

Bargaining procedures adopted

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An ordinance establishing procedures for collective bargaining by city employees gained the unanimous approval of the Sandy City Council Monday night.

No city employees are represented by unions at this time. However, members of the Sandy Police Department have expressed interest in being represented by Local 843 of the Service Employees International, AFL-CIO.

City Manager Paul Helton said he suggested that the council adopt the ordinance after the union "wrote the city and demanded that they negotiate with us as representatives of the (Sandy) police department."

Under the 19-page ordinance prepared by city attorney Jack Hammond, collective bargaining would come under the home rule of the city.

"The purpose of this ordinance is not to preclude collective bargaining, but rather to define it under the home rule control of the city," wrote Helton in a fact sheet given to council members prior to their Jan. 3 meeting.

He added that the law will "prescribe the rules under which collective bargaining will be performed and who shall be in the bargaining unit as authorized by the council."

The city manager wrote council members saying the ordinance is vital to future bargaining for all departments and would protect the council's freedom of negotiation.

The ordinance outlines procedure for recognizing an employee organization.

Under the new law at least 50 percent

of the employees in a department will vote to join a labor organization before it is recognized by the council in collective bargaining and other matters.

Sgt. Rip Ripberger, president of Local 843, said members of the Sandy Police Department contacted the union and asked for representation. Ripberger is employed by the Clackamas County Sheriff's Department.

"We went up there and talked to members of the police department and had them vote," Ripberger said. "They (Sandy police) voted that they would like to be represented by the union."

The police department will take another vote in accordance with the new ordinance, said Helton.

A date for that election has not been set.

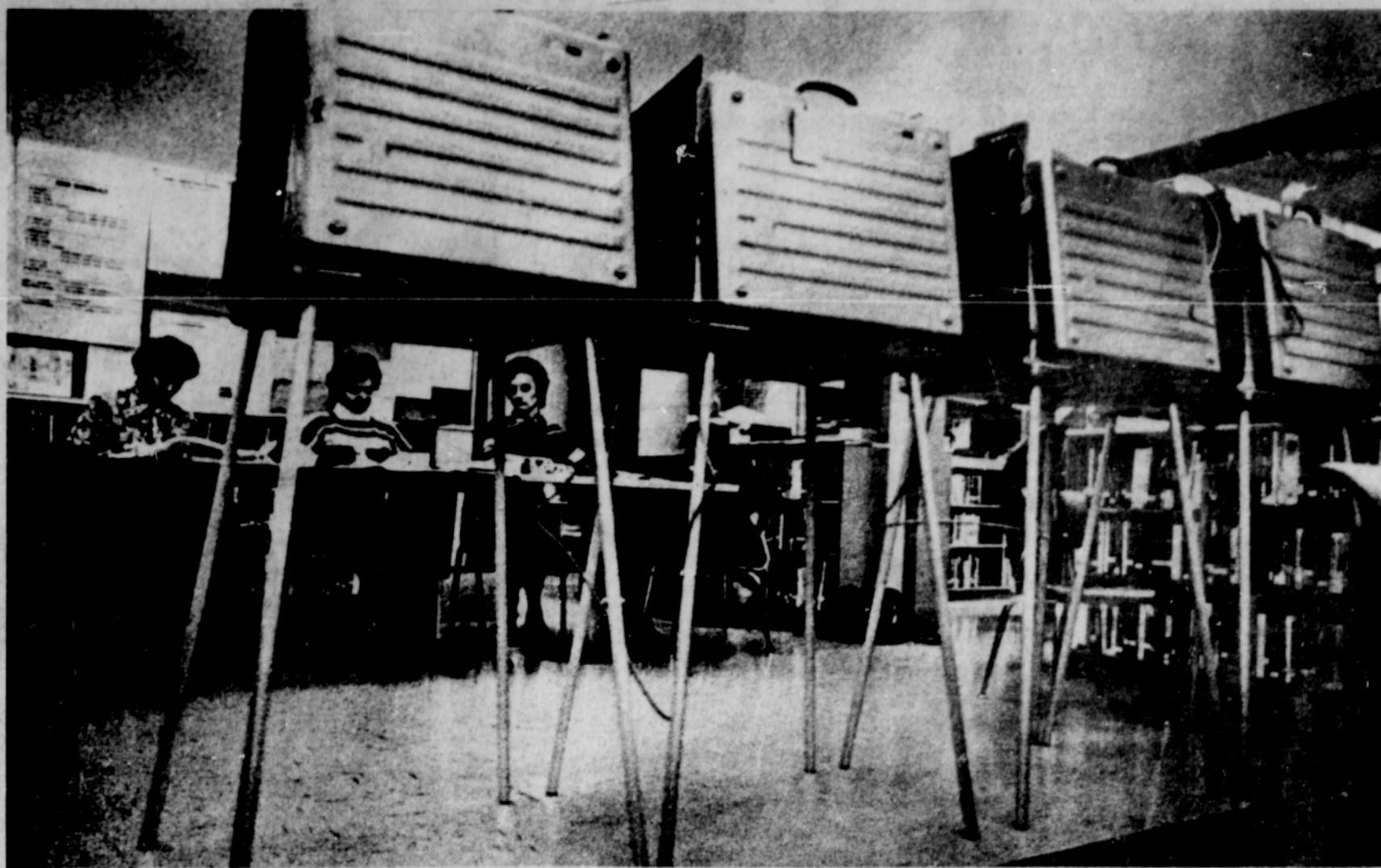
Local 843 is also known as the Clackamas County Peace Officers Association.

