

**CITY OF LEWISTON**

**CITY COUNCIL**

**MAY 18, 1999**

**REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL ROOM AT 7:00 P.M.**

THE HONORABLE KAILEIGH A. TARA, MAYOR, PRESIDING.

PRESENT: Councilors Lynch, Kelly, Carignan, Albert, Samson, Bilodeau, Putnam, City Administrator Robert J. Mulready, Student Representatives Karen Gagnon & Johanna Mathieu and City Clerk Kathleen Montejo

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Moment of Silence.

**VOTE (1)**

Motion by Councilor Samson, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

To dispense with the reading of the minutes of the May 4, 1999 meeting and to accept and place them on file as prepared by the City Clerk. Passed - Vote 7-0.

**FINAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Tara opened the hearing at 7:08pm. No members of the public spoke for or against the budget proposals. The hearing was closed at 7:09pm.

**FINAL ADJUSTMENTS TO 1999-2000 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET**

The City Administrator and Finance Director presented the proposed final adjustments to the General Fund as outlined in Scenario 1:

**Potential Budget Adjustments for School and Municipal Budgets**

**Fiscal Years 1999-2000**

**Scenario I Budget Adjustments**

**School Budget:**

	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>
<b>School Revenues</b>		
Increase in General Purpose Aid	\$ 225,000.00	

**CITY COUNCIL****MAY 18, 1999****School****Expenditures**

Debt Service \$ (10,000.00)

**City Budget****City Revenues**

Senior Citizens \$ (4,200.00)

A/L Airpark Tax \$ (15,000.00)

Sharing

Parking Meters \$ (12,500.00)

Sale of Surplus \$ 10,000.00

Property

Excise Tax \$ 25,000.00

**Total \$ 35,000.00 \$ (31,700.00)****Increase/Decrease****Net Increase in \$ 3,300.00****Revenues****City Expenditures**

Mayors Travel \$ 2,000.00

Economic Dev \$ 36,000.00

Specialist

(Eff. 10/99)

Highway:

Road Resurfacing \$ 25,000.00

Crack Sealing \$ 5,000.00

Solid Waste \$ (128,900.00)

Collections

Urban

Development:

LMRC

\$ (50,000.00)

Debt Service \$ (35,000.00)

9-1-1 \$ (68,205.00)

Donations &amp;

Contributions:

Liberty Festival \$ 5,000.00

FFA \$ 10,000.00

LA Music Society \$ 2,000.00

**Total \$ 85,000.00 \$ (282,105.00)****Increase/Decrease****Net Decrease in \$ (197,105.00)****Expenditures****Decrease in****Taxation:**

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Additional Revenues	\$	228,300.00
Net Expense Reduction	\$	207,105.00

**Total Amt. Of Taxation Reduction \$ 435,405.00**

**Mill Rate Increase 0.80**

Motion by Councilor Carignan, seconded by Councilor Albert:

To amend the proposed budget as presented by the City Administrator for the General Fund as outlined in Scenario 1.

The Council complimented and thanked the City Administrator and School Superintendent for working together on the budgets this year. It was noted this budget would require a tax increase, the first in four years. Many Councilors commented on the need to act responsibility and to pass a budget that reflects the needs of the city to keep the community growing and to service the needs of the citizens. Several councilors commented on the need to remove the Economic Development Specialist from the budget at this point in time, and to review this position at a later date once the GPA funding is known.

**VOTE (2)**

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Putnam:

To accept the recommendation of the City Administrator to remove from the proposed budget adjustments, Scenario 1, the position of Economic Development Specialist.

Passed - Vote 7-0

**VOTE (3)**

Motion by Councilor Carignan, seconded by Councilor Albert:

To amend the proposed budget as presented by the City Administrator for the General Fund as outlined in Scenario 1, with the position of Economic Development Specialist removed.

Passed - Vote 7-0

**VOTE (4 )**

Motion by Councilor Lynch, seconded by Councilor Carignan:

To amend the proposed water and sewer budget as presented by the City Administrator:

WATER DIVISION BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Debt Service -11,200.  
 Equipment Replacement VFD - Pump Station -20,000.  
 Utility Billing Software +20,000.  
 Net Adjustments -11,200.  
 Water Division Appropriation \$2,412,691.

SEWER DIVISION BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Utility Billing Software +20,000.  
 Sewer Division Appropriation \$3,194,159.

