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GHI Board Elects Officers; Smith Continues as President

by Al Skolnik

Elected at last Thursday's meeting as Greenbelt Homes, Inc. officers for the coming year were James Smith, president; Joseph Comproni, vice-president; Hugh O'Donnell, secretary; and Thomas White, treasurer. All votes were unanimous. In another personnel matter, director Tony Lynch announced his departure from GHI toward the end of June.

The May 31 board meeting, while relatively brief, illustrated the numerous problems that will be facing the corporation in the coming year.

(1) Adverse real estate tax assessment ruling. The board of directors directed the GHI manager and attorney to file an appeal of the county ruling with the Maryland Tax Court. The county Board of Tax Appeals had upheld the county's 47% tax assessment increase from \$7,840,570 to \$11,515,640.

(2) Fuel oil shortage. While it is impossible to get bids on oil contracts at this time, the present supplier, Takoma Fuel Company has agreed to furnish oil on a month-to-month basis, but restricted to a certain percentage of last year's purchases. In any event, fuel oil prices will be higher.

(3) Water and sewer rates. According to GHI manager Roy Breashears, the increase in water and sewer rates from \$0.95 to \$1.06 per 1,000 gallons, starting July 1, will cost GHI approximately \$6,000 annually. The board suggested that a publicity campaign be started to get members to economize on use of water, and especially hot water, which would also affect fuel oil consumption.

(4) Financing resales. The board will have emergency meetings this week with Twin Pines officials to hammer out an agreement that would remove one of the obstacles facing the savings and loan association in getting insurance on its deposits from the Maryland Savings Share Insurance Corporation. The intent of the agreement is that in case there is a series of defaults in loan payments to Twin Pines by owners of GHI units, GHI will accept into membership any purchaser designated by Twin Pines, or, alternatively, GHI will purchase the investment of Twin Pines. The board was told that in the event Twin Pines cannot get insurance, housing loans on GHI sales would be curtailed. About 95% of Twin Pines investment portfolio is on GHI homes.

(5) Fire insurance. GHI has been informed that its fire carrier will no longer write 5-year policies or non-deductible insurance and that GHI's coverage is too small for today's inflated values. GHI is getting ready to put out bids for new insurance.

In other matters, director O'Donnell gave his personal observations on the trim paint program which is now under way under contract. He thought the supervision by the contractor was excellent and that it appeared a good quality job was being done. However, he said copper gutters do not need painting and suggested that the trim paint crew stop painting the gutters. Such painting, he said, conceals the leaks when they should be corrected. O'Donnell also suggested that the corporation engage in a full-

scale repair program to eliminate leaks in gutters, windows, etc.

The board agreed to have two meetings this month — June 14 and 28. It also reaffirmed its policy to terminate board meetings by 10:30, except in emergencies, and to continue any unfinished business on another night.

GDC Meeting

Preceding the GHI board meeting was a meeting of the board of directors of the Greenbelt Development Corporation, the wholly-owned subsidiary of GHI operating the Parkway apartments. The board was told that as the result of the new Maryland law limiting rent increases, the 10 percent increase in rents for GDC tenants effective March 1 will be cut back to 6.3%. Board members observed that inequity was involved here, since the 10% increase had been needed to cover the expense of paying back the money borrowed for capital improvements required by the building code in 1971 and 1972.

The board voted unanimously to inform the post office that it was not interested at this time in disposing of 3.05 acres of land owned by GDC. The post office had offered \$78,200 for this property located on the site of the rental garages between Crescent Road and the GDC apartment buildings. GHI appraisers had valued the land at \$167,300.

Mosquito Control Program

The City is once again participating in the State of Maryland Department of Agriculture's mosquito control program. This program is scheduled to begin on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 12 and 13 and will continue every other week on Tuesdays and Wednesdays throughout the summer.

Malathion is the material to be sprayed this summer. This material is regarded as non-hazardous to animals and humans and is approved by the Environmental Protection Agency. Application concentrations are determined on the basis of findings of responsible agencies, such as the Maryland State Board of Agriculture, the U.S. Public Health Service, the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Agency and the U. S. Food and Drug Administration.

"Miss Greenbelt" 1973

Girls interested in entering the Labor Day Festival "Miss Greenbelt Pageant", must plan to attend the final meeting Tuesday, June 12 at 7:30 p.m., in the Library conference room.

