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Mayor Kelley*

SPECIAL SESSION MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL, JANUARY 8, 1974
MEETING NUMBER TWO

PRESIDING:

Roland E. Powell, President
Harry W. Kelley, Mayor

IN ATTENDANCE:

William Purnell
J. Warren Frame
Joshua Richardson
Granville Trimper
Elbridge "Newt" Cropper

ABSENT:

John Dale Showell

Also in attendance Dale Cathell, City Solicitor; Sheldon Dietert, Clerk-Treasurer and members of the Press.

This Special Session of the Mayor and City Council was called to order by the President at 9:30 A.M., in the Mayor's office, 3rd and Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City, Maryland.

1) Mayor Kelley

a) Questioned President Powell if they were going to go over the trader's licenses this year? Mayor Kelley had had two people question him about a trader's license with respect to inventory. It was the consensus of opinion this would be too costly and would involve quite an addition to the City Staff to perform same. President Powell felt, perhaps, there were some inequities within the Code that should be changed. For instance, the real estate people. The latter had been in, as a group, and requested a reply on their fees. President Powell suggested the Mayor and Council go a step further and place a fee on lawyers, doctors, and other professionals. President Powell polled the Council, the question being should the fee be lowered for real estate salesmen trader's license? The unanimous vote was no, with President Powell voting.

b) Brought to Council's attention the Transportation Department's report (attached to these minutes). Complimented Councilman Purnell and Mr. Darrell Rose, Head of Transportation, on such a thorough report. The proposal is to purchase twenty (20) new vehicles at one time, purchase twenty (20) new vehicles over a two-year period, purchase twenty (20) new vehicles over a four-year period. The Police Department to purchase their own vehicles. Mayor Kelley, "The Departments have not, really, wanted these hand-me-downs, plus the fact the Department is upset like you have repair of transmission, etc., that is all charged up to that Department and it is still a second-hand vehicle." Mayor Kelley planned to buy half of what had been suggested and purchase little cars such as Vegas, Pintos, Volkswagens. Councilman Purnell advised the City could possibly get by with the cars they presently have and use them and implement this at a later date since the cars had just been repainted. Mayor felt it would be well to purchase these and get seven or eight more miles a gallon for ten vehicles. Councilman Frame requested the Police Department not keep the records on the automobiles, the Transportation Department being the place for this to be done. There entailed discussion on type of vehicle, size of engine, whether or not they should be airconditioned. It was decided Councilman Purnell should have someone come down and look at the ten cars, planned to be turned-in, and give the Council some idea of what they could expect on a trade-in versus selling outright. It was determined to instruct Chief Duggan to purchase the heavy duty car with airconditioning. The detectives cars can be an economy car (4-dr., 6 cylinder). Mayor Kelley stated he was disturbed about the high speed cars for the Police Department and wished to avoid this high speed chasing, this is unnecessary. The City is treading the line with the insurance companies because of the high powered motors as far as jeopardizing the insurance for the whole City, this should be a consideration for the Council. After further discussion there will be a meeting with Mayor, Council, Chief Duggan, Darrell Rose and possibly other experts to explain, in detail, the best type cars to purchase for the Police Department.

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c) Presented Beach Patrol Report dated December 15, 1973, from Captain Craig. A new lifeguard station had been requested and it was decided to select the site at 27th and the Boardwalk. Mayor Kelley will write a letter to Mr. James Coulter, Secretary Department Natural Resources and request clearance. Councilman Purnell, and others, will check the area out for proper space for the train to turn around and clear this aspect. The building will be on pilings, but on skids to enable moving of same, if necessary. Size to be 14x20, or about the size of a motel room. (Mayor placed a call to Mason Shehan this date, same subject).

Mayor Kelley instructed Sheldon Dietert to get together with Ken Rippel, Purchasing Agent for the City and call George Schoepf, Assistant Captain Beach Patrol and order the necessary equipment for the beach patrol, i.e., uniforms, buoys, hats, whistles, etc. Mr. Schoepf can get a discount through a high school and this should be compared with prices the Purchasing Agent can obtain.

It was decided to give the Beach Patrol a Blazer with balloon tires and issue them a small car in addition to what they have, an economy car. This will make a total of four cars assigned to the Beach Patrol; the Blazer to be used for patrolling the beach during the night time hours.

Sheldon Dietert was instructed to ask Mr. Shaffer to get busy with reference to the lifeguard stands.

Mayor commented Captain Craig's report was very good, reiterated the statistics as given by Captain Craig.

Councilman Frame requested Mayor to re-emphasize the Council doesn't want the beach traveled during the course of the day (in the car). Mayor will re-emphasize this to Captain Craig.

