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BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE  
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The meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee was called to order by Councilman Hakeem, Chairman, with Councilmen Swafford and Pierce present; Councilmen Lively, Crockett and Eaves joined the meeting later. City Attorney Randall Nelson, Management Analyst Randy Burns and Council Clerk Carol O'Neal were also present.

Others present included Admins. Boney and Marcellis, Daisy Madison, Ken Hayes and Jack Wilkerson.

Councilman Hakeem stated the primary item on the agenda involves an analysis of previous years' capital budgets by Districts previously requested of Mr. Burns.

Councilman Pierce asked if the report was to be made publicly today in this meeting or if the Committee to meet specifically on the Capital Budget.

Mr. Burns indicated the request was initiated by Councilwoman Rutherford. Councilman Hakeem stated a couple other Council members made the request, as well, but are not present at this time.

Councilman Pierce inquired as to the purpose for the request. Mr. Burns responded that the request was made for "FYI" purposes; to give a perspective.

Councilman Pierce stated if the Committee wants Mr. Burns to give the report he has no problem with it, but would think other Council persons, such as Councilwoman Rutherford, would like to be a part of the meeting and talk about it. He stated he would prefer to wait until more Council members are present

and move on now with the Capital Budget, since that is the real issue.

Councilman Hakeem stated since only three Council members requested the review, the matter can be held until the next meeting; that he plans to schedule another meeting for next Tuesday.

Councilman Swafford indicated any method would be fine with him; that the information can be distributed and discussed; that someone asked Mr. Burns to do it. He stated the information has been completed and is public information and has no problem waiting until next week.

Councilman Pierce stated someone who is not present today will come back next week and want Mr. Burns to make the report again.

Mr. Burns stated it was a frustrating thing to go back and look at the information as it was not designed to look at in this way because different areas have different needs. He stated it is hard to take a quick glance at the information; that charting the information is not the fairest way in using a pie graft as you have to look at the reasons for those expenditures. To make a point, he stated Admin. Marcellis doesn't come up with his projects based on two or three items for "this or that" district; that you have to go where the needs are and the needs are different.

Councilman Swafford stated he asked Mr. Burns to look at expenditures from the old form of government to the new form by district and he (Burns) could not do it as the City was not divided into districts at that time.

Mr. Burns stated Admins. Boney and Marcellis can attest that you have to put your hands on each piece of paper as information was not reported by district at that time (old form of government). He stated even the information he received from Admin. Boney's staff was information that the staff spent weeks on. Admin. Boney interjected that other departments provided information, as well.

Councilman Swafford asked Admin. Boney if he has information regarding parks and recreation as to what was needed for a particular project. Admin. Boney indicated he did not bring the information with him; that in the case of Parks and Recreation and Public Works, subsequent meetings were held based on the total dollars available; that both departments reprioritized and "signed off" on the lists.

(AT THIS POINT COUNCILMEN EAVES, CROCKETT AND LIVELY JOINED THE MEETING.)

Councilman Hakeem stated at the meeting next week there will be an opportunity to ask questions, as well as a brief overview. He asked if there were questions regarding the current Capital

Budget for Admin. Boney or Mr. Burns. No one in attendance had questions.

Councilman Lively made the motion to take the matter to the full Council for approval on first reading; Councilman Pierce seconded the motion; the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned.