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A special budget meeting of the Carson City Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, May 8, 1995 in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, NV at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Marv Teixeira	Mayor
Greg Smith	Ward 1
Janice Ayres	Ward 2
Tom Tatro	Ward 3
Kay Bennett	Ward 4

STAFF:

John Berkich, City Manager
Noel Waters, District Attorney
Mary Walker, Finance Director
Fran Smith, Recording Secretary
(BOSBUD 5/8/95 1-0000)

NOTE - Unless otherwise indicated each item was introduced by Mayor Teixeira. Individuals speaking are identified following the heading of each item. A tape recording of these proceedings is on file in the Clerk-Recorder's office. This tape is available for review and inspection during normal business hours.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Teixeira called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Ms. Walker led the pledge of allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL** - A roll call was taken and a quorum was present although Supervisors Tatro and Smith had not yet arrived. (Tatro arrived at 6:20 p.m. and Smith arrived at 6:45 p.m.)
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - None.

AGENDA ITEM

PUBLIC HEARINGS CONCERNING THE FISCAL YEAR 1995-96 BUDGET DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE FOLLOWING:

- A. **PRESENTATION OF TENTATIVE BUDGET** - (1-0037) City Manager Berkich said he would like to begin the process by starting with District Court I.
- B. **DISTRICT COURT I** - (1-0040) Judge Michael Griffin reported his budget is much the same as in previous years although he is getting some furniture for the Clerk's office and is going to have some minor remodeling done in the basement of the courthouse.

Mayor Teixeira queried the judge on his feeling about the alternative sentencing program. Judge Griffin said he is utilizing the program to put people on the streets to work rather than in jail. Supervisor Ayres commented on how well it has worked for her RSVP group.

(1-0240) Judge Griffin reported on a new computer network system and how it will be tied in with other departments to handle the City's business in a timely fashion.

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C. DISTRICT COURT II - (1-0381) Judge Michael Fondi said his budget varies from the last year. He explained this is because of the pending murder trials which will cause a negative impact. He detailed the administrative expenses associated with those proceedings.

As with Judge Griffin, Mayor Teixeira asked if Judge Fondi is satisfied with the alternative sentencing program. He replied he is and said the success is due in large part to the work Ms. Saavadra is doing.

(Supervisor Tatro arrived at 6:20 p.m. during the above discussion.)

D. JUSTICE COURT/MUNICIPAL COURT - (1-0780) Judges Roby Willis and John Tatro - Judge Willis said the budget is much the same as last year. He noted the vast increase in the caseload and extended his thanks that Judge Tatro was appointed and has taken up a good part of the burden.

(1-0819) Mayor Teixeira again posed the question on alternative sentencing. Judge Willis expressed his feeling it is one of the best things that has been done in a long time. He responded to Supervisor Bennett's inquiry of how the Community Counseling program is working by commenting how pleased he is with the process. Both he and Judge Tatro echoed the sentiments expressed earlier about Ms. Saavadra's work.

(1-1125) Mayor Teixeira talked about the work of the Hearing Officer, currently a volunteer, and asked if the Judges feel he should be paid. Judge Willis said absolutely. The Mayor asked that this be put on the first cut list as one shot funding. City Manager Berkich said this is part of Public Works and this can be handled when their budget is reviewed by the Board the week of May 15.

E. ADMINISTRATIVE ASSESSMENT - (1-1251) William Milligan, Court Administrator, said there are some increases. He explained that some are attorney fees associated with the criminal cases Judge Fondi had discussed earlier. There was also a request for addition funding for court reporter fees because of the increased use of Department II.

(Supervisor Smith arrived at 6:45 p.m. during the above discussion.)

F. JUVENILE COURT - (1-1573) David Nielsen, Juvenile Court Judge, reported his budget is also basically flat. He said most changes will be procedural and are the result of bills in the Legislature. However, he had requested a half-time clerical position that would be combined with a half-time position William Lewis of Juvenile Probation is seeking. Supervisor Smith asked that this be put on the first cut list. Ms. Walker explained that two half time positions are included in the tentative budget she had prepared.

G. JUVENILE DETENTION/PROBATION - (1-1820) William Lewis, Juvenile Probation Officer - He added to Mr. Nielsen's comments that there are over fifty bills in the legislature that will directly affect juvenile justice, including the juvenile court and probation departments. He added said some involve fiscal notes and will involve procedure time with staff, and increased reporting resulting in a significant input on the secretarial and probation staff. The result was his request for the other half of the

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position referred to by Mr. Nielsen.

(1-2046) Mr. Lewis then said the Probation budget is essentially the same as before. He mentioned the habitual truant noting that the dropout rate throughout the state is high. He detailed some local projects that are partially funded by his department. He added that the significant increase in court activity has negatively impacted their duties and provided extensive details.

(1-2463) Supervisor Tatro expressed his feeling that the budget priorities are a little off. He felt there is a need to fund the positions requested above. He added his belief that funding should not be held back when there is still the chance to turn some of the young people around. He referred to the \$100,000+ for public access television and said he would like to put that television money on the first cut list - for one shot - and put the Community Council on Youth and the two positions on the first cut list for ongoing. He said it is his personal opinion that these matters are more important than the cable access television. Supervisor Smith said he liked Supervisor Tatro's opinion and felt, while it is important to communicate with the citizens of the community, it is more important to protect the citizens.

(1-2670) Mr. Lewis continued by saying there are really no changes in the Detention budget. He hoped that regional detentional services could be established. He felt this would have a favorable impact on the taxpayers. Supervisor Smith asked for an update on area wise facility needs that Mr. Lewis would like to see. Mr. Lewis provided a history of the detention function and felt that at some point in the future the City might want to look at some kind of a land trade to accommodate their increased space needs.

Mayor Teixeira called a five minute recess at 7:30 p.m. When he reconvened the meeting at 7:35 p.m. a quorum was still present.

I. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - (2-0083) Barney Dehl, Assistant Sheriff, said the proposed budget reflects a major reorganization. He explained that the department had been divided into two subdivisions - operations and services - and detailed the functions of each. He said there is no increase in personnel from what the department already has. Ms. Walker reported that these changes had resulted in a \$300,000 savings. Mayor Teixeira thanked Mr. Dehl and Sheriff Bannister on behalf of the Board for what they have been able to do.

H. DISTRICT ATTORNEY - (2-0533) Noel Waters, District Attorney, said his budget was relatively lean. He added that the main item is a supplemental request for a child support case worker and the computer and work station necessary to make the position offerable. He added that the salary is reimbursed and supported by the Federal Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act at 66 percent. He commented that the State has told him he needs to have more case workers for the size of the community. He explained that the City's portion of this position's salary would be offset by what is recovered and incentives and reimbursements. Discussion ensued on how these programs help the recipients and how the City also benefits financially. Supervisor Bennett asked that this be added to the first cut list.

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There being no further business Mayor Teixeira entertained a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Ayres moved to adjourn. Mayor Teixeira seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Mayor Teixeira adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

The Minutes of the May 8, 1995 Special Budget Meeting of the Carson City Board of Supervisors

ARE SO APPROVED _____ June 1 _____, 1995

_____/s/_____
Marv Teixeira, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____/s/_____
Alan Glover, Clerk-Recorder