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City of Las Vegas

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSION CHAMBERS • 400 E. STEWART AVENUE • 386-6011

DATE: April 10, 1978

TIME: 2:00 P.M.

INVOCATION:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT ABSENT EXCUSED

MAYOR BILL BRIARE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
COMM. PAUL J. CHRISTENSEN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
COMM. RON LURIE MAYOR PRO-TEM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
COMM. MYRON E. LEAVITT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
COMM. ROY WOOFER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

William H. Briare
MAYOR

MINUTES

April 10, 1978

A Special Meeting of the Board of City Commissioners of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, held this 10th day of April, 1978 was called to order by his Honor, Mayor William H. Briare, at the hour of 9:45 A.M.

AGENDA POSTED April 4, 1978 (See Page 3 of these Minutes Affidavit)

AGENDA MAILED April 4 , 1978 (See Page 4 of these Minutes Affidavit)

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ATTENDANCE			
City Manager RUSSELL W. DORN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
City Clerk EDWINA M. COLE, C.M.C.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director, Dept. of Bus Activity ILA M. BRITT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Director, Dept. of Comm Planning DONALD J. SAYLOR, A.I.P.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director, Dept. of Rec & Leisure Activities RICHARD L. CAMPBELL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Director, Dept. of Fin Mgt MARVIN A. LEAVITT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director, Dept. of Fire Services SAM COOPER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director, Dept of Funds, Coordination & Projects RONALD JACK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director, Dept. of Muni Services J. C. CATHCART	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director, Dept of Personnel & Employee Relations J. ROBERT McPHERSON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director, Dept. of Public Services WILLIAM PURVIS, P.E. Acting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

(Posting required under the provisions of Nevada Revised Statute 241)

State of Nevada)
County of Clark) ss.
City of Las Vegas)

Carl D. Peterson, an employee of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that on the 4th day of April, 1978, at the hour of 8:15 A. M. there were posted copies of an AGENDA (NOTICE), the attached of which is a true and correct copy of a SPECIAL Meeting of the Board of City Commissioners to be held at the hour of 2:00 P. M. on April 10, 1978, in the Commission Chambers, City Hall, 400 E. Stewart Ave., Las Vegas, Nevada; on Public Bulletin Boards at the following locations:

1. In the United States Post Office (Downtown), 301 Stewart Avenue
2. In the Federal Building, 300 Las Vegas Blvd., South
3. In the Clark County Courthouse, 200 E. Carson Avenue.
4. On the Public Bulletin Board at the Plaza Level of City Hall, 400 E. Stewart Avenue (near the entrance to the Court Clerk's Office)
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Carl D. Peterson

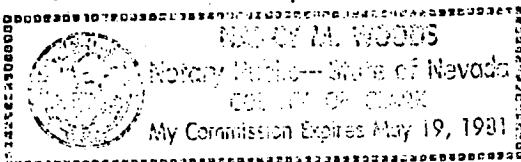
Public Services, Quality Control
(Department or Division)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

4th day of April, 1978

Ronald M. Wozniak
Notary Public in and for said County and State

My Commission expires:



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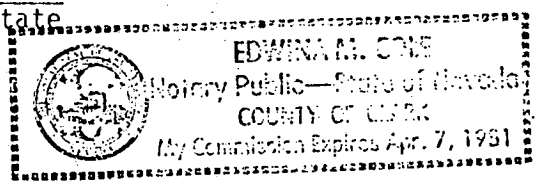
STATE OF NEVADA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF CLARK)

DORIS M. KARSNOK, an employee of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that on the 4th day of April, 1978, a copy of an Agenda (NOTICE), the attached of which is a true and correct copy, of a Special Meeting of the BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, to be held on the 10th day of April, 1978, was deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, first class mail, to each person and/or organization whose name appears in the Agenda Register maintained in the Office of the City Clerk as having requested, in writing, a copy of said Agenda (NOTICE).

