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Las Vegas, Nevada
April 20, 1977

A RECESSED REGULAR MEETING of the Board of City Commissioners of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, held this 20th day of April, 1977, was called to order by his Honor, Mayor William H. Briare at the hour of 2:00 P.M., with the following members present:

Mayor	William H. Briare
Commissioner	Paul J. Christensen
Commissioner	Myron E. Leavitt
Commissioner	Ron Lurie
Commissioner	Roy A. Woofter

STAFF PRESENT

City Manager	William E. Adams
Deputy City Attorney	Dan Ahlstrom
Director of Municipal Services	J.C. Cathcart
Director of Public Services	Laurence Hampton P.E.
Budget Officer	David Parks
Management Analysis Department of Funds	
Coordination and Projects	Ronald C. Jack,
City Clerk	Edwina M. Cole

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Mayor Briare: Why don't we get along with this, there are a number of things of course that the city is interested in seeing accomplished a couple of them might not be able to be accomplished in one year it might be something where we would have to reserve or Escrow some funds on an interest bearing account of some sort, if we can't complete a project this year we can put so much into it this year and so much next year. I guess by precedence that was set by the previous administration that is possible.

Commissioner Leavitt: I just want to talk about this Police Substation, there has been a request for \$700,000.00 as the projected cost, I have talked to Metro regarding that and that is a pretty good figure what they feel they will need. As you are aware for the past year or so I have been working on attempting to get this land from the State on a lease basis, I have been informed that the lease is now available or the land is available without cost. I think in view of the recent passage of certain legislation in Carson City that puts the city back on the Police Commission and makes it 50/50 funding, I would like to have that request be trimmed to one half and I would like to have \$350,000.00 going to the building of that Substation with the idea that the County will contribute another \$350,000.00 to complete it because it is going to cost \$700,000.00 altogether.

Mayor Briare: Do you know if there is some kind of estimated cost of that West Charleston Library?

Commissioner Lurie: \$900,000.00.

Mayor Briare: So half would be around \$450,000.00.

Mr. Adams: Could we interject something right here, it is something I would like to have Ron mention, it is something that we just got wind of, it might lend a little bit of information here.

Mr. Ronald Jack: I just had a lengthy conversation this morning with a number of sources back in Washington. The

House and the Senate had a Conference Committee Meeting yesterday on the Public Works Program and they have agreed on a package, they have agreed I think on some things that will make it much more palatable for the City in terms of being able to go out for the funds. This program will be coming down possibly by the first of August and the way it sits right now, the 5 applications we have sitting in the computer are operative however, if a dollar is put on a project which would then be earmarked as one of the potential projects of the local public works applications, we would lose that project, E.D.A. would flush it. So what it comes down to is that if you are interested in possibly getting local public works, then those projects should remain in total until we find out whether the Fed's are going to fund them or not.

Mayor Briare: Which applications do we have in there?

Mr. Jack: O.K. we've got the West Library, which is roughly one point one million dollars. We have got an application for a Stewart Mojave Recreation Center which is roughly around one point eight million dollars. We have got the Reed Whipple Naval Reserve Complex which is about one point two million, we've got the Municipal Parking Garage which is two million dollars, and then we have a six hundred thousand dollar application in for street paving. A couple of things have happened with this new Public Works Program. One of the things that hurt us in Nevada was that the Indian Tribes were able to compete with us within that same pot. Because of the extreme severity of poverty they ranked very high. The way it is now, there is 2½ percent nation wide which will be set aside now for the Indian Tribes and they will not be competing internally within Nevada. They are also talking about a situation where the pots will be set up a little differently so that 85% of it will go for unemployment over the national average which is 6.5 percent that means Las Vegas fits into that category, and maybe most particularly of all they have set it up now so that, previously Clark County could use our unemployment statistics when they applied yet the city was locked into it's unemployment statistics. Now the County cannot use our unemployment statistics so that means we are going to be very competitive with them, they have to use the balance of the county and we use the unemployment figures in Las Vegas and that is going to be very equitable. I think the unemployment is just about even.

Mayor Briare: If I understand you correctly....

Commissioner Leavitt: I was just going to say, we only have a million dollars here we can spend because we already obligated quite a bit so there is no way since the project the library and arts facility is over a million dollars, there is no way we can appropriate enough to do that this time anyway. That won't make any difference the fact that they are still working on that we can't earmark that money....

Mr. Jack: As long as you don't put any money on that project.

Commissioner Leavitt: Why couldn't we put the money on it and hold it?

