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City budgeters face uncertain revenue sharing

by DAN DILLON

Like other bodies that rely on sources outside property taxes for a portion of their operation, city of Sandy officials are preparing a new budget unsure of just what monies will be available.

When the city Budget Committee convenes Monday night at 7:30 p.m. at Sandy City Hall, City Manager Roger Jordan will present an "operational maintenance budget" designed to continue the current level of ci-

ty services with some improvements to utilities and streets.

He is predicting a tax rate of approximately \$6.94 per \$1,000 assessed valuation. Last year it was \$6.81 per \$1,000.

Because the Street Fund relies on state and federal revenue sharing for the majority of its income, just how extensive street improvements will be is up in the air.

The hints from Washington, D.C., are that federal revenue sharing will be at the same level it was last year.

In Salem, state legislators are still wrestling with how they will solve state budgetary problems, and the level of state support is less certain.

"If revenue sharing is cut severely, we'll have to talk about some other source of balancing that fund," Jordan said.

If the city receives the amount expected, the money will continue the day-to-day operations associated with the Street Fund and improvements will be made to North Bluff Road. A gravel and oil treat-

ment will also be given to parts of Hood Street, Hoffman Avenue, Scenic Street, Park Street and Sandy Heights.

Water and sewer system improvements would be from funds that are based on projected connections and utility rates.

Water utility improvements would include a new Pleasant Street water line and a water improvement project at the west end of Pioneer and Proctor Boulevards that would improve the volume of water to the in-

dustrial and North Bluff areas.

The major sewer improvement would be the resolution of the problem of infiltration into the sewer lines.

While the city hasn't had the peaks and valleys in homebuilding experienced in other communities in the area, Jordan said, the city's projections for construction and development revenues are "substantially lower than in previous years."

He projects 50 new units will be

started during fiscal 1982-83. More than 100 have been started in each of the past three years.

If the starts fall short, alternatives would include no sewer and water projects, or an increase in user fees, "if absolutely necessary."

The only improvement based on property tax would be \$4,000 for grading and seeding Tupper Park.

The general fund will note an approximate 6.5 percent increase over last year's appropriations. Most appropriations are at last year's level except for personnel which is up 5 percent and utility bills.

"We're cutting back during the current budget year wherever we can," Jordan said, "so we have some cash carryover to help balance the budget next year."

"Some departments in the general fund were actually decreased because of demands," Jordan said, and, as a result, there are less full-time equivalent employees than two years ago and.

Rather than target specific programs, he continued, "we cut everybody across the board."

The amount needed to balance the budget, paid by taxpayers, will be approximately \$60,000 ahead of last year.

Monday night the budget committee will meet to go over the proposals of the city staff.

That meeting will be followed next Wednesday, Feb. 10, by a public hearing on the proposed 1982-83 city budget at 7:30 p.m. at Sandy City Hall.

Emergency plan ready, except for volunteers

by DAN DILLON

The city of Sandy has devised a plan to handle emergencies. Now it is looking for volunteers who can help make it work.

"The thing that prompted it was the major snowstorm two years ago and the lack of coordination between responsible agencies," said Sandra Potter Marquardt, Community Services director.

So for the past year, Marquardt, along with Sandy Police Chief Fred Punzel, has been working with the American Red Cross and Clackamas County Emergency Services fine-tuning the emergency plan, should the need arise.

It is designed to handle anything from "a storm which renders people without heat, lights or water to anything like a full-blown emergency," Marquardt said.

"Not all cities have a plan," she said. "We're probably a forerunner in this area. The Red Cross was very pleased and they were very happy to be working with us."

The city has begun identifying residents in the area who would be able to provide emergency shelter, evacuate the stranded, and provide clothing or other essentials in a time of need.

"So far the response has been good," Marquardt said. Through local churches, a questionnaire has been circulated asking for volunteers and seeking identities of residents who may need special help during such a situation.

"We're noting people who would be

particularly vulnerable," she said. "Plus working with the seniors at the center, we are aware of people who would be vulnerable."

The survey will not be a one-time deal.

"We're going to have to maintain this information in an active form and update it every two years," Marquardt said.

The Sandy Seventh-day Adventist Church, which is nationally active in disaster relief, has provided its Community Center at the corner of University Avenue and Highway 26 as the central emergency shelter.

Marquardt estimates that no more than 100 people would be housed there at any one time because of the system of homeowners in the area who are being recruited to provide emergency housing.

Beyond providing emergency provisions, Marquardt hopes to identify people who would man the emergency shelter as managers, cooks and volunteers to drive four-wheel-drives to bring victims to the shelter.

For people interested in participating in the program, Marquardt said, the Red Cross will begin training sessions in March. The basic training may also be supplemented by additional training which would prepare some volunteers for smaller disasters such as house fires.

These volunteers would help provide families with new housing and clothing through the Red Cross on an on-going basis.

To volunteer or sign up for the March sessions, contact the Sandy Community Center at 668-5569.

Local woman enters race for state house

by DAN DILLON

A Sandy resident is the latest candidate to toss her hat in the ring in the race for state representative from District 23.

Dianne Oliver, 28, a realtor with Pioneer Real Estate, filed last Friday for the Republican nomination in the new representative district created by the 1981 reapportionment.

Oliver, who was active in the Republican Party in Salem before moving to Sandy recently, feels curbing unemployment will be the main topic in the campaign.