Doris M. Karsnok
(name - an employee in the Office of the City Clerk)

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 4th day of April, 1978

Edwina M. Cone
Notary Public in and for said County and State



PUBLIC HEARING
FEDERAL REVENUE
SHARING
FUNDS

Continued until
1:30 P.M.
Apr 19, 1978

Mayor Briare: This is a special Meeting of the Las Vegas City Commission for the discussion on the final budget for the fiscal year 1978, 79. Also for revenue sharing for the same general period of time. The Commissioners and myself just concluded a press conference wherein we discussed the results thus far of some surveys that have been ongoing for the past 3 or 4 weeks by the City. For the purposes of this particular meeting we were anxious to know what the citizens out in the various commission districts felt about our efforts toward budgeting their tax dollars. The result of these surveys have been, and are being fed into our computer system, so that we can perhaps receive a little bit more sophisticated information. That being the case, I am going to ask the Commission for their support in doing two things. Number one, cutting off any further responses to surveys that arrive following 5 O'clock on the 14th of this month, which is Friday. In other words all surveys received after 5 O'Clock on Friday will not be considered in this particular phase of our inquiry. Those received after the 14th certainly will be held for future purposes. In order to be able to respond to people who have taken the time to fill out these survey questions, and to make their wishes known, I am going to ask the Commission to table the consideration of revenue sharing funds until a special meeting which we have called for Money April 17th. I am sorry the 19th. So that will be included on the agenda for our regular meeting on the 19th. Then we will be able to have the results of our survey that have been made, and be able to better respond ~~to the feelings of the people in the districts.~~ If the Commission concurs I would appreciate a motion to that effect.

Commissioner Lurie: I would so move that the revenue sharing be held until April 19th.

Mayor Briare: Comments on the motion? (No response). That will confine today's meeting then just to the regular Las Vegas City budget. Cast your votes. Motion is approved. all discussions on revenue sharing will be held at 1:30 P.M. on 19 April. Mr Dorn will you then proceed with the business for today, which is the adoption of the final budget.

PUBLIC HEARING
1978/79 BUDGET
FOR THE CITY
OF LAS VEGAS
NEVADA
Approved

Mr. Dorn: Before you cast your votes on the adoption of the final budget I would like to read some comments I would like to make on our final budget. I respectfully submit for your consideration our operating budget of forty two million, two hundred fifty three thousand, four hundred and sixty two dollars for the fiscal year of 1978, 79. This budget reflects a 6.9 percent increase over this years general operating budget of forty million, four hundred seventy seven thousand, one hundred and eight dollars. We are projecting an ending balance of two hundred and fifty four thousand, two hundred and twenty two dollars. The increase over current spending levels necessary to

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keep pace with the continuing growth of our City. Part of the increase will cover the cost of additional personnel, equipment and supplies needed to operate an expanded Reed Whipple Center, and the new West Charleston Library and Cultural Center, and the Stewart Mojave Recreation Center all being completed with federal public works funds. The proposed final budget shows an increase of \$639,296.00 over the tentative budget. The added allocation to metro will bring our total allocation for police protection to fourteen million, five hundred thousand. This together with a reallocation of funds within the department will allow for the hiring of some 30 additional officers during the coming year. Our contribution to the department will also pay half the cost of adding some 75 detention officers to the jail staff. We believe that by taking our tentative budget to the copyers of the City of Las Vegas, that we have come up with a final proposal that is representative of their wishes. We have found the City residents generally are satisfied with City services they are receiving now. Areas in which they would like to see improvements on are animal control, street resurfacing, park security, and prevention. In the weeks ahead I will sit down with the department directors to insure that the concerns and issues that we heard through the town hall meetings, neighborhood walks and questionnaires are addressed as priority in our department and division goals and objectives. Attached you will find a detailed summary of these changes from the previously submitted tentative budget.

Mayor Briare: This is a public hearing, and before we all upon those people in the audience who would like to be heard on the matter of the City budget, not revenue sharing. I would like to ask if any commissioner immediate comments from Mr. Dorn's statement? Then we will go into the public portion, and then we will get back to the City Commissioners for their further comments and action that they deem advisable. Mr. Dorn You might be able to save me from searching through here. Relative to the request made by the library district of the City to include an amount of money in addition to what is already been appropriated, or in addition to what has already been recommended by your office, that would be equal to the motor vehicle privilege tax. I think it is somewhere in the vicinity of \$65,000.00. Is that in here somewhere?