Mayor Briare: Earmark it and Escrow it.

Commissioner Leavitt: Say \$500,000.00?

Mr. Jack: The way the regulations read is that if you in legislative deliberation allocate, earmark, encumber, whatever, funds for a project it is considered to be funded and you lose that as far as eligibility for E.D.A. They are very

careful about that, but that is the guidelines they use and if you take any kind of a legislative action to set money aside for a project even though it is tentative, you still have entered into a legislative authorization for those funds.

Mayor Briare: O.K. let me ask this question then Ron. We are actually a legislative body right now aren't we, even this conversation could be used against us.

Mr. Jack: No, not unless you take an action, no not at all it would have to be a motion or other action.

Mayor Briare: Supposing just by virtue of a conversation that it should be in the minds of the Commission that in the event this Public Works Bill fails to produce what we already have applications submitted for, that we might be able to draw on a fund which is not earmarked. I don't know of any law that says that you could not Escrow a certain amount of unallocated funds into an account until August or August 15 or something to see how these things survive. Otherwise we could be in an impossible situation where we could do nothing because we might get it from some other federal monies. I thought this Revenue Sharing Money was loose enough that we could use it for anything we wanted to.

Mr. Jack: Well you can, the Revenue Sharing Money is... it's just that E.D.A. under it's regulations, if you use any other dollars to put on a potential project then you lose that project.

Mayor Briare: Suppose we were to proceed on a commitment and earmark \$350,000.00 for a Police Substation and so much money for something else and then we set aside into an Escrow, an interest bearing Escrow Account an amount of say \$500,000.00 with no discussion whatsoever, just put it in there to be used for capital improvements in the future.

Mr. Jack: You can legally do that, there is no problem.

Commissioner Leavitt: The Police Substation is included in that public works?

Mr. Jack: No sir, it is not.

Mayor Briare: But the library is?

Mr. Jack: Yes, the library is. Commissioner Leavitt can I point out one other thing? Under this latest authorization bill, the last word that I had on the conference report, roughly, the formula was set up so that 3/4 of 1 percent, would go to every state, that is 30 million dollars in Nevada. I took a cursory tack on that this morning and figured that we, in order to cover every option would have to develop roughly another 10 million dollars worth of applications for E.D.A. We are authorized to file applications up to 150 percent of the bench mark figure. I figured that the bench mark figure was about 3.5 million. That would be 10 million, we multiply that by 3, anyway we would come up with a figure of where we would have about 16 million dollars as our bench mark figure. We have filed applications for now for about 6.9 million.

Mayor Briare: O.K. let's spend this money and then we will come back to this. Wouldn't it be beautiful if Clark County could get us a proportionate share of the 30 million period without all of this.

Commissioner Leavitt: I just wanted to say that it is my intention to present this to the Metropolitan Police Commission in it's first meeting and to request that the County also contribute.

Commissioner Leavitt: I understand that the County has set aside Revenue Sharing Money for the Metropolitan Police Substation and this matching to this is available.

Mayor Briare: After some discussion Commissioner perhaps the motion that would put all this into one would be \$350,000.00 contribution of Revenue Sharing Monies toward a fund a like amount which would be presented by the County after your first Police Commission meeting.

Commissioner Leavitt: Right.

Mayor Briare: So let's refer to this as earmarked just until we find out how much we have to start

Commissioner Leavitt: Well, well, ah, I don't want to say anything at this time.

Mayor Briare: Commissioner Woofter do you have anything going right now?

Commissioner Woofter: I would just call attention to my brethern on the Commission on one matter that I think should take priority, it is a small amount and then I will save all my barrels for next years Revenue Sharing. I think we definitely should give priority to E.O.B.

Mayor Briare: How much was that? That was \$68,000.00.

Commissioner Woofter: We haven't given them anything the last year, we have to take that into consideration.

Commissioner Leavitt: The figure on the sheet is \$86,278.00.

Mayor Briare: How about just saying \$86,000.00.

Commissioner Lurie: How about saying \$75,000.00. Do you want to put it down as 86 and then go from there.

Mayor Briare: Yes.

Commissioner Woofter: That is all I have.

Commissioner Christensen: Well the only thing that I would have to offer, I think all of these are very worthwhile projects and I have no fight with any of them. I would like to still see and I don't know where we stand on this Public Works Bill if there is a chance of ever getting that on or if that is always going to be blocked out, but I think we have a real problem in the area of Northwest, you have all of those streets that are unpaved that connect with County paved streets and I think we should have something done about them. If you feel that you should leave that to Public Works then at the time we suggested that as one of the Public Works Projects why I think it was indicated that it didn't have much of a prayer there and I wonder if it has yet.

