

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Jeannie L. Sanders called the workshop to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Mayor Jeannie Sanders, Councilmembers Larry Bray, Everett Cole, Kenneth Johnson, Shannon McKay, Marc Spohr, and Tim Wilson.

**Also Present:** Department Heads: Curt Andrews, Police Chief Ron Axtman, Debbie Kudrna, Dick Lee, Rhonda Miller; Deputy City Clerk Rebecca Dover; and City Administrator, Ehman Sheldon.

**Absent Was:** Councilmember Eleanor Brodahl.

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION OF O.M.C. CHAPTER 4.04 ENTITLED "BUSINESS LICENSES", 4.08 ENTITLED "SOLICITORS AND PEDDLERS", AND 4.36 ENTITLED "PUBLIC DANCES"**

City Clerk Debbie Kudrna reviewed the recommended changes to the City's business license codes. Council gave her direction for further changes.

The City Clerk explained that the City Attorney has advised that the City's solicitors and peddlers chapter will need to be repealed, and asked for Council's direction on how to license these type of businesses. They reviewed three options for consideration and the City Council's consensus was to adopt an ordinance which strictly regulates solicitors, including restricting the time for soliciting.

**PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

Finance Officer Rhonda Miller briefly reviewed the summary budget, including the expenditure and revenue summary, salaries and payroll information, and capital facility projects.

Councilmember Spohr reviewed several items in the preliminary budget including: uncompensated leave; computer equipment and service contracts; his concern of stating that there is a reduction in the police fund when the bulk of the savings is based upon transfers from the cost allocation plan. The Mayor reiterated that the Department Heads have made cuts throughout their budget, including the Police Department. Ms. Miller explained that \$35,000 has been reduced from the Police Fund for the payment of the City Hall/Police Department building, which is now funded out of the Utility Tax Fund. Other topics discussed by Spohr were the radio repeater; parks maintenance program; ballfield netting project; uniform costs in Public Works; GIS funding; street striping; the purchase of a new street sweeper; the stormwater and sewer line extension projects; steel water line replacement project; sidewalk construction on South 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and concerns of use of reserves.

Mayor Sanders asked if the Council wanted to reduce the street project to conserve use of the street reserves. She also stated that the City was able to pay for Well #8 with reserve funding instead of loans or other funding sources. The Mayor advised that the FY 05 budget is \$1 million less than 2004 because we're not performing major projects and with the help of reductions of operating costs. Councilmember Cole stated that he is also concerned of the continued use of reserves and Ms. Miller listed the projects that are funded with reserves in 2005. The Mayor asked the Council to consider what they would cut from the projects being funded by reserves.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Councilmembers Larry Bray and Shannon McKay will serve on a committee with City Administrator Ehman Sheldon to review Long Term Care (LTC) coverage for our LEOFF 1 employees. Mr. Sheldon has received two proposals for LTC for the six LEOFF employees currently not covered and the committee will analyze the proposals and will provide a recommendation to the Council whether to purchase this additional coverage.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Jeannie L. Sanders adjourned the workshop at 8:52 p.m.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
JEANNIE L. SANDERS, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
DEBBIE L. KUDRNA, City Clerk