Passed - Vote 7-0

**WAIVER OF SECTION 6.06(f) OF THE CITY CHARTER**

**VOTE (5 )**

Motion by Councilor Samson, seconded by Councilor Carignan:

That the City Council deems it necessary to adopt a budget which exceeds the percent increase of the Gross National Product-Implicit Price Deflator, and hereby waives the provisions of Section 6.06(f) of the City Charter.

Passed - Vote 7-0

**ADOPTION OF APPROPRIATION RESOLVE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000**

The Appropriation Resolve for Fiscal Year 2000 received its first reading at this time.

**RESOLVED**, That there is hereby appropriated for the support of the several departments of the City of Lewiston for the fiscal year, commencing the first day of July, in the year of Our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-nine, and ending the last day of June, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand, for the payment of the State and County Taxes, for ordinary indebtedness and expenses, for the interest on the debt, of the City of Lewiston, for the payment of lawful debts and dues from the City of Lewiston:

<b>AGGREGATE BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 61,399,591</b>
<b>MEANS OF FINANCING:</b>	
General Property Tax	34,107,697
Anticipated Revenues	25,949,781
Prior Year's Surplus	1,342,113
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$61,399,591</b>

**VOTE (6 )**

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Lynch:

To approve the Appropriation Resolve for Fiscal Year 2000 for first passage by a yea or nay vote. Passed - Vote 7-0

**VOTE (7 )**

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To suspend the Rules Governing the City Council to allow a second reading at this time. Passed - Vote 7-0

The Appropriation Resolve for Fiscal Year 2000 received its second reading at this time.

**VOTE (8 )**

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Carignan:

To adopt the Appropriation Resolve for the Fiscal Year 2000 for final passage by a yea or nay vote.

Passed - Vote 7-0

**ADOPTION OF WATER AND SEWER APPROPRIATION RESOLVE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000**

The Water & Sewer Appropriation Resolve received its first reading at this time.

**RESOLVED**, that there is hereby appropriated for the support of the Water & Sewer Divisions of the City of Lewiston for the fiscal year, commencing the first day of July, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Nine and ending the last day of June, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand:

<b>WATER DIVISION REQUIREMENTS</b>	<b>\$2,412,691</b>
<b>SEWER DIVISION REQUIREMENTS</b>	<b>\$3,194,159</b>

**VOTE (9)**

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To approve the Water and Sewer Appropriation Resolve for Fiscal Year 2000 for first passage by a yea or nay vote.

Passed - Vote 7-0

**VOTE (10)**

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Putnam:

To suspend the Rules Governing the City Council to allow a second reading at this time. Passed - Vote 7-0

The Water & Sewer Appropriation Resolve received its second reading at this time.

**VOTE (11)**

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Lynch:

To adopt the Water and Sewer Appropriation for the Fiscal Year 2000 for final passage by a yea or nay vote.

Passed - Vote 7-0

**AUTHORIZATION TO USE INTEREST FROM THE FARRAR FUND**

**VOTE (12)**

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To authorize the use of interest from the Farrar Fund for expenses incurred in the Public Health Budget, account 44110-4025500, medical and dental services. Passed - Vote 7-0

**APPROVAL OF MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATES**

**VOTE (13)**

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To authorize the Finance Director to approve payment for mileage reimbursement at the rates and manner as budgeted for the authorized use of privately owned vehicles in the conduct of official city business for each respective position:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>ALLOCATION</u>
Mayor	\$ 500.00
Auditor	125.00
Chief Assessor	480.00
City Clerk	300.00
Development Director	200.00
General Assistance Administrator	100.00
Library Director	200.00
Treasurer/Tax Collector	200.00

Per-mile basis. All others not specifically mentioned above shall be reimbursed at the rate of twenty-five (\$.25) cents per mile, excepting motorcycles which shall be reimbursed at the rate of 75% of the rate established for other vehicles, plus tolls and parking supported by receipted vouchers other than meters.

Passed - Vote 7-0

**REPORT FROM THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Councilor Albert stated that on behalf of the School Committee, he thanks the Council for working with the School Committee and is very pleased that the budget was approved in full, as submitted by the Superintendent, without any cuts to the education budget. Councilor Lynch thanked Councilor Albert for his work on both groups, he stated it is very time consuming preparing two large budgets and attending budget workshops almost every night during budget time.

**RECONFIRM BOND ISSUANCE FOR CITY GRAVEL PIT PURCHASE**

**VOTE (14)**

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Albert:

To reconfirm the City Council's April 6, 1999 vote to authorize a \$230,000.00 Public Improvement Bond Issue for the acquisition of land for use as a city gravel pit.

