

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 18, 1978

The Finance Committee held its meeting on Tuesday, April 18, 1978 at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the City building annex on South Suburban Road.

In attendance were:	Councilman	Russell Sweetman (Chairman)
		Leonard Stubbs
		James Singer
		Jeffrey Siler
	City Manager	Darryl Kenning
	Finance Director	William Bettcher
	Service Director	Richard Bishop
	Parks and Recreation Director	John Dunathan
	Youth Center Director	Gary Mullen
	Youth Board Chairwoman	Nancy Pogue
	Youth Board Member	Richard Ernst
	Parks and Recreation Board Chairman	Nicholas R. A. Rachford
	Parks and Recreation Board Member	Shirley Heintz
	Citizens Income Tax Committee Member	Christine Snyder

Mr. Sweetman called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Mr. Sweetman made a few opening remarks concerning the purpose of this budget review meeting and then turned the meeting over to Mr. Kenning.

Mr. Kenning explained that since the proposed income tax increase was defeated by the voters earlier this month, we must reduce our 1978 budgeted expenditures by approximately \$125,000.00. Mr. Kenning recommended that the following cuts be made from the General, Federal Revenue Sharing, and Permissive Tax Funds:

Income Tax Department - (additional people not needed)	\$12,500
Eliminate the Annual report calendar	5,600
Personnel turnover savings	7,600
Historical Society	400
Sister City Committee	850
Board of Architectural Review	550
Youth Board	1,785
City Beautiful	2,250
Reduce income tax share on Clyo Rd. & E. Franklin Project	4,000
General, Fed. Rev. Shar., & Permissive tax cuts:	<u>\$35,535</u>

Mr. Kenning then discussed the cuts which he recommended be made in the Street Department budget. These cuts included:

No seasonal personnel	\$34,000
One additional equipment operator	10,000
Gasoline tank installation	3,750
Flail mower & pressure grease system	3,900
Street Department cuts:	<u>\$51,650</u>

Mr. Kenning explained that the additional income realized from the office rental to the Miami Valley Disaster Services and the reimbursement for snow removal will be offset by the additional overtime anticipated, increased utility expense and salt purchases for next winter.

With certain required revenue adjustments, the net amount cut from the Street Department budget was approximately \$50,000. This would leave no ending balance on December 31, 1978, but Mr. Kenning felt that through various reductions in expenses and revenue adjustments during the balance of the year, we might expect a required minimum ending balance of \$5,000.

Mr. Bishop explained that this reduction in personnel will reduce services to a bare minimum, grass cutting, street striping, berm cleaning, leaf pick-up, etc... will be drastically effected.

Mr. Kenning continued discussing budget cuts concentrating on the area of recreation. The following was the recommendation for cuts in the Park and Recreation budget and the Youth Center budget.

Youth Center

Stop funding, effective 5/1/78 \$ 9,000

Parks and Recreation Department

Eliminate summer playgrounds	\$15,600
" tennis monitor program	1,800
" Forest Walk Park equipment	4,780
" drama program, puppet show, etc.	4,100
" major equipment purchases	1,800
" automotive purchase	5,000
Reduce general expenses-rentals, printing, etc...	6,000

Recreation cuts: \$39,080

Mr. Dunathan explained that Summer is the season for recreation and with these budget cuts, there will be no Summer recreation programs left. The only activities remaining in the Recreation budget for the balance of the year are...

- Garden Plots
- Tennis Tournament
- Picnic Kits
- Co-ed Volleyball
- Pumpkin Contest
- Open gyms

A great deal of discussion followed Mr. Kenning's presentation and the following thoughts were presented by various councilmembers.

Mr. Siler recommended funding the Youth Center until September 1st and possibly funding one playground and the tennis monitor program.

