

DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK

CITY HALL

MAY 23, 1985

The Committee on Finance reconvenes at 4:30 o'clock p.m. in Committee Room "A", City Hall.

Present: Chairwoman Brassil and Councilman Dillon, and Councilwoman Fagnoli.

Also present by invitation are Arthur Markos, Director of Planning and Development; Stanley Bernstein, Deputy Director of Planning and Development; Joseph Casoli and Roger Giraud. Councilwoman DiRuzzo is present. (Rose M. Mendonca, Clerk)

RELATIVE TO BUDGET OF DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING - FISCAL YEAR 1985-1986.

Mr. Markos introduces Mr. Casoli and states he has had thirty years of training and is establishing an accounting and fiscal system.

The Mayor's Office of Community Development had a problem identifying what projects were being funded and not funded. Discussion ensues relative to certain centers that have been promised for approximately two years to be funded, such as Fox Point Center and Women's Development Center and Nickerson House.

What they did in their budget this year was establish a single budget, consolidating three basic agencies.

Mr. Bernstein states \$693,000 is the City's cost and \$2,400,000 is the money for the department.

Mr. Markos explains the manner in which he consolidated the departments.

Chairwoman Brassil questions as to whether any new positions have been created and Mr. Markos states there are three new positions, City Architect, Grants Request and Assistant Director of Planning which is Joseph Casoli.

Questioned by Councilwoman Fagnoli as to whether any positions have been eliminated, Mr. Markos states not since the elimination in December of administrative positions, there were eleven positions eliminated.

Chairwoman Brassil questions as to what happened with the cost savings expected under one system.

Mr. Markos states there is a problem in that they have more people than needed to conduct their responsibility. Under the City contractual obligations with the bargaining unit, they are attempting to shrink the size of the department. However, the employees can bump city employees city-wide and that creates a problem.

Questioned by Chairwoman Brassil as to whether they have the bumping

procedures in the Mayor's Office of Community Development as it was her understanding they could not, Mr. Giraud responds that at one time that was true, but he is of the opinion they are now under one contract.

Mr. Markos states they did reduce the payroll and did break a lease at 40 Fountain Street. That represents a savings of about \$70,000 to the city, plus the lease the city had at 44 Washington Street. They have begun to achieve some of the savings anticipated.

Questioned by Councilwoman Fagnoli as to the difference in the money from the federal government, Mr. Markos states it was 7.1 million dollars last year and 6.9 million dollars this year.

Chairwoman Brassil requests a breakdown in Item 199 Miscellaneous \$135,000.

Mr. Markos informs the members there are two key enhancements in miscellaneous services. One is the funding for the completion of the city's zoning commission study for about \$100,000.

This is<sup>a</sup> twelve to fourteen month project. It will also provide a modest promotional campaign for the City.

He speaks of businesses coming into the city and redevelopment.

Considerable discussion ensues and the representatives of the Department and Planning and Development are excused.

RELATIVE TO LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR PATRICIA L. FEDELI - FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Chairwoman Brassil reads a request of Patricia L. Fedeli, employed as a Clerk IV in the Fire Department, requesting a leave of absence from June 3, 1985 to December 2, 1985 for medical reasons.

The request has the approval of the Commissioner of Public Safety.

On motion of Councilman Dillon, seconded by Councilwoman Fagnoli, it is voted to approve the request of Patricia L. Fedeli for a leave of absence.

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The Clerk is requested to transmit a memorandum to all department directors asking if they would like to appear before the Committee on Finance relative to their budget and request a response within one week.

On motion of Councilwoman Fagnoli, seconded by Councilman Dillon, it is voted to recess at 5:20 o'clock p.m. to reconvene at the call of the Chair.

*Rose M. Henderson*

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