Commissioner Leavitt: Could I inquire in light of what Commissioner Christensen said, it seems to me we appropriated \$100,000.00 for street improvements?

Mayor Briare: That was the Over Lay Program.

Commissioner Leavitt: That isn't what Commissioner Christensen is referring to?

Mayor Briare: No.

Commissioner Christensen: I am talking about where we have areas of several blocks long in many instances where we have streets that are unpaved between where the last paving was and then they are paved again in the County.

Mayor Briare: Do we have some kind of plan or program that we can start this kind of a project and carry it on every year or something.

Mr. Hampton: No I don't Mayor, primarily because we just have never had any money appropriated for that type of work. We have done it on special request, we have cooperated with the County, they did the work and we paid for the materials but it is on a very limited basis. The \$100,000.00 for Over Lay is just Over Lay in asphalt.

Mayor Briare: We are talking about different subjects.

Mr. Hampton: The reason we haven't even started on it, is it just expands, there is really no ending to it. You have to have a pretty large sum to even get started.

Mayor Briare: Commissioner did you make any comments on the possible assessment district, it seems like you brought that up, that there was a reason why there shouldn't be an assessment district.

Commissioner Christensen: Well the reason why is because you are locked into this situation by virtue of the annexation that took place out here some years ago, long before any of us were on this board. What we have got is the County going ahead and paving the streets, they used to I understand they have run out of funds and they don't anymore but they used to go ahead and pave the streets. The city has never done that, we have never paved a street that the property owner hasn't paid for except in very rare instances. Now these are streets that nobody lives on you are going to have a hard time getting an assessment district on it and yet it connects a subdivision that is in the city here with this portion of the city, with 2 miles of gravel road in between and there is a number of them out there like this that need to be paved and that is what I am talking about.

Mayor Briare: Are these major streets or are they all neighborhood streets?

Commissioner Christensen: They are slated to be major streets.

Commissioner Lurie: One is on Decatur. I have gotten calls on Jones Boulevard, Ann Road, Low Mountain Road out there in those areas. These are the streets that actually the city should be putting in.

Commissioner Woofter: It seems like they are concentrated in that one area.

Commissioner Christensen: That is the area I have been talking about.

Commissioner Lurie: Well I would like to ask a question about these street improvements I definitely believe Paul that we should put some money into the street improvements.

Commissioner Christensen: I have been looking all over for that and I can't find it. Here it is right here, Number 6 Special Projects, Item B. Now that is not the Over Lay Program is it.

Mr. Adams: No this is additional.

David Parks: That would actually be involved with your E.R.D.A. request, you would actually be doing what Ron has pointed out....

Commissioner Christensen: That is what I am talking about, O.K. now we are getting back to my original question. When I first made that request I was told that that doesn't have a chance to fly because of the type of an operation it is, where it is of large material and small people outlay and what they want is to approve projects to put people to work and not material to work.

Mr. Jack: They changed that, they knocked out the labor requirements on that so we do have a chance with that program.

Commissioner Christensen: Is it a good chance?

Mr. Jack: I looked at the scoring when these applications came in originally, were not that far off from money.

Commissioner Christensen: How much have we got applied for there.

Mr. Jack: \$600,000.00 on the streets.

Commissioner Christensen: Which I think Larry I hate to give up \$600,000.00 to get \$100,000.00.

Mr. Jack: In that application what we did was we identified the paving of 5 miles of border streets, we didn't specify which part of town so since you are not dealing with a fixed location I don't think you are running into the same problem you do with the library.

Commissioner Christensen: Fine, then I would like to see some of that street money there, that is the only request I have on there that is different from any of the rest of them which I think all will benefit from.

Commissioner Lurie: So that is residential street improvements program, should we put \$100,000.00.

Commissioner Christensen: It says 7 here.

Commissioner Lurie: Well we are cutting down a little bit.

Commissioner Christensen: Why are we cutting down?

Mayor Briare: I like Commissioner Christensen he always comes up with a modest request.

(Laughter)

Commissioner Lurie: We will put \$150,000.00 down for street improvements. O.K. is it my turn yet?

Mayor Briare: You had better jump in there.

Commissioner Lurie: I have a couple of requests that I would like to bring before this board. First is \$25,000.00 for the animal shelter, Larry Hampton and I discussed the Animal Shelter about the changes that need to be made and the improvements that need to be made to (pause) this is Item 6U, but this is actually for security and some design changes in the building that needs to be made in order to have better control. I would request \$25,000.00 to be set aside so that that work can be done and it will all be done in house.

