

Minutes of Budget Workshop held August 19, 2002

Budget workshop with the following present: Mayor Horace Fincher; Aldermen Juan Garcia, Mark Bowen, Gerry Elias, Charles Bushart, Erik Dahler; City Secretary Josie Campa; Police Chief Richard Priest.

Visitors: Sylvia Carrizales, Kathy Adams.

The Mayor and City Secretary reviewed the proposed general fund budget with the Council.

Council reviewed the revenues for the general fund and then the General operating (administration) department.

Council discussed the Public Safety Department at length and agreed to add six thousand to the Fire Department line item, however, they want a financial statement from the department and to discuss the needs of the department. It was agreed to ask them to attend a special meeting August 26th.

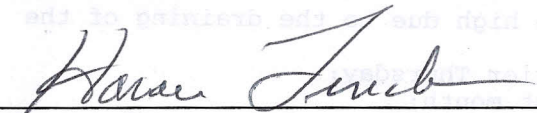
Council also discussed the E.M.S. line item at length and after hearing from Alderman Elias agreed to create a new line item for reserve E.M.S. service and budget \$10,000.00 for this item. Council members and the City Secretary will be checking on other ambulance service for the city.

Council discussed the Judge's fee and magistrate's fees, and agreed to give the Judge \$100.00 per month increase and give the magistrate a \$75.00 per month increase.

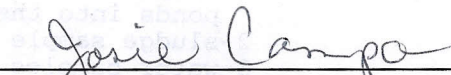
The Public Works' budget was discussed and Council agreed to add five thousand dollars to the "street repair" line item. Alderman Garcia expressed the need for Blume Drive to be retopped next year.

Council then discussed the Culture and Recreation Department Budget, and agreed to the proposed six thousand dollars increase for the library.

Budget workshop adjourned at 8:28 p.m.



Mayor



City Secretary