Mr. Dorn: Yes Mayor, as we discussed just on Friday, your intent of calling for a vote on this on April 19th. This money is included as a revenue in our budget now that is not dedicated until I find out what the Mayor and City Commissioners wishes are for the use of the Library district. But that money does exist under the motor vehicle tax revenue.

Mayor Briare: So the question could be put some time today for the instructions to you to appropriate that amount of money from wherever you have to get it.

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Mr. Dorn: Yes Mayor, another option for the Mayor and City Commissioners to look at would be the use of some \$62,000.00 or \$63,000.00 of revenue sharing dollars allocated to us.

Mayor Briare: Right, but this is something that should be brought up today, if it is to be brought up?

Mr. Dorn: Yes sir.

Mayor Briare: Any other comments or questions?

Commissioner Leavitt: I notice that under Recreation and Leisure Activities, under recreation and sports. The difference between the tentative budget, and the final budget is almost \$200,000.00 less. Actually it is more than \$200,000.00 less. The tentative budget is 1.3, and the final budget is 1.1. I also notice that cultural services have been cut about \$23,000.00. Will you explain that to me. What the difference is between the \$200,000 between the tentative and the final? Is that going to be made up with revenue sharing money?

Mr. Dorn: I am going to have Dave Parks give you a detailed analysis. On the cultural we added \$30,000.00 in a different account, which would be the community support account.

Dave Parks: Previously the administration of the entire recreational leisure activities was included in the recreation account number. If you will notice two lines above, the administration division has been broken out for separate funding.

Commissioner Leavitt: You have just taken it, and put \$208 up on the Recreation and Administration?

Mr. Parks: That is correct.

Commissioner Leavitt: It doesn't indicate any kind of cut back in services?

Mr. Dorn: No, as a matter of fact it has been increase. Due to the opening of Stewart and Mojave Center, and the maintenance and the programs, the increase of the junior high program, that there has been an increase in personnel also.

Commissioner Leavitt: So all you did is change that and put it somewhere else in the final budget. What about the difference between the automotive services from \$400,000.00 in the tentative budget down to \$100,000.00 in the final? How come that has been cut \$300,000.00?

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Dave Parks: In order to put money in the budget for salary increases offered to the Fire Department, we had to reduce in certain other areas. This is part of the reallocation.

Mr. Dorn: We also have an option for the Commission in the discussion of revenue sharing. That money that you address Commission can be used for capital equipment.

Commissioner Leavitt: If you are going to reduce this in the budget from \$300,000.00, are you going to have to make it up with revenue sharing money?

Mr. Dorn: The original request for \$400,000.00 was for an extensive fleet management program. We did cut some capital equipment. One of our priorities to be discussed before we adopt the revenue sharing, is what type of capital equipment in automotive you would like to cut out. We had to make some adjustments for our salary negotiations.

Commissioner Leavitt: What about the Senior Citizens Center. I notice that it has been cut back a little bit from the tentative to the final.

Dave Parks: The decrease in the Senior Citizens Center was due to the fact that when the tentative budget was submitted we had included a full payment of fringe benefits for all salaries. In reviewing that for the final budget we realized that seniors and temporary employees do not require the payment to the retirement board. That is simply the deletion of that amount of money.

Commissioner Leavitt: You are not indicating any cut backs in these services?

Mr. Dorn: No.

Commissioner Christensen: Would you go over part of the history on this metro budget. I figure that we are up to 14½ million. Could you tell us how that varies from last year, the previous year, and if you can back to 73 when the two were put together. Have you got any historical data on that?

Mr. Dorn: Let me address the situation on our recommendation. The metro police this year has submitted a tentative budget of 14 million 436 thousand, 957 dollars. That is an increase of over two hundred million dollars from last year. In discussion with County officials, and an indepth analysis of the metro police budget, both the City and County officials agree that if we recommend a \$53,000.00 increase to this budget. To bring it to a 14.5 million dollar funding level, that with the reallocation of these dollars, that these additional \$53,000.00 with the use of other monies in the appropriated lines could provide some 30 additional police officers which have never been hired to my knowledge since the consolidation. Some 75 detention, or correction officers, and for 8 maintenance officers. I also bring this recommendation as one of the most

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highly discussed issues in our town hall meetings, our walking tours and questionnaires. That is why I am recommending matching 14.5 million dollars with the County.