Vote 8 - April 6, 1999:

ORDERED, That \$230,000 be appropriated for financing the acquisition of land for use as a City Gravel Pit;

FURTHER ORDERED, That to meet this appropriation, \$230,000 shall be raised by a Public Improvement Bond Issue;

FURTHER ORDERED, That the City Council instruct the Mayor and Finance Director to advertise for bids for \$230,000 Public Improvement Bonds; to award the loan; and to employ Palmer & Dodge to furnish the legal opinion for the same; provided that in the alternative, the Mayor and Finance Director are authorized to award the loan to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank;

FURTHER ORDERED, That the bonds shall be signed by the Mayor and City Treasurer;

FURTHER ORDERED, That the date, maturities, denominations, interest rate or rates, place or places of payment, form or other details of the bonds and of the provisions for the sale thereof shall be determined by the Mayor and Finance Director;

FURTHER ORDERED, That bonds issued hereunder may be subject to call for redemption on such terms as may be determined by the Mayor and Finance Director.

Passed - Vote 7-0

REAL ESTATE OPTION FOR 68 LISBON STREET

VOTE (15)

Motion by Councilor Samson, seconded by Councilor Carignan:

To authorize the City Administrator to exercise a real estate option in the amount of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) for 68 Lisbon Street. This will be funded from a future bond issue. Passed - Vote 7-0

AMENDMENT TO TRAFFIC SCHEDULE

VOTE (16)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Carignan:

To accept the recommendation of the Police Department and to amend the Traffic Schedule as follows:

Section 6  
Parking Meters  
Time Limitations - 15 minutes

BATES STREET ~~2 parking spaces east side beginning at a point 25' from the southeasterly corner of Bates St. & Lowell St. and extending southerly on Bates St. a distance of 42'.~~

MIDDLE STREET ~~2 parking spaces west side beginning at a point 117' from the northwesterly corner of Middle St. & Main St. and extending northerly on Middle St. a distance of 40'.~~

~~1 parking space even numbered side east side beginning at a point 60' north of the northeast corner of Middle St. & Main St. and extending northerly on Middle St. a distance of 22'.~~

Section 7  
Parking Meters  
Time Limitations - 1 hour

MIDDLE STREET ~~4 parking spaces even numbered side east side beginning at a point 117' north of the northeast corner of Middle St. & Main St. and extending northerly on Middle~~



~~Street a distance of 88'.~~

Section 8  
Parking Meters  
Time Limitations - 2 hours

BATES STREET            ~~10 parking spaces easterly side between  
Lowell St. & Main St.~~

~~8 parking spaces westerly side between  
Main St & Lowell St.~~

Section 22  
Parking Time Regulated  
15 minutes - 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

BATES STREET            East side, even numbered side, beginning  
at a point 25' from the southeasterly  
corner of Bates St. & Lowell St. and  
extending southerly on Bates St. a  
distance of 55'.

West side, odd numbered side,  
beginning at a point 35' from the  
southwesterly corner of Bates St.  
& Lowell St. and extending southerly on  
Bates St. a distance of 64'.

West side, odd numbered side,  
beginning at a point 100' from the  
northwesterly corner of Middle St. & Main  
St. and extending northerly on Middle St.  
a distance of 40'.

Passed - Vote 7-0

**LEWISTON-AUBURN RAILROAD MASTER PLAN**

Planning Director Jim Lysen and Parks & Recreation Director Maggie Chisholm made a presentation on the recently-completed Lewiston-Auburn Railroad Park Master Plan and provided recommendations on implementation priorities. They discussed the status of the Downtown Riverfront Bicycle & Pedestrian System and how that system impacts the development of the Lewiston-Auburn Railroad Park. They reviewed how the Downtown Riverfront Bicycle & Pedestrian System fits into the larger regional bicycle and pedestrian system regarding transportation usage. Mr. Lysen and Ms. Chisholm also reviewed a colored rendering of the park, a description of the design concept including descriptions of proposed development areas within the park; and cost estimates for various improvements necessary to realize the plan.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

City Clerk Kathy Montejo reported that individual departments are tracking various pieces of legislation. Public Works Director Chris Branch is following proposed additional funding for the local highway funds and Gerry Berube is tracking a transportation bond issue package. The MMA Legislative Policy committee meeting was canceled for this month, therefore no additional information is available.

**VOTE (17)**

Motion by Councilor Carignan, second by Councilor Putnam:

To adjourn at 8:50 P.M. Passed - Vote 7-0

A true record, Attest:

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Kathleen M. Montejo  
City Clerk  
Lewiston, Maine