"The major issue in this campaign is jobs," she said. "We must get our economy moving again and provide Oregonians with the opportunity to work and provide for their families."

Finding more jobs means making Oregon a more attractive place for prospective industries, she said.

"I agree with Gov. Atiyeh that we must change our image in the business community," Oliver said. "We must diversify our economic base and ensure that our timber and



Dianne Oliver

home building industries are revitalized.

"This will not only provide jobs, but would also ensure that we don't find ourselves with the revenue shortages we presently face."

Oliver thinks that the plan of attack for battling the revenue problems is already established. "I think the governor's budget is a good budget for that," she said last Friday while the Legislature was in special session in Salem wrangling with the problem.

The candidate said she would not support increased taxation or any attempt to do away with the property tax relief program.

"I cannot stand by and see people taxed out of their homes," she said. "The problem is that inflation is up, unemployment is up and we need to address those problems, instead of looking for short-term solutions," Oliver said.

Oliver, making her first try for public office, has managed a number of successful campaigns in the Salem area.



Photo by Dan Dillon

It was a team effort Saturday as members of Sandy Cub Scout Pack 663 and the Veterans of Foreign War replaced the flagpole in front of the local VFW post.

Hospice begins work of comforting

by DAN DILLON

After two years of development, Sandy's Mt. Hood Hospice is operational.

The hospice promotes the physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of the dying and their families.

The program began in 1980, spearheaded by Macy Brader, Patricia Spradling, Dr. Robert Lee and Father Lindsay Warren as an offshoot of a program at St. Jude's Home.

From the beginning its goal has been to provide the community with direct patient care and educational programs about death and dying and hospice-related subjects.

During the two years of development, Mt. Hood Hospice personnel and volunteers touched some 55,000 people with the hospice story through presentations at service clubs and on radio.

Ninety-seven attended the Mt. Hood Hospice volunteer training program at Mt. Hood Community College in the fall.

The preparation has paid off in recognition from around the state.

"We're really considered the Cadillac Hospice in Oregon," Brader, Patient Care coordinator, said recently.

The hospice has worked as consultants to seven other hospice programs statewide and has agreements with nine medical organizations to help provide hospice care.

A Portland physician, Dr. Gail King, has joined the Mt. Hood Hospice team and is dedicated to its cause.

"His passion is hospice," Brader said, "and he has lots of time for us."

Elaine Long, of the Clackamas County Health Department, is the director of nursing for the hospice.

The hospice organizers have also arranged to use the facilities at Gresham Community Hospital and Rest Harbor Care Center in Gresham if their patients need nursing or medical care.

Stretching from the Government Camp to 182nd Avenue, and from the Columbia River to the Clackamas

River, Mt. Hood Hospice serves some 93,000 people in a 900-square-mile area and is 100 percent volunteer.

Both Brader and Spradling, who serves as executive director, have worked during the two developmental years without pay at what is the only home-care hospice in western Oregon.

They hope that through grants and donations, the hospice will be able to support itself, but they haven't sat back waiting for the funding to come to them.

They sponsored a three-day benefit last fall with Miss Ann Sothorn appearing in the hospice's behalf; they sold eggrolls at the Sandy Mountain Festival and pies at Gresham's Get-Together Days.

But they'd rather have the opportunity to do what the hospice program is all about—provide supportive care for terminally ill persons and their families.

Patients come to the hospice on a request from themselves, their families or their physician. They have been diagnosed and recognized

as terminally ill and the concept of palliative care has been accepted.

Following the admission of a client to hospice services, the Patient Care coordinator asks a hospice nurse and patient assistant to become part of the team.

They meet together with the family and the patient and establish the needs of each.

The hospice patient may stay at home for as long as they choose. The hospice team members provide skilled nursing care, physical and occupational therapy, legal and financial counsel, companionship, help with homemaking and whatever they can do to make the family and patient comfortable.

The hospice work continues after the death for as long as one year through the period of bereavement.

Team availability is guaranteed on a 24-hour-a-day, seven-days-a-week basis.

Anyone interested in learning more about the hospice, volunteering or attending the spring term of the Mt. Hood Hospice class at MHCC, may call 668-900 for more information.

Man arrested at Govt. Camp

A Govt. Camp man was arrested on charges of attempted murder, assault and driving while under influence of intoxicants in a traffic mishap that resulted in injury to a Camp Creek woman Dec. 27.

Barbara Schmaling of Camp Creek was released from Gresham Community Hospital the next morning after treatment for minor injuries suffered when she reportedly was struck by a car.

Early reports from Oregon State Police indicated she was struck deliberately in a dispute over a parking place Schmaling had been shoveling free of snow.

That point, however, may be argued in a court of law, since the case still is under investigation.

The county district attorney's office has taken no legal action at this time.

Robert Marshall of Govt. Camp was charged that night and lodged in jail overnight, according to OSP Trooper John Rizzo and Deputy District Attorney Al French.

According to Rizzo, the suspect in the traffic accident was arrested at the Huckleberry Inn and taken in custody to the Gresham Community Hospital for a blood test.

Marshall's car was impounded that night.

His attorney, Robert Hughes of Portland, requested in a Jan. 18 letter that The Post print a five-point retraction and apology for its earlier account of the accident.

Post publisher Von Braschler said he felt the above story sets the record straight.

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