Girls must be 15 - 19 years, single, never married, and a resident of Greenbelt. Entrants should bring a parent and a recent photograph.

Any girl unable to attend that wishes to enter should call Anna Burchik, Chairman 474-6473 or Lynn Dobbin Co-Chairman 345-1706.

ORT Square Dance

The Greater Greenbelt Chapter of Women's American ORT is holding a square dance on Saturday, June 9, 8:30 p.m. at the Springhill Lake Community Center. There will be a caller and refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited. For further information call 345-6949 or 474-9165.

AGENDA REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, JUNE 11, 1973 8:00 P.M.

- I ORGANIZATION
 - 1 Call to Order
 - 2 Roll Call
 - 3 Meditation
 - Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
 - 4 Minutes of Meetings
 - 5 Additions to Agenda by Councilmen and Manager
- II COMMUNICATIONS
 - 6 Petitions and Requests
 - 7 Administrative Reports
 - 8 Committee Reports
- III OLD BUSINESS
 - 9 Charter Amendment Resolution to Amend Section (c), Title "Adoption" of Section 40-50, Title "Council Action on Budget", to Provide that Council Shall Adopt the Budget on or Before the Twentieth Day of June of the Fiscal Year Currently Ending. Second Reading.
 - 10 Charter Amendment Resolution to Amend Section 40-4, Title "Creation; Qualifications; Compensation" to Provide a Salary of \$2,400 per Annum for the Mayor and \$2000 per Annum for Each of the Other Members of Council - Second Reading
 - 11 An Ordinance to Amend Article I of Chapter 8, "Finance and Taxation", of the Greenbelt City Code by Adding a New Section 8-4.1 Providing for Certain Renters by Reason of Age and Income - Second Reading
 - 12 An Ordinance to Authorize Improvements Upon the Greenbelt Center Mall to be Undertaken by the City for an Estimated Cost of \$60,000 Which Improvements are Determined to be a Special Benefit to Property Within a Special Taxing District Established by Ordinance Number 722, and to Authorize the Issuance of Bonds or Other Certificates of Indebtedness in the Amount of \$60,000 for the Purpose of Financing the Cost of Such Improvements Authorized, with Such Bonds to Mature in not more than Fifteen Years, to Provide for the Appropriation and Disposal of the Proceeds of Sale of Said Bonds and Providing for the Payment of the Principal on any such Bonds and the Interest Thereon from the Proceeds of Taxes Levied upon the Assessable Property Within the Special Taxing District for the Greenbelt Commercial Center, and to Pledge the Full Faith and Credit of the City to the Payment of Principal on any Such Bonds and the Interest Thereon - Second Reading
 - 13 Point of Discharge for Greenbriar Sewage Treatment Plant
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CITY BUDGET CALLS FOR 5 CENT INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAX RATE

by Al Skolnik

A Greenbelt municipal budget of \$1,363,500 for 1973-74, calling for an increase of 5 cents in the city property tax rate, was adopted by city council at its June 4 meeting. The new city tax rate is \$0.97 per \$100 assessed valuation. The new rate represents a cut of 8 cents from the original budget presented by city manager James Giese in April.

The council adopted the new budget by a 4 to 1 vote. Council member Rhea Cohen opposed the budget because she felt that a tax increase could have been prevented if not such a large portion of Federal revenue-sharing funds had been used for capital improvements. Tom White from the audience elaborated on this point of view. He

thought that revenue-sharing funds should be used principally to reduce taxes, not to pay for capital improvements. He argued strenuously against the council's action in diverting \$135,100 of the \$198,500 received in revenue-sharing funds toward the construction of a recreation center in Springhill Lake. He took council to task for not making more timely use of the \$950,000 bond issue voted by the citizens in November 1968, noting that over half the fund is still unexpended.

There were no lack of council members to take issue with this line of reasoning.

Springhill Recreation Center

City council members Charles Schwan and Gil Weidenfeld pointed out that the Springhill Recreation Center is one of the projects the city committed itself to in the \$950,000 bond issue. But because of roadblocks thrown in the way of city acquisition of the site by a small minority in the city, the project has been delayed and is now going to cost in excess of \$300,000. The bond issue allotted only \$60,000.