Commissioner Christensen: Well this is a public hearing on the budget, and I think the public deserves to know how much the police budget is increased over the years compared to other things, so that they know the problem that we face in allocating a higher and higher percentage of our total overall budget to the police. I think the police budget has been increasing dramatically in comparison to the budget of the City's increase.

Mr. Dorn: That is a good point Commissioner. Let me turn this over to Mr. Marvin Leavitt to see what he has in reference to further historical data that you might want to hear.

Mr. Marvin Leavitt: In the 1976/77 fiscal year our total contribution to the Metro Police Department was \$12,258,116.00. Our budget as filed for the current fiscal year, which was based on the \$1.94 was \$12,413,453.00. As you recall there was an action before the police commission that would allocate last years ending fund balance of approximately 1.4 million back to the City and the County. They have submitted a new budget, which I believe action will be taken later this month on the police commission, which our contribution will be \$13,193,653.00. That is for the current year. That figure was compared with the \$14,500,000.00 that would be on this current year budget. Which would represent an increase of 9.9%.

Commissioner Christensen: What was the budget for 73/74 fiscal year?

Marvin Leavitt: I am sorry I don't have that 73/74 figure with me.

Commissioner Lurie: It was about 8.7, or 8.6.

Marvin Leavitt: I believe that is probably accurate.

Commissioner Christensen: Do you remember what our total over all budget was in 73/74?

Mr. Marvin Leavitt: I just don't remember.

Commissioner Christensen: What you are telling me is that with the \$12,413,000.00 budget for the current fiscal year is actually going to be over 13 million, so we are probably going to be coerced into approving out of the current revenues an increase in the police budget mid-year of roughly three quarters of a million dollars as I understand it.

Marvin Leavitt: That is true.

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Commissioner Christensen: There is nothing to say that if they decide that they need more money in the 77/78 that the 14½ million, that we wouldn't be coerced in that time to increasing that maybe another million dollars if we can scrounge that up from somewhere.

Marvin Leavitt: The original figure for 1977/78 did not include negotiated salary increases, which are being brought into the budget at this time. However the 1978/79 figure does include those salary increases, which were negotiated in the previous year. There should not be any new allocations for salary increases coming up in this next year.

Commissioner Christensen: Have you not had to augment the Police budget every year since the police departments were merged?

Mr. Marvin Leavitt: I will not deny that.

Commissioner Christensen: I came on this Board at the time the police departments were merged, and the thing that has been my concern is; I am aware of the need for police services, but we have gone from 8½ million to 14½ million, and we can't even control that. Because if somebody comes along and says we have to have a million and a half more for the police department, then we will have to come up with it, or we are bad. I think it is difficult we have to maintain an ending fund balance equal to a percentage of our budget to satisfy state law, and yet that same law gives us no control over our budget because better than 1/3 of our total budget has to go for police services, and that can be adjusted at any time based on the decision of someone else. A majority of the members of the police department that are not on this Board. I just think that should be made aware to the public. So even though it is a final budget, as far as the police is concerned it is tentative until the end of the budget year.

Mr. Dorn: In discussing with the Sheriffs office, they agreed that the 14.5 million dollars would be enough to fund them through the year. We have addressed the question of augmentation, and they feel that they can live with this as far as nothing unforeseen comes up.

Commissioner Christensen: They have always had something unforeseen come up since 1973 always. We have got a jail coming up, and we don't even know what that is going to cost. So we have already got an unforeseen expense.

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Commissioner Lurie: I have a question, and I think possibly they deal with the policy from the City Managers office on, number one, travel. I notice in a lot of the, or all of the departments you have money set aside for a certain amount of travel. I hope that you, as we discussed before, come up with a policy to justify all of the travel, and that you review all of the comments from previous conferences and conventions that people have taken. To see whether or not it is worthwhile to send anybody to any of the conferences or conventions that might come up this year.

Mr. Dorn: If you would like to take the time now I could give some general guidelines of what I established in this budget, or I can discuss it in a memo to the Commissioners and Mayor.

Commissioner Lurie: Well, this is a public meeting, maybe we should discuss it now.

