



Jim Brownlee, CPA, City Administrator
Sharon Schacher, City Finance Director
Dorinda Anderson, Business Development Director

The West Fargo City Commission met on Monday, August 7, 2006, to discuss the 2007 Budget. Those present were Rich Mattern, Brenda Warren, Bryan Schulz, Lou Bennett and Mark Simmons. The meeting was called to order by Rich Mattern, President of the Board.

City Auditor James Brownlee appeared before the Commission to review the Preliminary Budget for 2007 and advised that as presented, the 2007 Budget shows a .44 mill increase.

The Court Budget was reviewed. A discussion was held on the proposed budget amount for Alternate Judges Salaries. There were no changes.

The Auditor's Budget was reviewed. City Auditor Jim Brownlee advised that a \$10,000 copier with scanner option is included in the budget. There were no changes.

The Assessing Department Budget was reviewed. A discussion was held on the qualification level of the new employee that should be hired for the department. It was agreed to revisit this matter at the next meeting and to have City Assessor Wanda Wilcox present at that meeting to answer questions.

The Business Development Budget was reviewed. There were no comments or changes.

The Non-Departmental Budget was reviewed. Commissioner Warren advised that she had been approached by Fargo City Commissioner Linda Coates for a funding request of \$10,000 from the City of West Fargo for Native Americans since they are losing their funding. Commissioner Warren agreed to provide further information on this request at the next Budget Meeting.

The Planning Department Budget was reviewed. Planning Director Larry Weil appeared before the Commission. There were no comments or changes.

The Police Department Budget was reviewed. Police Chief Arland Rasmussen and Captain Michael Reitan appeared before the Commission. After discussion on the 2006 budget amount of \$31,100 for In-Car Video Cameras with the stipulation that those funds could be used only if a grant was received, it was moved by Commissioner Schulz and seconded by Commissioner Bennett to remove the stipulation that it has to be tied to a grant and allow the Police Chief and Staff to purchase cameras and software from the \$31,100 budget amount. No opposition.

Motion carried.

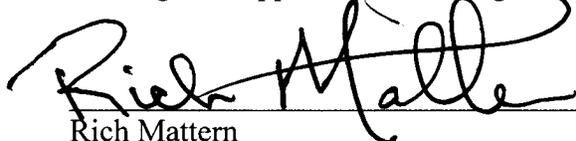
City Auditor Jim Brownlee advised that \$7,200 had been removed from the Physicals line item in the Police Department which would have included gym memberships. A discussion was held, and Commissioner Schulz asked that cost information from sports facilities for gym memberships be provided to the Commissioners at the next Budget Meeting.

Discussions were also held on Portable Wafer Scales, Live-Scan Fingerprint and Crime Scene Privacy line items in the Police Department Budget.

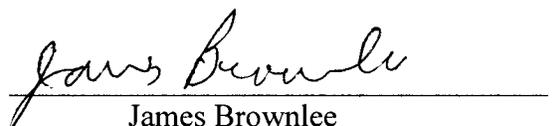
City Auditor Jim Brownlee advised that the Street Department Budget and Revenue Special Funds will be discussed at the next meeting.

The next meeting to discuss the 2007 Budget will be held on August 21, 2006, immediately after the regular City Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Warren moved and Commissioner Schulz seconded to adjourn the meeting. No opposition. Meeting was adjourned.



Rich Mattern
President of the Board



James Brownlee
City Auditor