

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS THE CURRENT
STATUS OF THE 2003-4 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE CITY HALL ON MONDAY,
JUNE 16, 2003 AT 5:30 P.M.
LYN HOWARD, MAYOR, PRESIDING**

**PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS JONES, MADDOX, MASSAGLIA AND
RICHMOND
ABSENT: NONE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Howard.

Roll was called and all commissioners were present.

City Manager Hierstein reviewed the current status of the 2003-4 budget. He gave the updated revenue projections for the general fund that show declines in Income Tax revenue of \$318,000 and in sales tax of \$322,000. The total decrease with other smaller reductions totals \$685,000 on top of the budgeted deficit of \$294,160.

He then reviewed reserves at the beginning and end of the current year and the budgets of each department and fund. The status of the Capital Improvement Plan was also discussed. Hierstein recommended that the Mayor and Council set a level of at least \$1,000,000 annually for the General Fund capital improvements so that the city does not fall seriously behind in its maintenance of equipment and infrastructure.

Discussion of the need to close the deficit dealt with potential of issuing bonds for the Veterans Drive Project, increasing sales tax, instituting charges for services like garbage collection or instituting utility taxes.

Commissioner Massaglia moved and Maddox seconded a motion to set the City Council and Staff retreat for July 21st. All voted aye.

A hearing at Miller Park regarding the riverfront park funding application was set from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 25, 2003.

The planned retirement of Fire Chief John Janssen on October 1st was announced. Hierstein complimented Chief Janssen for an outstanding job and stated that he will be missed.

Bill Fleming asked about the potential issuance of bonds and its effect on funding for future Veterans Drive projects.

Harvey Richmond complimented the tree program that was done Saturday and Monday.

Bill Maddox noted that the city's wastewater system handled a loading of 9 million gallons in the recent heavy rain – considerably in excess of the state requirements for our plant.

Commissioner Jones moved and Richmond seconded to adjourn. All aye. **Council Adjourned.** Dick Hierstein, City Manager