

MINUTES OF THE HEARINGS ON AUGUST 17, 1988 OF PROPOSED
1988-89 BUDGET OF SAN ANSELMO

Mayor John Sharp convened the third and final session of public hearings on the 88-89 Budget at 7:00 p.m. with Councilmembers Chignell, Colteaux, Walsh and Zaharoff present.

BUDGET NO. 416 LEGAL SERVICES

A request was made for an hourly raise of \$5 which would bring the fees to \$100 per hour. The recommended appropriation is \$86,100. This represents approximately the same number of hours as last year. Payment of publications, and dues, and training is not recommended in this budget as it has been in the past.

Hadden Roth, Town Attorney, listed the litigation cases currently filed against the Town: Yeakey; Fraser, both may settle soon; Kramer; and Nome which may require an unknown length of time. The Town's suit concerning the firehouse's roof is near settlement. Weekly time devoted on other Town business approximates 30 hours per week.

Herman Kramer, 1 Allemand Place, felt the Attorney should not be present at many of the Town meetings. Roth responded that he only attended those meetings when he was needed. Sharp agreed that more care be taken in deciding when Hadden Roth's presence is needed. Kramer pointed out that the monies Hadden Roth receives from representing the JPA (Joint Powers Authority) is also money that the Town has spent, which he said amounted to almost \$100,000.

BUDGET NO. 421 NON-DEPARTMENTAL

Ernie Dickens reviewed the various items that changed from last year. The largest increase is for insurance and the greatest decreases are for promotion of commerce and for outside services.

Because the Town of Fairfax has taken the position that it would not provide \$5,000 in revenue for the project on Sir Francis Drake Blvd. unless San Anselmo contributed \$12,000 for the FAST bus (which is not recommended in this budget), Dickens suggested the alternative of giving Fairfax \$6,000 to offset half of the \$12,000 contributed to FAST by Fairfax last year.

Kramer suggested saving \$82,000, San Anselmo's contribution for widening of Sir Francis Drake Blvd. for Fairfax's commuters and spend that amount for repairing Town streets and drains.

Colteaux felt that the Town needed to help support the FAST bus transport system which has an average ridership of 2,000 per month, otherwise the service will cease. He also requested that the Fire Department employees be included in next year's Town picnic.

Warren Tracy, 144 Melville and Tom Thompson of the Housing Authority, stressed the need for the rebates for Marin Renters program. County Supervisor, Bob Stockwell, spoke on behalf of an effort to provide shelter to the homeless and requested the Town allocate funds. He invited the Town Council to designate a member to be on a task force for this effort. Mayor Sharp requested that this be put on the next Council Meeting Agenda.

Jennifer Lenway, of the Community Health Center of Marin expressed the need for support from the Town for those people who are in need of medical services and cannot afford them, 6% of whom live in San Anselmo.

Jody Anne Becker, Program Co-ordinator of Marin County Mediation Services, informed the Town Council that eight cities have agreed to fund their organization and hoped that San Anselmo would also contribute and it has for the last four years. In the past year, there were 261 requests for service from residents of San Anselmo.

Colteaux suggested that the Town Administrator find an outsider who could advise the Town on whether our existing insurance coverage and costs are fair and reasonable.

Chignell expressed his concerns of the decrease in funds for the promotion of commerce. He stressed that the strengths of the community are measured by continuing to support health clinics, renter rebates, the need to give mediation services and the FAST bus service despite comments from the Fairfax Council.

Colteaux asked whether the amount paid the Humane Society could be reduced. Dickens responded in the negative.

BUDGET NO. 411 TOWN COUNCIL

There was no significant change and no public comment on this budget.

BUDGET NO. 412 ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

This is a status quo budget, virtually the same as last year. Extra funds are budgeted for overtime/temporary hire and for an extra phone.

Dickens commented that a finance director is needed. The Town pays an accounting firm \$100 per hour.

Chignell asked Dickens to look into past fiscal years for business license figures as the amounts may need revision due to the jump in amount.

Merle Sheldon, Town Treasurer suggested that item 04 Reimbursable Costs be labeled Car Allowance as that is what the item reflects. He added that Caroline Foster, Town Clerk is overwhelmed with work and extra funds need to be allocated for overtime.

BUDGET NO. 492 CONTINGENCIES

Dickens recommended keeping at least \$50,000 in contingencies or \$40,000 at the very least.

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CONCLUSION

Adjournment at 8:20 p.m. to August 30th, 1988, 7:00 p.m.