Mr. Dorn: Well, the attempt on travel is two fold. One is that a department director has one national convention to look at the entire year. Number two, if it is a local Western agent, and it is minimal expense to the City, that will be considered. Number three, that all travel requests will come through me, and there will be somewhat of a clearing house through the City Managers office. Number four, that before a person goes in writing, a memo has to be submitted to me, the value to our City, and our City residents of this conference, and what they plan to get in information, and knowledge and training. Upon coming back from the conference a written report has to be submitted on the value of the conference, and a critical analysis of what benefit the City received.

Commissioner Lurie: I noticed that you set aside dollars in certain departments for a certain amount of overtime. The justification for that would be, like in Public Services the unforeseen thing that might take place, such as a flood, fire. How about some of the other departments that you show overtime.

Mr. Dorn: One of my goals this year is to establish a financial management information system which will monitor overtime on a weekly basis. As you point out, there are some areas that are unforeseen, and it is necessary to respond to emergency conditions. A rule of thumb is approximately 1 to 3 percent of the total budget is utilized for the use of overtime. One of my goals is to cut down the use of overtime, and only grant overtime in critical situations.

Commissioner Lurie: Is there going to be a policy now through your office, as far as inventory control, and warehousing, and purchasing?

Mr. Dorn: Another project will be inventory control, and the use of warehousing. Some money will be discussed in revenue sharing dollars for the use of the warehouse.

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Commissioner Lurie: On new hires, are you going to meet with the departments and give us sufficient background and justification for filling positions in the departments as they become available?

Mr. Dorn: Yes Commissioner I will. In this budget before you today it includes some 32 new positions for services necessary for expansion. Particularly capital projects particularly in recreation, and the library etc. Building and Safety, we have had an increase in population of 10%, and the need for building inspectors and licensing, and municipal court, and City Manager. That total some \$415,000.00. Detailed justification will be provided before new hires will be brought aboard.

Commissioner Lurie: Is there a program being worked on now to correct the outstanding parking citations, also the traffic warrants that we have outstanding in municipal court?

Mr. Dorn: Yes there is. I met with Judge Brown, and the City Attorney Mike Sloan, and we are working up a program right now. Hopefully that will be effective in collecting some of these outstanding warrants, and citations.

Mayor Briare: This is a public hearing on the question of the adoption of the final budget for the fiscal year 1978/1979 by the Las Vegas City Commission. Is there anyone in the audience who wishes to be heard on this question?

Dave Hoggard: Is the EOB still in the budget?

Mr. Dorn: Yes, it is included in this budget.

Mayor Briare: Is there anyone else who wishes to be heard? (No response). There being no one else from the audience that wishes to be heard at this public hearing we will declare the public hearing closed, and ask for comments by the Commission relative to the budget.

Commissioner Christensen: I noticed that the Office of the City Managers budget was several hundred thousand dollars less than the increase in the County Managers offices budget.

Mayor Briare: What is the County Managers office budget?

Commissioner Lurie: About 1.3 million.

Mayor Briare: That is a pretty good sign. I trust that that is because you are exercising some very tight purse string controls.

Mr. Dorn: We try our best. We don't have the revenues that the County has either. Their recent tax increase.

Commissioner Lurie: I would like at this time to compliment the City Manager and his staff, and all the department heads

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for the fine job that they did in preparing the budget. I had the opportunity to sit through a few of the sessions. They were very professional in how they were handed, and the people that were requested to bring back the information did it in an excellent manner in order to present this budget to us. At this time I would like to move that the budget be approved and sent on for final approval to the Tax Commission.