"Our purpose is to further professionalism in law enforcement and to secure the best possible benefits and working conditions for the union members," said Ripberger.

"We have first and foremost in our minds service to the public," he added. "For example, in our local bylaws we state that we cannot strike."

The association represents police from the City of Milwaukie as well as the Clackamas County Sheriff's deputies.

Helton said Sandy's ordinance regulating collective bargaining was written from a composite of several approaches taken by the cities of The Dalles, Corvallis and Milwaukie, in addition to input from the city attorney.



VOTERS WERE staying away from the polls in droves early Tuesday afternoon when this picture of the Sandy High polling site was taken. Above, (l to r) Norma Nelson, Shirley Dyal and Bernice Estotts wait for some voters to appear. At the right, Mrs. Nelson does some crocheting. "You've got to have something to do," she said. The ladies described Tuesday's turnout as "terrible" and said that only 55 of their two precincts 1271 registered voters had made an appearance.

(Douglas Gantenbein photos)

In Tuesday vote

Bonds OK'd

Sandy voters on Tuesday gave their consent to two bond measures for the purchase and refurbishing of a new community center and the construction of new classrooms for Sandy Elementary School.

The city bond measure for the community center passed easily by a 226-111 margin. The \$137,300 bond sale

will finance the purchase and remodeling of the Sandy Baptist Chapel for use as a multi-purpose civic center.

The Sandy Senior Center and several civic and service organizations anticipate making use of the building.

On the school measure voters didn't display quite the enthusiasm they did for the city bond but still passed the \$3.485 million measure by a 499-417 count.

The school funds will go towards the completion of the existing Firwood Elementary and the construction of a new school, currently targeted for the district's Kelso site.

"By golly, we feel good. We really do," said a pleased Superintendent Clark Lund of the bond results.

For Lund, the measure will do much to improve the critical space shortage in Sandy grade schools by providing about 17 additional classrooms, including space for special education programs, music and physical education.

Lund got the good word on the ballot at around 10 p.m. Tuesday night and took the results to the elementary school board meeting then in progress.

The board had worked and planned for more than a year towards this moment and when Lund walked in silence fell like a shroud over the meeting.

But as soon as he told them the results that silence turned to jubilation.

"A lot of credit goes to other people for their help with the vote," Lund said. "We were pleased with the support of the teachers, many of whom went above and beyond the call of duty to get information out into the area and make known how much of a need was there."

City Manager Paul Helton expressed similar pleasure with the passage of the community center. "The city is grateful to the people of Sandy for their support of the program," he said.

Helton said that the next step will be for the city council to pass a resolution to release the bonds for bid.

If the chapel changes hands from the Baptist church to the city without any hitches Helton said that parts of the new center will be available for use by late February.



Bus schedule changes noted

Changes in Tri-Met routes to Boring and Sandy were confirmed this week by the Tri-Met Board of Directors.

Line 74 will be eliminated on Jan. 22, according to Bob Prowda of the Tri-Met office.

Service between Sandy, Gresham and Boring will be continued on Line 9.

Starting Monday, Jan. 23, buses will leave Sandy at 5:25, 6:07 and 7:14 a.m. and 3:30, 5:35, 6:35 and 7:08 p.m.

Buses will leave from Gresham to Sandy at 5:42 and 6:49 a.m., and 3:05, 5:15, 6:10 and 6:38 p.m.

Prowda said most of the midday service to Sandy and Boring is being eliminated under the new schedule.

Service changes approved by the board include the elimination of several under-used night and weekend services, Prowda added.

He said the cuts are among a number of economy measures Tri-Met is taking

to improve its budget picture for the current fiscal year. Cuts will result in an estimated annual cost savings of \$318,000.

Sandy Tri-Met riders who wish to travel from downtown Portland to Sandy are advised to pick up a No. 19 Division or East Gilsan schedule to find out their new bus stop.

Metro Mobility, a non-profit organization designed to complement Tri-Met service in rural areas, will expand its service to Clackamas County to pick up the slack left by the bus route cut.

Gary Olson, director of Metro Mobility, said service would be extended to the Damascus-Boring area in addition to the communities of Sandy and Orient.