By using revenue-sharing funds for the SHL Recreation Center, said Schwan, the city thus frees bond issue money for other capital items and purchase of parkland in parcel 1, parcel 15, and Smith-Ewing. Moreover, he said, bond issue money used in this fashion can be supplemented by Federal and State open-space grants, so that these dollars can be stretched to the fullest. Revenue-sharing funds may not be used to match Federal grants, Schwan added.

Schwan also took issue with White's concept of the use of revenue-sharing funds. He saw its use as enabling municipalities to catch up on delayed projects and other activities which have been difficult to fund.

White countered by asking "how come then that Greenbelt is the only jurisdiction that is using most of its revenue-sharing funds for capital improvements rather than for reduction of taxes?" Mayor Richard Pilski picked up the ball like it was homecoming week at the University of Maryland.

"That is what makes Greenbelt so distinctive," Pilski declared. "We have always been able to look ahead, to put aside money for necessary capital improvements, purchase of parkland, acquisition of equipment. Whenever I talk to leaders of other municipalities, they speak of our position with envy and complain of the tax and charter limitations in their communities which prevent them from engaging in long-range planning for capital improvements."

Pilski said he was proud that the council has taken its time in expending bond issue money so as to make sure that it was making maximum use of the dollar through matching Federal or State grants.

Tax Rate Increase

Several council members stated that they had been very anxious to keep the tax rate stable, but that they could not in good conscience take the risk of running a deficit in the coming year. Pilski said that revenues this year proved smaller than anticipated, leaving the city with no surplus, and he didn't want a repetition of that situation next year. Weidenfeld observed that council had used \$63,400 of revenue-sharing funds to relieve the General Fund budget and the tax rate.

Pilski said that he thought the citizens of Greenbelt understood the need for an increase in the tax rate. Joseph Wilkinson, looking around the empty hall (he was one of only three non-city officials present), observed that apparently the public didn't share the concern of Mrs. Cohen and White over the tax increase.

(See BUDGET, page 4, col. 1)

APB Approves Glen Ora Condominiums

The city's Advisory Planning Board has given its support to the construction of condominiums for sale on the Glen Ora tract rather than garden apartments for rent as presently scheduled. The APB report will be considered at the next city council meeting on Monday, June 11.

The Glen Ora tract, some 80-plus acres located on the south side of Greenbelt Road, opposite the Greenbriar apartments, is presently zoned R-30 (14 units per acre), which would permit the construction of 1,172 garden apartments. According to the developer, Alan Kay, construction has only been delayed by the State sewer moratorium.

Kay's proposal calls for the construction of 870 condominium townhouses, priced at between \$30,000 and \$40,000 apiece. He would tie the condominiums into the Greenbriar package sewage treatment plant.

Some of the reasons given for APB's approval were:

(1) Owner occupied homes would result in greater stability in the Greenbelt population. Their homes would be assessed at a higher rate than renter occupied units and thus provide a greater tax base for the city.

(2) If the development were to depend on the lifting of the sewage moratorium some years from now, the cost of these homes would be higher and perhaps make their construction economically unfeasible.

(3) Construction of 870 units instead of 1,172 would reduce the traffic in the area and increase the amount of green space on the site.

One of the drawbacks cited for the proposal is the need to expand the capacity of the Greenbriar sewage treatment plant. The majority of APB feels, however that the building timetable would be such that the expanded treatment capabilities of 1,150 units would probably be reached and in operation only a short time before regular sewer hookup could be made.

The APB was not unanimous in its views. One minority member took the position that the city can wait because no construction could be made until sewer hookup is available in 1974 or later. The member also wanted to see a higher quality house on the tract.

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- Tues., June 12, 8 p.m. Garden Club, GHI offices, Hamilton Pl.
- Thurs., June 14, 7:45 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl.

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Hamburger Income?

To the Editor:

Whole chunks of the new city operating budget have been replaced by federal revenue sharing funds. This procedure released general funds that now will be used for capital projects: to buy new machinery, most of which I think we could have done without this year, and to finance new construction, which could have been paid for either by the 1968 bond issue or by a new bond issue.

I voted against this budget because it raises city taxes by 5 cents. Now our tax rate will be \$0.97 per \$100 assessed evaluation.