Mayor Briare: On the motion to approve the budget I would like to make a comment with respect to the question I brought up first. That is the library district, and its request to have an amount of money set aside to be equal to the Motor Vehicle Privilege Tax. I would not propose an amendment. I am going to try to get a feeling from the Commission as to whether they would be sympathetic for this idea. Every year that I have sat on this Commission the library district representatives, the trustees, and the director have come to the City with these same requests that the City adopt this as a regular annual budget item. In the amount of money equal to the Motor Vehicle Privilege Tax to add to that portion of the advalorem tax that they receive automatically from both City and County. Roughly \$63,000.00. I would like to suggest support of an amendment to the motion, or as a directive of this Commission to Mr. Dorn to make arrangements within the budget that would be a total dollar, the same as you have moved to adopt, that would include an allocation of \$63,000.00 to the library district for this purpose. I will admit that there is suggestions that perhaps this money in deed should be paid to the library district, but that it should come from revenue sharing funds as opposed to the general fund. I disagree with that concept, because this is an amount of money that they could depend on from here on out. They can budget accordingly, and they can plan accordingly. Whereas revenue sharing is very fickle. You never know from one year to the next whether you are going to have it or your not going to have it. First from Uncle Sam, and secondly with all the demands that are made on revenue sharing funds you just never know. I don't think quite fair to the library district to have to come to the City of Las Vegas every year with hat in hand pleading for monies that they feel, and I feel is an obligation to the City. Lastly the County has been contributing an amount of money equal to their share of the Motor Vehicle Privilege Tax since 1973, when this whole thing went into affect. Only the City has not been making that contribution. I wish you would include in your motion; I would like to have the Commissioners comments on using the Motor Vehicle Privilege Tax for the support of the library, in addition to that advalorem which is already....

Commissioner Lurie: How much did the City participate to acquire the new library in the Charleston Plaza Shopping Center? Is that money that we are paying on that lease coming out of that \$591,000.00 that we are already allocating to the library, and the cost to refurbish the building to accomodate the library. Where did that money come from?

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Mr. Dorn: It is \$48,000.00. It comes off of that lease, out of the \$519,000.00. That is the support of the library.

Commissioner Christensen: I appreciate your concern your Honor of whether or not we are filling an obligation or not. I really haven't been able to find out for sure whether we are obligated, or not obligated. That seems to be under question the way the contract is written. It looks to me like the County makes anything that they want to control regional, and anything they don't want to control municipal. It is interesting the criteria that is used. I can't think of anything more regional than Senior Citizens, Libraries, Animal Control. Yet the City has the Animal Control, the City allocates all the funds after initial construction, the City allocates the funds for the Senior Citizens Center. We are furnishing a new library building through the public works act, that the County is not participating in. There are several things that bother me about that particular request you made. Is this a regional function, or a local function? Are we legally obligated, or are we not legally obligated? That still clouds my mind.

Mayor Briare: I have the contractual agreement dated the 27th day of December 1972. It would appear to me that it is absolutely mute. As to the City's legal obligation to pay an amount of money equal to the Motor Vehicle Tax. However, I think there is a moral obligation there, and I think at the time it is real easy to come back six or seven years later and try to second guess what the people that were involved at the time were thinking. I have a feeling that that is what they were thinking. What I wanted to avoid Commissioner was the Library District again having to take their hat in hand, and having to come before the Commission every year with this worry about whether they are going to be on that amount or not. If this proposal were to be accepted by the Commission, then I would venture to say that we would hear no more about it for perhaps many many years. I would now propose an amendment to Commissioner Lurie's motion to approve the budget by including an instruction to the City Manager to allocate an amount of money within the budget to be set aside for the library district, to satisfy once and for all this argument about motor vehicle privilege tax.

Commissioner Christensen: Well we have to know where he is going to take it away from. Whether he is going to take it out of the ending fund, if the ending fund balance will still leave us within the statute, or will it not. If you put it in the general operating budget, and take it out of revenue sharing funds, then I don't have hope for that either, because then you are using revenue sharing funds for outgoing expenses.

Mayor Briare: Well let me suggest this, that it be included in the general fund expenditures this year, and that we make ourselves a commitment here and now that on the 19th of April we will take \$60,000.00 worth of revenue sharing and plug it in to wherever he takes it out today.

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Commissioner Christensen: That makes you take the Revenue Sharing Funds in the General Fund operations. That makes it dangerous.

Mayor Briare: That is right, and I couldn't agree with you more. It is an offer to resolve this situation where it would then become a matter of line item budgeting.

Commissioner Lurie: Do we get an opportunity to get an accounting from the library district on how our money is spent, and do we have a say on how that money is spent? Do we just make a contribution to the Library District?

Mr. Dorn: I haven't seen their detailed budget. I have had three meetings with Mr. Huntsburger, and I know he would probably allow me to see that and show me. We spent some \$517,852.00, and that is 39% on the cost of operation.