Commissioner Christensen: I have to ask a question about the Animal Shelter. We have the only Animal Shelter in the County isn't that correct?

Mr. Hampton: Right.

Commissioner Christensen: What kind of participation does the County....

Mr. Hampton: No I am sorry, there is Henderson, Boulder City they have their own.

Commissioner Christensen: O.K. what kind of participation do we get from the County on the Animal Shelter?

Mr. Hampton: They pay on a service basis.

Commissioner Christensen: Per animal deal?

Mr. Hampton: Yes.

Commissioner Christensen: Does it cover the costs or is it token?

Mr. Hampton: It covers the cost except for overhead which we haven't adjusted that cost in recent times, we probably should consider that.

Commissioner Christensen: I will consider that providing you adjust that cost to cover that overhead. We are charging the County on a per animal basis but it has never been adjusted upwards to cover the increase in overhead costs and I told Larry that we should adjust that up to cover that overhead cost.

Mr. Hampton: Well the cost per animal.

Commissioner Christensen: Right it has to be adjusted upward per animal.

Commissioner Lurie: Well O.K. then I would like \$25,000.00 for that one item. The other item I have is to set aside \$50,000.00 for transportation as a contribution to purchase and match federal funds for new buses for the city of Las Vegas.

Mayor Briare: It is my understanding Commissioner that we have \$50,000.00 from last year set up to go on that 80/20 basis and this would be another \$50,000.00 to go on top of that, so we give an additional \$50,000.00 so we would have a potential half million dollars in Urban Transportation costs.

Commissioner Lurie: Right money that could be used to purchase equipment and then turn over to the transit company....

Mayor Briare: It goes through the Regional Street Transportation....

Commissioner Lurie: Las Vegas Street Transportation Committee.

Mayor Briare: Right, I think there is also some requirements on there that other entities were going to contribute.

Commissioner Lurie: Yes, the County has money also to contribute to this project also. The next project I have is....

Mayor Briare: Now there is going to be an amount of money left here that will be somewhere between \$450,000.00 and \$600,000.00 that will be unmarked for future capital improvements.

Commissioner Leavitt: We had better stop now then.

Commissioner Lurie: Well I have a project that I think we would all support and this is the project of the Mini-Park that will be located off of Oakey Boulevard behind Springhearst, the City

has not quite 8 acres of property there that I would like to see developed into a neighborhood park. I think that with a contribution of \$50,000.00 from Revenue Sharing to start the project B.O.R. funds could be utilized to finish the project. This is an area that does not have a park and has been requested by the neighbors who live in that area who would like very much to have a mini-park in their neighborhood.

Commissioner Leavitt: Can't we use convention money for that park?

Commissioner Woofter: That is a good question, how about the money that is earmarked for the convention?

Mr. Jack: Most of that is being used for matching funds for B.O.R.

Commissioner Lurie: How much money do we have in B.O.R. for that project? It is my understanding that the design, engineering and everything that it would run around \$200,000.00 for this park.

Mr. Jack: Commissioner Lurie: We will be going through a B.O.R. application cycle on the 10th of June and the funds available to Nevada have doubled, instead of a million dollars it is going to be two million. We think based upon our past abilities to get B.O.R. funds we should be able to get about \$900,000.00, that will be \$450,000.00 from the city and \$450,000.00 from the State and as I understand it Dick Campbell is programming this as one of the proposed B.O.R. Projects.

Commissioner Lurie: So then we won't take it out of Revenue Sharing?

Mr. Jack: I wouldn't think you will.

Commissioner Lurie: Well, you shouldn't think because I don't want the project to be lost.

Mr. Jack: What I am saying, I sat down with Marvin Leavitt as soon as we were aware that the B.O.R. cycle was coming up and we figured out what we would have to have in match out of the recreation, out of the Convention Authority Recreation Funds to cover it and he has covered that. Theoretically the money is sitting there available for that.

Commissioner Leavitt: Getting back to a previous item, this money that is earmarked for transportation is that understood that that is conditional upon obtaining federal funds?

Commissioner Lurie: Oh yes.

Commissioner Leavitt: Because we only want it for that purpose only, I want to make sure that that is understood. It is to be used as matching funds only to obtain additional federal revenue. Since it wasn't used last year for that purpose may I ask why?