Greenbelt is going in for some heavy spending at a time when our citizens are losing jobs, straining to meet higher rents and coping with rising food costs. It's a little like the last binge of someone who needs to go on a strict diet.

I think the city government should have taken a lesson from the taxpayers: we cannot eat steak on a hamburger income.

Without a tax increase there would still have been enough money to continue the present level of city services and to give our employees a cost-of-living raise. Revenue sharing funds should have been applied to the operating budget to meet the city's rising costs and obligations, while preventing a tax increase or while lowering our current tax rate of \$0.92.

Expectations have been pinned on the county tax differential rebate. If and when it becomes a reality, it will be a refund to taxpayers for certain city services that are duplicated by the county. I think it is a mistake to consider this rebate a windfall. After all, the budget was jacked up for a 13 cent increase, very little was trimmed from it, then Revenue Sharing Funds were used to cut the increase to 5 cents, and the explanation is given that the county tax differential rebate will offset the 5 cents increase. It would be more to the point to say that the city tax rise will wipe out the county refund.

Something I have been quite concerned about is the city's lack of inventories. We need an inventory of capital equipment—fixed assets, capital improvements, rolling stock and other non-expendable items. Presently the city council may be approving the purchase, for example, of more desk calculators or dump trucks than we need, simply because we do not know how many we already have.

I think we also should have an inventory of all permanent employees so that we can account for accrued leave, which is a liability. A separate reserve fund should be set aside for lump payments when employees leave the service of the city. Now, if several people were to quit at the same time, wild swings could occur in the operating budgets of the affected departments. Until we know what we have and what we owe, and until we are sure we can afford steak instead of hamburger, I cannot consider higher taxes for Greenbelt resident.
Rhea Cohen,
Member Greenbelt City Council

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City's Finance Office Having Difficulties

by Al Skolnik

Mabel Kandler has returned to work in the city's Finance Office on a part-time basis in the wake of Cecelia H. Pleasants' departure as City Treasurer. Mrs. Pleasants, who succeeded Mrs. Kandler upon her retirement on January 1, was let go by city manager James K. Giese in early May. Giese said that her appointment had not worked out and that differences had developed between her and other Finance Office employees. Dennis E. Piendak has been designated as acting City Treasurer for check-signing purposes. Dorothy Gussio, who retired recently has also volunteered her help during this period.

Mrs. Pleasants is opposing her dismissal. Her appeal, however, to the city's Employee Relations Board, was turned down by the Board on the grounds that the Board has no jurisdiction over probationary employees. All appointments are subject to a probationary period of not less than six months or more than one year. Mrs. Pleasants came to the city in September. Through Jules Fink, Mrs. Pleasants' attorney, an appeal has been made to the city council to overrule the Appeals Board.

Fink asserts that Giese's dismissal of Mrs. Pleasants was arbitrary and capricious and was done for the purpose of a punitive action against her. The punitive action cited by Fink was Mrs. Pleasants' request for a legal opinion from the Attorney General of Maryland as to her right to run for the post of city commissioner of District Heights, after receiving a contrary opinion from Greenbelt solicitor Emmett Nanna. Nanna had held that it is illegal for a city employee to hold two public offices.

Giese says that the issue of holding two offices was irrelevant to his decision and that Mrs. Pleasants had been informed of her termination before the District Heights election on May 7. Mrs. Pleasants was an unsuccessful candidate in that election.

Competitive Bids

In the meantime, the Finance Office has been plagued by other difficulties. A charter provision requires that purchase of supplies and services in excess of \$1,000 should be awarded on the basis of competitive bids unless waived by council action. City councilwoman Rhea Cohen has brought to council's attention instances where she thought this procedure has not been followed.

She referred specifically to an authorization for curbs, gutters, and sidewalks along Ridge Road for a total expenditure of \$1,807.80. Although three separate purchase orders (none of which exceeded \$1,000) had been made out, the same concrete company was involved and the purchase orders had been dated within a 12-day period, and two had been made out for the same date. No competitive bids were obtained.

Giese explained that the concrete company had worked with the city crew on three different occasions. He observed that it is administratively difficult sometimes to determine what constitutes a separate purchase order. Concrete work may be started in one place and before the job is finished some additional work is added. Does this constitute one purchase order or two? he asked.