2) Councilman Cropper -

All had read in the newspaper about the possibility of a new high school in the northern end of Worcester County. You also probably read at a later date the Interagency Committee came back with an unfavorable report, this report had come back before the proper statistics had been delivered to them. The Board of Education had appeared yesterday for an appeal for the Bishopville and Whaleyville Schools and feel very optimistic these will be approved. If Council is interested would it be possible to write a letter to the Board of Education or to the County Commissioners stating they would like to see another high school located in the northern end of the County? Motion Councilman Trimper the Mayor and City Council go on record as backing the Board of Education's recommendation for a new high school in the northern part of Worcester County; seconded by Councilman Frame; verbal unanimous vote. Mayor Kelley to write letter to Charles Lynch, Chairman, Board of Education on this.

3) Attorney Cathell brought to Mayor and Council's attention the reduction of assessments to 50% that Governor Mandel is talking about, did not know whether this has actually gone into effect or has been phased over a period of three years. If the Governor directs the State Assessors, instead of assessing at 60%, as at present, to assess at 50% of real value the revenues on property tax will be down about 17½% because of the 10% reduction; there will be a potential 17½%. Mayor felt it would be up to the local governments and wished to let it remain status quo; it is a good idea and is long overdue according to Mayor Kelley. Council felt if they were cut back they should be responsible enough to operate accordingly without raising taxes.

Viola S. Thomas
 (Mrs.) Viola S. Thomas,
 Secretary

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Meeting # 3 Jan. 21, 1974
 Approved date as noted above

PROPOSALS FOR CITY VEHICLES

Rec'd Mayor's
office
1/27/74

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by
L. Rose

The Department of Transportation would like to present the following proposals to the Mayor and City Council concerning city vehicles:

- I. Purchase small economy cars for all City Departments that require daily transportation. Retain these vehicles for approximately four years and then trade on new vehicles.
 - A. There are at the present time, twenty automobiles dispersed through the City's various departments.

1. Transportation	2
2. Water	3
3. Sanitation	1
4. Engineering	2
5. Building Inspectors	4
6. Clerk Treasurer	1
7. Tax	1
8. Planning & Zoning	1
9. Maintenance	5
 - B. Purchasing
 - 1. Purchase 20 new vehicles at one time
 - 2. Purchase 20 new vehicles over a 2 year period
 - 3. Purchase 20 new vehicles over a 4 year period
- II. The Police Department purchase their own vehicles keep as long as feasible and trade on new ones.
- III. Purchase mid-size cars for the Detective Division keep as long as feasible and trade on new ones.

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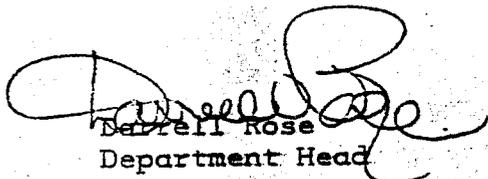
We offer these proposals for the following reasons:

- I. There will be a very large savings in fuel and at this time it is a problem that needs to be dealt with. The vehicles in use now were turned over to the city from the Police Department. These vehicles have large V-8 engines; the Ford's are a 351 and the Plymouth's are a 360. Needless to say they consume a large amount of fuel. With a smaller engine there would be a difference of approximately 10 miles per gallon. Therefore, a small car would operate on approximately 18 to 20 miles per gallon.

- II. The cost of restoring police cars to city vehicles is approximately \$200.00, per vehicle. These vehicles are equipped with heavy duty equipment such as; brakes, suspension, battery, etc., and is unnecessary for city use. They also have to be repainted and normally require some type of body work. Many times repairs that should have been made are not done until the vehicle is turned over for city use and the repairs are charged to the department that receives the vehicle. In most cases, the engines eventually need to be overhauled.
 - A. The following work was done on four cars recently turned over for city use from the Police Department:
 1. Vehicle A.
 - a. Replace battery & alternator
 2. Vehicle B.
 - a. Repair transmission
 - b. Replace wire harness
 - c. New thermostat, rotor, plugs
 - d. Replace radiator
 3. Vehicle C.
 - a. Repairs on rear axle
 4. Vehicle D.
 - a. Replace muffler & tailpipe
 - b. Replace starter

- III. The wear and tear on the police vehicles is great at the time they are turned over to the city and the mileage is excessive.
- IV. The parts for small economy cars are less expensive than parts for the type of vehicle in use at the present time.
- V. There will be a substantial savings in trading vehicles in on new ones than offering them for public sale as is the present policy.

Due to the fact that the Transportation Department is responsible for the maintenance of all city vehicles we feel that these proposals offer a long range savings to the City.


Darrell Rose
Department Head

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