Commissioner Lurie: I can tell you why, because the study wasn't completed, that the Las Vegas Valley Transit Committee had not finished this study and everything is complete now and we are ready to file the necessary applications to obtain these funds now, that is the reason why it was acquired before. Now I have one other question that maybe Larry can answer for me and maybe you can find some other federal monies. I would like to see some money set aside to go into our signalization program, synchronizing all of the signals and looking at the problems we are having with all the traffic signals and starting and stopping and signals not changing when there is no cars coming East and West and things. There has to be a way and I know you are probably working on it but,

I haven't discussed this with you before and I know you have it in your budget here this Signalization Overpass and Lighting, do you think you could enlighten us on what has been done in that area.

Mr. Hampton: We are anticipating Federal funds and Regional Street and Highway Funds, where the City would only have to contribute about \$10,000.00, which is our time spent primarily of taking traffic counts and so forth. The scope has been written it is in the hands of the Nevada Highway Department now being reviewed, we have had one meeting with them we agreed that we would go out and get a consulting traffic specialist a traffic engineer to prepare the study within the next 30 to 60 days.

Commissioner Lurie: Are you talking about \$10,000.00 for this to be done?

Mr. Hampton: Yes.

Commissioner Lurie: I would recommend that that be spent because one of the complaints that I get and I am sure that you get the same complaints is about the traffic problem we have within the city now and about moving the traffic at a faster pace. I am not one to wave the flag and say O.K. let's go onto another study but this is one area that I don't think we have studied enough.

Mr. Hampton: Right, really we have never had a study.

Commissioner Lurie: I would recommend that it be done.

Commissioner Christensen: Well it is going to be a cooperative study with the county, they all tie in with the county, where the major problems are is where the city joins the county.

Commissioner Lurie: We can request money from the county, I am sure they are having the same problems that we are.

Commissioner Woofter: What comes to mind is Spring Mountain Road that flow from West to East is terrible for a not a left lane turn beyond the railroad tracks and that really backs up.

Mr. Hampton: That's right, as a matter of fact I was sitting in on a meeting waiting for a City item to come up with the Highway Department and they are seriously working on a change there to widen that structure out to get an additional 15 feet so that they can put in a left turn lane.

Commissioner Lurie: You are talking about Industrial and Spring Mountain Road?

Commissioner Woofter: Right.

Commissioner Lurie: What they ought to do is like they do in some cities, they put up a sign "No Left Turn" and well I don't know if we have to start looking at things like that to do in our city to move traffic so that cars don't stop in the middle of the street to make a turn and keep that traffic moving.

Mr. Hampton: Well unfortunately when you do that you are just pushing your problem further on down the street. That type of solution, just by widening out that structure, putting up a retaining wall is about \$40,000.00 or \$50,000.00. In my opinion that is the worst traffic problem in Clark County.

Commissioner Christensen: O.K. I have got one thing I would like to throw out here for thought, in this morning's portion of this meeting about the downtown street lighting project, we have got to have some money set aside to cover that, that is got to be in here somewhere.

Mayor Briare: That's right, we committed that this morning but that is going to come back, I am confident that that is going to come back.

Commissioner Christensen: Well it may come back but if it doesn't come back we had better get it to pay or were going to go back somewhere.

Commissioner Lurie: O.K. with putting that \$70,000.00 in we have about 310 left.

Mr. Jack: I make that 1.3 million.

Commissioner Lurie: What did you add in there that we don't have?

Mr. Jack: That \$500,000.00.

Commissioner Lurie: We are taking that out.

Mayor Briare: What, no you sure aren't, don't make any totals without the five, put the five in there or 400.

Commissioner Lurie: This is what is left over, you take 350 for the police, 50 for E.O.B., 125 for street improvements, 20 for the Animal Shelter, 50 for transportation, 10 for the traffic study that all comes to 600,000.00 and \$70,000.00 for the....

Commissioner Leavitt: Add that up, Ron could you add that up? O.K. \$350,000.00 for the Police Substation; \$50,000.00 for EOB; \$125,000.00 for Street Improvements; \$20,000.00 for Animal Shelter; \$50,000.00 for Transportation; \$10,000.00 for the traffic study and \$70,000.00 for downtown.

Mr. Jack: \$675,000.00.

Commissioner Lurie: So that leaves \$325,000.00.

Mayor Briare: I don't know what you guys are going to do, I am going to recess this thing in about two minutes here. Now let's get down to reality in all seriousness, there are alot of things that have been brought to the attention of this group here and are we talking about a million nine hundred thousand dollars we are suggesting for allocations, is that what this paper says?