Giese further noted the difficulty the city has had in finding contractors to do minor concrete work—particularly curb and gutter work. The last time bids were put out for miscellaneous concrete work—in May 1971 for \$7,000 worth of work, only one bid was received in the amount of \$13,187. Similarly, bids received in 1972 on street construction work on Westway adjacent to the JCC were greatly in excess of engineer's estimates.

Because of these problems, the city's engineers have recommended that instead of bidding on small jobs, the city should negotiate price with small contractors and undertake work when both a contractor and a city crew can be available at the same time. Giese said that all the work per-

formed on the Ridge Road project was below the bid prices received in 1971 and 1972. Giese acknowledged, however, that the preferable approach would be to seek city council approval whenever there is a question whether multiple purchase orders or a single purchase order are involved. Giese also thought it desirable that there be a staff review of purchasing procedures.

In response to Mrs. Cohen's request for a list of transactions since September 1, 1971 which involved issuance of multiple purchase orders each amounting to less than \$1,000 where the total project cost was \$1,000 or more, council and the manager agreed that this information could most appropriately be collected by the city's outside auditing firm.

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Rabbi Weisenberg To Leave City

Rabbi Maurice Weisenberg, spiritual leader of the Mishkan Torah Congregation in Greenbelt for seven years, has accepted the rabbinic position at Olev Shalom Congregation in Kansas City, as of August 1973. A farewell reception will be held at the synagogue on Sunday, June 10 at 4:30 p.m.

Under Rabbi Weisenberg's leadership the Mishkan Torah congregation grew in size and scope. An educational wing was added, and as principal of the Hebrew-Sunday School, Rabbi Weisenberg was instrumental in implementing the standards of the United Synagogue, including a six-year Hebrew program. He helped form the men's club, nursery school, day camp, junior congregation and Young Judea youth groups.

Workshop on Use of Children's Art Materials

A free three-day art workshop is to be held in cooperation with Binney & Smith, Inc., manufacturers of CRAYOLA crayons on June 12, 13 and 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Greenbelt Library.

The art workshop will be conducted by Mrs. Mary Jane Root who taught extensively and holds a Master's degree from Wayne State University.

The class will include some of the uses of crayons, watercolors poster paints, finger paints, colored chalks, and modeling clay. Sample craft techniques will also be shown, giving participants an opportunity to work with paper, paste and other materials to gain three-dimensional effects.

Participants must attend all three sessions. Preregistration is required; call 779-9330, ext. 17.

Baptist Choir Service

The Department of Music, Greenbelt Baptist Church, will hold its Annual Choir Promotion Service on Sunday, June 10 at 7 p.m., preceded by a program of special music presented by the primary, junior, youth and chancel choirs.

Linda Swinson, May graduate of Moody Bible Institute, and Dan Swinson, both formerly of Greenbelt and now of Charlottesville, Va. will conclude the service with a group of sacred solos and duets. Interested friends are cordially invited.

Community Church News

On Sunday, June 10, the guest minister at the Community Church will be the Rev. Ralph Weisser of Silver Spring. On June 17 an outdoor service is planned at 11 a.m. at Greenbelt Lake, followed by a picnic lunch. The program will be conducted by the Sunday School.

Greenbelt Garden Club

The Greenbelt Garden Club will meet Tuesday, June 12, at 8 p.m., in the GHI Board Room, Hamilton Place. The program will include a film on vegetable gardening.

MISHKAN TORAH

The Mishkan Torah congregation will hold a special membership meeting on Monday, June 11 at 8 p.m. All members are urged to attend.

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PRAB Report Disapproves Play Area at Golf Course

In three reports submitted to city council on May 21, the Park and Recreation Advisory Board recommended against the establishment of a sand lot play area at the first fairway of the Springhill Lake golf course, favored pedestrian and bike overpasses across Kenilworth Ave., and supported the budget proposal of \$500 for secretarial assistance to the city's advisory boards.

PRAB recommended against the sand-lot play area for the following reasons: 1) the area is subject to periodic flooding; 2) two ball playing areas at the adjacent school are in close proximity; 3) natural contours of the land are prohibitive without filling; and 4) the play area would interfere with a unique recreation facility. The Board said that it would like to defer consideration of a permanent ball field area until it receives the overall plans for the Springhill Lake Park.