Schedules will be made available through local merchants.



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Need to have, nice to have

Board hears two-prong budget

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A preliminary budget hearing for the 1978-79 school year topped a Monday night meeting of the Sandy High School Board.

In the hearing, Superintendent Jack Peters presented the board with a two-pronged budget proposal that included "need to have" and "nice to have" items.

The "need to have" category included the current educational program with its emphasis on basic skills in math and language.

Peters pegged the total price tag for continued basic education at \$2,633,990. Existing cash resources and the district's \$248,600 tax base would leave a levy amount of \$1,390,103 to be voted on by district patrons in the April 4 levy election.

Peters presented this as a no-frills package, the product of considerable trimming by both his district office and the school administration.

Several of the items trimmed off the initial budget proposal Peters placed under what he labeled the "nice to have" category.

Included under the niceties was \$66,000 for lighting the tennis court and west stadium parking area and resurfacing the track to comply with a state requirement it be metric within two years.

Peters noted that this figure included \$30,000 for the track modifications, but this figure could be cut to as little as \$3500 if the board opted for simple restriping rather than the longer-lasting complete resurfacing.

Among the other proposals were the budgeting of \$36,000 for equipment and uniforms for a 120-member marching band, \$25,000 for an emergency medical technician training program and \$18,400 for a new lathe and milling machine for the machine shop.

The budget committee will meet twice next week, on Jan. 16 and 18, and

will have a final budget submitted for the board's approval on Jan. 24.

In the regular board A.A. (Tony)

Bryant of the Clackamas County Intermediate Education District asked the board's approval on five programs the IED hopes to continue or initiate next year.

Under state law, the IED must have the approval of two-thirds of the school boards covering at least half the students in the county before it can levy taxes to cover the planned programs.

Among the programs Bryant presented to the board were:

—A program for trainable mental, retarded students, including those with severe learning disabilities and autistic tendencies. This program includes the transportation of target students, a potentially expensive item due the multiple handicaps these students have, requiring specially equipped vehicles.

Bryant said there are 14 students attending Sandy High or its feeder grade schools who would benefit from the program. The IED has budgeted about \$3183 for each TMR eligible student.

—Media Services, which provides films and audio-visual equipment and repair facilities to the schools it services. Bryant noted that the 1179 films Sandy High had access to last year cost the school an average of \$3.90 apiece as opposed to the approximate \$10 per film charge that private companies ask.

—Student Assessment, which tested more than 6000 students in the county last year at a lower cost than private testing companies.

—Outdoor Education. Under the 1978-79 budget, this program would be made available on an optional consultative basis and the materials and supplies service merged with the existing media center.

—Handicapped Child Program. This new, federally mandated program would include the TMR program as well as services for emotionally han-

dicapped children.

Bryant told the board that these programs would cost county taxpayers approximately 58 cents per assessed \$1000 of property value.

Superintendent Peters heartily endorsed the program and pointed out that "we (Sandy Union High School) are a small district that can benefit from these programs."

Taking his recommendation, the board unanimously expressed their support of the IED's programs.

In an informational presentation, vocational counselor Dick Harrison advised the board of their options regarding a proposed contract with Clackamas County to provide funds and support for the county's Comprehensive Employment and Training Act program.

Harrison said the school had been doing what the contract would require for about two years, but if the contract is not approved the district stands to lose county funds.

Among the programs the school is or would be involved with are the Youth Conservation Corps, the Young Adult Conservation Corps and the Youth Employment and Training programs.

These programs provide training and employment for eligible young people. If the contract is signed the high school would be required to provide guidance, counseling and programs while receiving about \$27,895 in funds.

As an adjunct to this program Peters said the district recently applied for a State Department of Education grant to help fund a program in which students not currently in school could attend evening classes while working days for the county CETA program.

The board will take final action on the CETA contract at a later meeting.

The board took action on a proposal to expand the current driver training program to include six hours of behind-the-wheel training during the regular school months in addition to the summer program.

Animal ordinance to gain hearing

Clackamas County Commissioners expect "considerable public input" on a proposed animal control ordinance which will be the subject of a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1.

The Citizens Small Animal Advisory Committee proposed the ordinance which a spokesman for the commissioner's office said would "substantially exceed existing county policy."

The draft document would provide for control of any animal other than human beings, expand emphasis on spaying and neutering dogs and cats, license pet shops, stables, kennels,

breeders and animals dealers.

The proposal also prescribes health and sanitation standards for kennels and other establishments, penalties for violations of the "scoop law" and includes provisions for obtaining an "exotic animal license" and numerous other provisions.

The spokesman said it is anticipated that additional drafts of the proposed ordinance will be required prior to any action to adopt an animal control ordinance for Clackamas County.

Copies of the proposed ordinance may be obtained and viewed in Room 201 of the county courthouse in Oregon City.

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