Commissioner Leavitt: 900 has been spent.

Mayor Briare: O.K. so let's get back to some reality here now, I am dead serious, I think we are going to be doing a great disservice to this citizens. On the one hand we start talking about making an application that we can't actually by name we can't designate a capital improvement up in the West Charleston area. Commissioner Lurie, this is probably of more importance to you than these other things so let's not abandon things and replace those abandon things with new projects. I think we ought to show some consistency here. I am real serious now, don't tease me Myron about this money that would be earmarked for capital improvements, I don't have time to spend around here worrying about it. Now let's go over that list again.

Commissioner Lurie: I don't know why you are pointing to me.

Mayor Briare: Because you and Myron are talking about \$600,000.00, then \$400,000.00 and now \$300,000.00, you are trying to wipe me out.

Commissioner Leavitt: I would like to interrupt these proceedings just for a moment, I was just handed a note saying that the assembly passed the Fire Bill 36 to 2.

Commissioner Lurie: O.K. the items that we have discussed now are the Police Substation \$350,000.00; E.O.B. \$50,000; Street Improvements \$125,000.00; Animal Shelter \$20,000.00; Transportation \$50,000.00; Traffic Study \$10,000.00; Street Lighting for the downtown area \$70,000.00 and whatever that total is which I believe is \$675,000.00 and that leaves \$325,000.00 that is left and the Mayor talked about \$500,000.00 be set aside for capital improvements program and not specify any one item. Now I tell you when Paul and I were first on the commission we did set aside money until we reached a certain amount, we set aside \$150,000.00 and then the next time I think it was another \$150,000.00 or \$175,000.00 to go into a project so this is a start.

Commissioner Christensen: Well if you have some confidence in those street lights Mayor that puts it up to \$395,000.00.

Mayor Briare: Well let's put that confidence in the street lights over on the Metro Substation. Now that is a whole brand new program, we've been talking about a library up in that West Charleston area for a long time, we even made an application for it but because of what Ron said there we have got to keep our mouths shut on it, we can't deliver on it. Now if we are going to be jocking this stuff around then I just don't like it and if there is any jocking around I think we should jockey all of these things so that we can kind of keep a commitment to the people up in that area that we have already given in making an application for it. There is alot of brand new things in here let's take care of some of the things that we have already discussed in the past. Why in the world, when you are looking at a project by the time it gets around, if in August the whole thing is approved is a mute question that you do truthfully have some money in the capital improvement fund that you can use for new projects. This is not a new project this is an old one, by the time this thing gets around instead of talking about a million one, you are going to be talking about a million five probably. Don't you agree with inflation and the cost of living and contract and construction and whatever you are not going to be able to build a facility up there for a million one, now come on fellows let's....

Commissioner Leavitt: I don't see anything wrong with the project but we have been told that there maybe some other Federal money available for that project. I realize it is like shooting dice because we may or may not get it, but nevertheless there is a possibility that other Federal money can become available for that library.

Mayor Briare: Well Myron the possibility, well let's use the same logic in some of these other wish book things.

Commissioner Leavitt: Well this is a little different because the application as I understand it is not even filed for that project, Now the other projects there hasn't been an application filed but Ron has indicated what those projects were, he told us what they were and they have been applied and if we take any money and use any Revenue Sharing Money as I understand it for any one of these projects it won't be approved under the Public Works Bill is that correct?

Mr. Jack: That's correct.

Commissioner Leavitt: What you have to do the way I understand it is not apply it for the library but set it in a contingency fund for future capital improvements, so the question is to what amount you want to put in there at this time on the idea that it may or may not be approved.

Mayor Briare: Well we didn't do so well on the last application, on the other hand I don't think it is equitable to the people of the entire community to be talking about spending all the money. There are some things in life and Myron if I am not mistaken, oh that is right you were the hold out do you feel the same way about the West Charleston Library?

Commissioner Leavitt: No.

Mayor Briare: That is the unfortunate thing: we can't mention the West Charleston Library because it is damaging there, but I think this and again when you are talking about new projects, Metro Station, sure we need Metro Stations all over the city but once in a while we need some things of other nature and there is a need for a library up in that area and I think that we should support Escrowing some money for capital improvements and come August or September whenever it is if it is not needed then fine do something else, but don't spend it now.

Commissioner Christensen: As I understand your problem is that you are not satisfied with Escrowing some money, what you want to Escrow is one half million dollars and no less right.