Commissioner Lurie: Does that money go towards administration, rental, or does it go towards buying new books, or cultural activities? If we are going to contribute an amount of \$63,000.00 that it be designated for a certain type of improvements in the library district. That is to purchase new books, the promotion and education of more cultural activities within the City Library.

Mr. Dorn: That is a good suggestion Commissioner Lurie. You can consider that in your motion whether that \$63,000.00 can be kept in the City for any purchase of books, equipment, or cultural events, and art exhibits, or does that \$63,000.00 go to a general fund for the salaries of these persons.

Mayor Briare: Let me tell you where I think it will go. If this Board should adopt this, then my suggestions as to where it might go is up in the district that happens to be Commissioner Lurie's district.

Commissioner Lurie: If you want to designate the money to be used for that particular library then I will support your motion.

Mayor Briare: Well I don't think we can do that, but I will venture to say that it sure would be nice to cooperate with the library district, so when the time comes to furnishing that library of yours you will have adequate....

Commissioner Lurie: It is not my library, it is the people of Las Vegas library.

Commissioner Leavitt: Perhaps staff could come up with a suggestion as to how this could be resolved.

Mr. Dorn: Well there is a couple of ways to get the \$63,000.00. It can be taken from the revenue of the Motor Vehicle Tax as we know. It can be taken from unanticipated revenues or increases of revenues throughout the year. If we don't take the revenue side then we have to go to the expenditure side of the budget. That would be possibly cutting back in certain other departments. Or the use of revenue sharing dollars.

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Commissioner Leavitt: Assuming that the revenues are increased, and the revenues are more than projected. Couldn't we augment our budget to include that \$63,000.00?

Mr. Dorn: Yes we can Commissioner, but I don't like to count on unanticipated revenues, or projected revenues because you have that money in the bank it is not yours. We might have an increase in some revenues, and a decrease in others. It is very hard at this moment to project on a years cycle.

Mayor Briare: I would like to see this as a line item. If the Commission should go ahead and vote in favor of this amendment, and then a week from Wednesday go ahead and beef up the budget by the same amount, then in a sense what you are doing is taking it out of revenue sharing. It is not exactly six of one and a half dozen of the other. It is just the idea of making it a line item for time to come. If there are no more questions lets vote on the amendment. The amendment is to amend the motion to instruct Mr. Dorn to appropriate \$63,000.00 within the total amount of revenue for the purpose of supporting the library district in the amount equal to the Motor Vehicle Privilege Tax. You are only voting on the amendment.

Commissioner Lurie: I am voting against the amendment because I don't think that money should come out of the general fund of the city at this time, because it hasn't been presented to us on where the money is going to come from under the general fund. ~~What department, or what services is going to have to be cut in order to come up with that~~ \$63,000.00. I think that the money that is going to go to the library should be designated for staying in the City to go for certain things that I mentioned before such as books, cultural services, and the money should come out of the revenue sharing.

Mayor Briare: Any other comments on the motion? (No response).
Cast your votes on the motion to amend. Motion fails.

Motion failed by the following vote:
Commissioners Woofter, Mayor Briare voting aye;
Commissioners Lurie, Leavitt and Christensen
voting no.

Mayor Briare: Now we will vote on the main motion to adopt the budget.

Commissioner Leavitt: It is my understanding that we are still going to look at Revenue Sharing money later for this, the only question is whether it will be a line item in this budget.

Mayor Briare: I will bring it up again.

Commissioner Lurie: I don't want it made that we are against the library. I happen to support the library, my family uses the library, but I think the money has to come out of areas that we should know ahead of time where it is going to be taken from.

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I think it should be told as to how this money is going to be spent.

Mayor Briare: Now we are voting on the main motion. Cast your votes. Motion is approved.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Commissioners Woofter, Lurie, Leavitt,
Christensen and Mayor Briare voting aye;
noes, none.

Mr. Dorn: I would like to thank the budget staff, Marvin Leavitt and Dave Parks, and I would like to thank all the department heads and division heads and the people who worked so diligently in instituting this new zero based budgeting concept. We will continue to work and strive and save the taxpayers money throughout the year.

There being no further business to come before the Board, at the hour of 3:05 P.M., Mayor William Briare declared this Special Meeting of the Board of City Commissioners
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