

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

March 30, 1999

4:30 P.M.

The meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee was called to order by Councilman Eaves, in the absence of Chairman Lively. Councilman Franklin was present. City Attorney Randall Nelson, Management Analyst Randy Burns, and Shirley Crownover, Assistant Clerk to the Council, were also present.

Others present included Adm. Boney and Daisy Madison. Mayor Kinsey and Adm. Traughber joined the meeting later.

CAPITAL BUDGET ITEM

Adm. Boney explained that this item had met the ten-day rule and was an amendment to the Capital Budget; that it involved Coolidge Park's need for a few more dollars that would be coming from the Lyndhurst Foundation and Rivervalley Partners; that we were doing the project on our books and we have to appropriate the dollars; that no city funds are involved.

CAR ALLOWANCE FOR JUDGE WILLIAMS

Councilman Eaves stated that we might need to wait on this issue until there is more Council representation. Adm. Boney stated that it was somewhat of a sensitive matter that he needed to bring to the Council's attention; that the time crunch had disappeared; that we had allocated in the Capital Budget to buy a car for Judge Williams in the amount of \$22,000; that Judge Williams had bought a private car and wants his car allowance of \$400.00. Councilman Eaves asked if this would become a part of Judge Williams' budget. Adm. Boney responded that we would not spend \$22,000 on the car, leaving \$22,000 in the Capital Budget and if they change the purpose for this money, he would have to come back before the Council since it would be over \$10,000. Mayor Kinsey indicated that he had no problem with this, noting that when it is a city car, the city pays for everything such as maintenance and insurance. Councilman Eaves asked if we would be receiving bills from Judge Williams in addition to the car allowance. Mayor Kinsey stated the mileage was all we would pay. Adm. Boney verified that there would be no routine maintenance paid.

At this point Councilman Eaves asked if we had changed our rules on the city buying liquor. The answer was "no", with Adm. Boney adding that we have no City Ordinance prohibiting this.

Adm. Boney reiterated that there is no time crunch on this. Councilman Eaves stated that it had this committee's approval to go forward.

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Mayor Kinsey stated that this issue should have been mentioned last week; that things got a little confusing; that they thought that this resolution had been brought through regular channels. He explained that this was part of a Bill written for 95 counties and every county has to do this to meet the technical requirements; that in order to meet the requirements of the law, this had been drafted; that no money would be spent.

Councilman Eaves mentioned that as a result of this Bill, he had been covered up with stacks of letters saying basically that they wanted to strip down the basic bill. Mayor Kinsey explained that he had made the motion that we would only be submitting the minimum requirements and it was unanimous. He stated the letters were not negative, and we had already unanimously done the minimum.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