Mayor Briare: No \$400,000.00

Commissioner Lurie: We only have \$325,000.00 left.

Commissioner Leavitt: Well that is what we need a figure.

Commissioner Christensen: We need 5 more thousand and you don't want to bet on the street lights you want someone else to cover that bet.

Commissioner Leavitt: What street lights?

Commissioner Christensen: The downtown improvement project, we have to pick up the difference if they don't go for it because of the legal opinion. You see were locked into that \$70,000.00.

Mayor Briare: Well everybody is just fine but when it comes to this particular project you want to use the downtown money to cover the debt, why don't you just split \$70,000.00 by every number of projects that we have been talking about.

Commissioner Christensen: I think we have every project has been cut but the Police Substation.

Mayor Briare: Good let's cut the Police Substation.

Commissioner Leavitt: Can't because the figure is firm.

Mayor Briare: Firm, what's firm?

Commissioner Leavitt: That is what it is going to cost to build it.

Mayor Briare: Well let's see the color of the County's money then, maybe we won't even come on 350.

Commissioner Leavitt: Well the area where it is going to be built is at the corner of Atlantic and St. Louis and it is property owned by the State of Nevada. This will be a three government project, the State of Nevada will provide the land, the City of Las Vegas and the County of Clark will provide the money to build it and as I say we have been working on the lease for over a year we now have the lease firm to where we can proceed and appropriate the money for that purpose. Now that can be built this year.

Commissioner Woofter: Well it resolves around that \$75,000.00 for the downtown area, that is the problem.

Commissioner Christensen: It revolves around all of it.

Mayor Briare: The thing is you know \$70,000.00 forget the \$70,000.00 then for the downtown, let's go back to the original program. I don't think we should be, I think that this Commission has a moral commitment to the people up in that part of town with that Library Cultural Center thing and and if in August and maybe hopefully sooner than that if it should be committed to approve of public works funds then by all means take that \$400,000.00 and do all kinds of things with it.

Commissioner Woofter: Well we could do that.

Mr. Jack: Which one are you going to delete?

Commissioner Woofter: Downtown.

Mayor Briare: And if the downtown people want it let them send a check.

Commissioner Christensen: Well I think we will have to change the bid then don't we, don't we have to reject all the bids and go rebid because we bid it on that basis, aren't I right Larry?

Mr. Hampton: That's right the contract hasn't been signed by the Mayor yet however, it could be aborted at this time.

Mayor Briare: Well this is still a City Commission Meeting right here, we could rescind that action that we did this this morning and re-establish it based on the old ones.

Commissioner Leavitt: Well isn't that money coming in on the tail end of that project?

Mr. Hampton: Oh yes.

Commissioner Leavitt: When will that project be finished?

Mr. Hampton: It will be started in June and finished approximately three months thereafter.

Commissioner Leavitt: When is the next appropriation available.

Mr. Adams: March.

Commissioner Woofter: Before we take any action, can't we get a reading from the downtown association?

Commissioner Christensen: You have already got a reading from them about paying for it, you just have to see the color of the money because we have had readings like that before from those people and the bank doesn't except readings, they want the check.

Commissioner Leavitt: Would you be willing to set the money aside for Revenue Sharing Money \$75,000.00 for that purpose and in the event the Downtown Association pays that \$75,000.00 that money goes into the capital improvements?

Mayor Briare: Just so long as \$400,000.00 is appropriated.

Commissioner Leavitt: What I am saying is that \$325,000.00 now with the condition that when the downtown pays the 75....

Mayor Briare: Why do you equate a library with the downtown casino's.

Commissioner Leavitt: I am trying to get you \$400,000.00.

Mayor Briare: Why don't you just say \$400,000.00, it is simple, we don't have to worry about downtown.

Commissioner Leavitt: Then if they don't pay what do you do.

Mayor Briare: You just make sure that if they want the lights they pay for them. Why don't you call Don Ashworth and say "Don, go pick up some checks from all the people that were in favor of paying the additional amount and send them over and if you get them over here in another few days we will be able to go ahead with the additional amount", but if you were to say to me that if I don't do it you will I would say "well fine pal I am not going to do it".

Commissioner Woofter: They said they were willing to pay it so I think....

Commissioner Lurie: Well then take that \$70,000.00 and put it on that 395 and that is the closest you can get.

Commissioner Leavitt: Don will you add these up for me? \$350,000.00 for a Police Substation; \$50,000.00 for E.O.B; \$120,000.00 for street improvements; \$20,000.00 for Animal Shelter; \$50,000.00 for Transportation; \$10,000.00 for Traffic Study and see what you get.

