed - Vote 7-0

The budget presentation meeting concluded at 8:00 P.M.

A true record, Attest:

Kathleen M. Montejo, CMC
City Clerk
Lewiston, Maine