To facilitate the access of SHL to the city's recreation facilities, PRAB recommended that reconstruction of Kenilworth Ave. should include parallel walking and/or biking pathways. Consistent with this recommendation, PRAB also favored a pedestrian/bike overpass over I-495 with entrance and exit pathways parallel to Kenilworth Avenue. As an example of what it had in mind, PRAB pointed to the walkway system along Powder Mill Road over I-95.

Patrick Dalton

Patrick Joseph Dalton, 69, of 159 Westway Rd., a retired Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory engineer, died Tuesday at Prince Georges Hospital after a long illness. A native of Dublin, Ireland, Mr. Dalton attended Gonzaga High School in Wash., D.C. and graduated from Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh, Pa. After retirement in 1968, Mr. Dalton moved to Greenbelt and was a member of St. Hugh's Church.

He is survived by his wife, Catherine Dunn Dalton, and by six children including Mrs. Patricia Unger of Greenbelt. He is also survived by his mother, Mrs. Mary Fitzgibbon Dalton, of Silver Spring.

Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at St. John the Evangelist Church, Forest Glen, Silver Spring, on Friday, June 8 at 10 a.m. Interment at St. John's Cemetery.

Recreation Review

Tennis Tournament Action

Anyone interested in top flight tennis competition is welcome to enjoy the action, free of charge, on Braden Field Courts beginning Thursday, June 7 at 6 p.m. This is the opening of the City Open Tennis Tournament with competition in men's and women's singles and men's doubles. The schedule calls for matches Friday evening and Saturday.

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BUDGET con't from page 1

All the majority council members stressed the likelihood of a tax credit from the county for services already provided by municipalities that would probably more than make up the increase in the city rate.

Increases in Budget

The new budget is \$143,000 higher than last year's appropriation of \$1,220,500. Most of this increase can be attributed to rising wage levels and the rising costs of materials and supplies. Pay raises of 8% for police officers and 5% for the rest of the city labor force accounted for \$42,000 alone. Reserves for capital improvements are \$19,400 higher than in 1973. Pension and insurance costs are up some \$15,600.

The recreation groups this year will be getting \$6,700, up \$2,500 from last year, as follows: Boys and Girls Club (\$3,000); Aquatic Boosters (\$900); Concert Band (\$245); Little League (\$1,650); SHL Boys Baseball (\$525); jogging (\$100); and Tennis Association (\$100).

Among the other expenditure items allowed for in the 1974 budget are: (1) Increase in salary of city council and city manager (\$3,600).

(2) Addition of an administrative aide to the city manager \$5,256 and of part-time secretarial help (\$500).

(3) Cost of city biennial election (\$2,100).

(4) Initiation of separate waste recycling budget for glass products and other waste material (\$3,200).

(5) Improvements in Municipal Service Building (\$1,200) and in Youth Center (\$1,100).

(6) New park maintenance equipment such as \$5,000 for dump truck, \$1,700 for a trailer spray unit, \$1,500 for a cultivating aerifier, and \$1,000 for new playground equipment.

(7) New police equipment such as a portable radio for \$900 and replacement of 2 squad cars (\$7,000).

(8) \$200 for planning expenses of day care study.

Income Side of Budget

Some of the personnel cost increases in the police department and in the park crew are not a burden on the budget because of offsetting Federal funds of \$46,000 available through the Public Employment Program. Also equipment purchases in the amount of \$21,300, and landfill costs in the amount of \$3,700 will be offset by the use of Federal revenue-sharing funds.

In addition, the budget anticipates receiving State-shared taxes of \$392,200, State grants for police protection of \$43,000, fees from self-supporting services (swimming pool, waste collection) of \$173,900, plus miscellaneous income.

Thus, while the expenditure side of the 1974 budget is up \$143,000, only \$53,800 of this increase needs to be raised through higher real and personal property taxes.

Altogether, the 1974 budget will be financed through \$808,700 of revenues from sources other than the real property tax, leaving \$554,800 to be collected from real property taxes. Applying this amount against an assessable tax base of \$57,200,000 yields a tax rate of \$0.97 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

In adopting the new budget, council included a provision that in the event the county provides

the city with a rebate for services which are provided by the city, the city council shall give municipal taxpayers a credit on the 97 cent tax rate.

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