Mr. Jack: \$600,000.00

Commissioner Leavitt: And \$400,000.00 for future capital improvements? That leaves you \$400,000.00.

Commissioner Woofter: There you go, I make a motion.

Mayor Briare: Any comment on the motion.

RESCINDING ACTION
APPROVING DOWNTOWN
LIGHTING PROJECT
Approved.

Commissioner Christensen: Yes, if we are going to make a motion like that we should at least rescind our action of this morning in allowing them to go to bid on this or we are going to be in hot water legally.

Commissioner Woofter: So I make a motion to rescind our action this morning.

Mayor Briare: O.K. the motion is to rescind action whereby approval was given to expend Revenue Sharing Money to make up the difference in the required amounts for the downtown street lighting project. Comments on the Motion? (No response). Those in favor say aye, those opposed no, the motion is approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:
Commissioners Lurie, Woofter, Christensen
and Mayor Briare voting aye; Commissioner
Leavitt voting no.

Mr Hampton: Mayor for clarification, there were several actions this morning on the downtown street lighting, there was a Resolution and Ordinance. If I understand it correctly we are still approving those Resolutions and Ordinances in going ahead with the downtown lighting system, what we are saying is the \$70,000.00 is going to have to come from some other source in Revenue Sharing.

Mayor Briare: What we are suggesting now is that you get ahold of the President of the Downtown Progress Association and you tell him what the dilemma is and they were willing to pay it and would they be willing to go out and pick up the checks now and make them deposit them or make them have a written commitment of some sort so that they can be billed for the extra amount of money.

Commissioner Christensen: Because if you don't you have to execute a different kind of a contract and rebid and everything, you would have to reaward based on the old style because we can't award the bid on the new style if we don't have the money for it or we are all in violation of the law.

Mayor Briare: That is where we stand right now, right now we are going to use the old style unless the Downtown Progress Association wants to pick up the difference.

Commissioner Christensen: Which they said they would do.

Mayor Briare: The thing is now we want to see their money, either their money or somekind of a written contract or something.

Mr. Ahlstrom: Excuse me haven't you notified the property owners that this is the cost for the new style?

Mr. Hampton: No, the resolution that was passed and the ordinance that was sent to the recommending committee this morning established the district at the higher cost and it was approved on the basis that you gentlemen consider the Revenue Sharing Funds. I think it is simply that if you don't want to retract the Revenue Sharing Fund commitment we can proceed but all you are saying is that you are not going to use Revenue Sharing Funds for that difference, it has to come from other sources.

Commissioner Leavitt: That's right, it doesn't mean that we can't find the money from other sources, all we are saying is that the Revenue Sharing Money cannot be used for that project.

Mr. Hampton: O.K. I will go back to the Downtown Progress Association and tell them just that.

Mayor Briare: And then get back to the City Manager and see how you made out.

REVENUE SHARING
APPORTIONS
FOR POLICE
SUBSTATION; E.O.B;
STREET IMPROVEMENT;
ANIMAL CONTROL;
TRANSPORTATION;
TRAFFIC STUDY; AND
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
FUNDS Approved.

Commissioner Woofter: Has my previous motion be noted, that is to approve the project as set forth by Commissioner Leavitt to Mr. Jack and the computation of such, do we have to set the amounts.

Mayor Briare: Read it again.

Commissioner Leavitt: \$350,000.00 for the Police Substation; \$50,000.00 for E.O.B; \$120,000.00 for street improvements; \$20,000.00 for Animal Control; \$50,000.00 for Transportation; \$10,000.00 for Traffic Study; and \$400,000.00 be set aside in a fund for future capital improvement, an interest bearing fund.

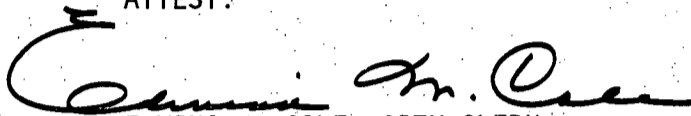
Mayor Briare: Is there any other business? (No Response).

There being no further business to come before the board, at the hour of 3:15 P.M., Mayor Briare declared this Regular Meeting of the Board of City Commissioners A D J O U R N E D.

APPROVED:


WILLIAM H. BRIARE, MAYOR

ATTEST:


EDWINA M. COLE, CITY CLERK

APPROVED BY REFERENCE at a Regular Meeting of the Board of City Commissioners held on this 18th day of May, 1977.