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SPECIAL MEETING OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

PUBLIC HEARING

BUDGET

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PRESENTMAYOR HARRY W. KELLEY
PRESIDENT ROLAND POWELLCOUNCILMAN PURNELL
COUNCILMAN FRAME
COUNCILMAN TRIMPER
COUNCILMAN CROPPERABSENTCOUNCILMAN SHOWELL
COUNCILMAN RICHARDSONIN ATTENDANCEAttorney Dale Cathell, City Solicitor; Sheldon Dietert, Clerk-Treasurer;
and Miles Allgood, City Engineer.

This Special Meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order by the President, Roland Powell on May 22, 1974, at 7:30 P. M., in the Council Chambers at 3rd Street and Baltimore Avenue in Ocean City, Maryland. This meeting is a Public Hearing to present the Budget for the year 1974 and 1975 and to adopt it.

Mayor Kelley and Mr. Dietert are responsible for this budget and the Mayor would like to commend Mr. Dietert for the work that has gone into the preparation of it. We have examined and reexamined, we have added and we have taken from. Two times he has told Mr. Dietert and the members of the Council to come in and tell them if there is anything that they would want to add or take out and the Mayor has heard nothing from any of the Council members or any of the department heads. Today we have added some recreational money and others and have now come up with the final figure. It is \$5,592,134.00 anticipated in revenue and the expenditures are \$5,592,134.00, which is a balanced budget. Yesterday we added a little bit more bag money for the beach, which worked great last year, so there is some additional money in there for beach erosion in addition to what the State is doing. Mayor Kelley then asked if there were any questions from the Council in respect to this budget. Councilman Trimper ask about the recreation money, he thought that we had asked the County to add to the budget, is that our part of the budget, the money the County gave us?

Mayor Kelley stated that is where he and Mr. Dietert have put the money, unless the liaison officers have any objections. We just wanted it in our recreational program whether it was up here to do the tennis courts or what have you, so this is the reason it is in the general fund. Our budget was real tight. It is all the same pot and it is money that we do not have to put out, it is \$10,000. We are going to have reexamined certain things, particularly the water. He has noticed that certain towns are looking at their water, Berlin, Crisfield, they are anticipating as much as a 50% raise. We have had tremendous growth and this is a good budget and a realistic budget and you have not got any figures in here to mislead you. Mayor Kelley recommended that we adopt this budget.

Councilman Cropper wanted to ask if we had received \$100,000 for the beach stands, and did we collect that much last year?

Mr. Dietert said that it came to \$96,000.00, the yearly income for beach stands. Councilman Cropper then asked what the Animal income was?

Mr. Dietert explained that this was for Dog license fees.

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Councilman Cropper then asked if we keep the money for traffic fines, he thought that the State Police always keep that?
President Powell explained that we keep it when it is on our roads and our parking meters. Our parking meter violations are the biggest income.

There were no further questions from the Council.

Councilman Frame made the motion that we accept the balanced Budget as presented by Mayor Kelley for the year 1974 and 1975. It is a balanced budget with both figures being \$5,592,134.00. This was seconded by Councilman Purnell. The vote was by a show of hands and was unanimous.

This Public Hearing was adjourned.
General business followed.



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Secretary

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Mayor Kelley announced that some of the gasoline stations have said that they will not have enough gasoline for the week end. He has called the Governor's office and they are making a survey in Ocean City and all the stations outside Ocean City and they will try to send more allocations to us.

The Recreation Council went to Snow Hill and got \$10,000 from the County Commissioners.

We also got some money for the narcotics program.

This will go into our budget to replace some of our expenses and it has helped to balance it as it is \$16,840. The money for the narcotics program comes to us in a piece meal plan, we started that about three years ago. The \$10,000 for the recreation program we can sock right in the budget.

We have recieved a report and a telegram from Captain Graig. His letter arrived this morning telling us that there will be 7 guards on the beach Friday and 14 on Saturday. Mayor Kelley felt that this is not enough men to cover the beach and this City. He has sent him a telegram telling him that we want some more people here this week end. Mayor Kelley has talked with Mr. Shaffer and asked that he put out all the buoys that we have and to hang them so that they will be visible on that beach. Mr. Shaffer is going to call Mr. *Schoepf* in Salisbury to see if he could help.

Councilman Purnell felt that we have terrible communications and public relations with Captain Graig.

Mayor Kelley thought that it was bad not to have this report by the first of May and he has sent a very strong telegram. The Council all agreed that this needed to be done. This is Graig's problem, he becomes too concerned with the jeeps, their equipment and how they can speed up and down the beach, and if he has a proper siren and a proper light. Their job is out there, saving people from that ocean and heat strokes.

We will place all of our buoys out there on the beach and Mr. Shaffer will maybe have a report for us in the morning.

Councilman Purnell is going to get together with members of the Council and present plaques to all the Ex Mayors and Ex Councilmen for serving the City. Mayor Kelley asked that this be done very carefully and not to forget anyone.

Councilman Purnell wondered if we could put a ad in the Salisbury Times and ask that the people not forget to vote on May 28th for the Blue Law. It is too late for the weekly papers. Attorney Cathell reminded the Council that they should not tell people how to vote, but we could remind them to just vote. Mayor Kelley asked John Holston if he could help on station WETT, some of the people in Town know nothing about this special voting. We need to advertise. Maybe the merchants could do some of this advertising. We can't pay for the advertisement but we must let the people know how important this referendum is to our City. Some of the Councilmen said that they will contribute to the cause. Councilman Purnell will call the Salisbury Times tomorrow and see how much an ad will cost and how much we can get together.

Councilman Frame asked if they (the State) are doing anything on the TOPICS things. They are working on it. Mayor Kelley explained that they thought that the only things that they might not get done, is the phasing of the light system. Councilman Purnell said that the signs will all be up tomorrow for the parking changes, even the ones downtown. Mayor Kelley told the Council that Russell Hickman, our delegate and Mr. Dan Moore, a Berlin farmer and others like Robert Cropper and Lee Fisher made excellent remarks last night in regards to the Inter-Coastal Waterway. They did a tremendous job.

President Powell asked the Council about the parking lot that has been offered to the City by the Presbyterian Church, do we want to go ahead with it. We are talking about maybe \$9,000 or \$10,000 and this would not include the striping, the meters or the bumpers. It would include fill, black top and the sidewalks and things of that nature. We could get five years usage or lease from this. They will use their money and do the work and then in return we will lease

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it and maybe give them a dollar more than their cost. They will use their money and do the work and then we will put the meters on.. Councilman Purnell asked if the meters should be like the ones on the Beach parking lot, \$2.00 for 24 hours. All agreed they should.

Councilman Trimper made the motion that we lease part of the block from the Presbyterian Church to use as a parking lot, with the cost about \$9,000 or \$10,000. This was seconded by Councilman Frame. The vote was by a show of hands and was unanimous.

President Powell asked that Attorney Cathell get together with them and prepare the legal papers.

This meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P. M.

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