

Public Hearing for Medford City Budget Tomorrow Night

A public hearing and final consideration of the proposed 1959-60 municipal budget for Medford will be held tomorrow night in the city hall.

The total for cash budget expenditures in the coming fiscal year has been set at \$2,522,747, against the 1958-59 figure of \$2,451,851. Officials attribute this difference of \$70,896 primarily to increases in balances and reserves in the arterial street bond construction fund, the sanitary sewer construction fund, the storm sewer construction fund and other funds.

As usual, nearly one-half the proposed cash budget outlays are in the area of street and sanitation services. Another one-fifth fall in the province of protection to persons and property. Nearly 10 per cent this year are to be allotted for cultural and recreation services.

General Services
General government services account for 6.6 per cent of the proposed 1959-60 outlays, while another 11.3 per

cent are set aside for bond redemption and interest payments.

To provide the funds for these outlays, property taxes are to furnish 36.8 per cent of the revenue. An estimated 16.6 per cent is expected from the carry-over cash balance.

Assessments, bonds and miscellaneous revenue should account for 15.6 per cent, revenue from other agencies for 13.4 per cent, current services for 6.7 per cent and licenses and permits for 5.6 per cent. From fines, forfeitures and penalties some 2.4 per cent of the revenue is expected.

Turning to the city's departmental budgets, an increase in salaries across-the-board for its approximately 185 employees represents the lion's share of the higher totals. Others reflect generally higher costs and a smattering of capital improvements.

General Fund Outlay
Proposed general fund outlays for city departments and services in 1959-60 total \$934,361, an increase of \$50,136 over the 1958-59 total.

The largest single departmental increase is in the parks and recreation budget, where the general fund outlay has been enlarged by \$25,310. Over four-fifths of this increase is in the area of personnel.

The parks and recreation department staff has been expanded primarily by the addition of a parks and recreation director, a part-time recreation supervisor and part-time recreation leaders.

Among other city personnel changes are the addition of a part-time senior clerk in the finance department; the reclassification of the city attorney to a part-time basis, effecting a saving; and the shifting of a clerk-stenographer from part to full time to handle switchboard duties as well as to serve as receptionist.

No Personnel Increase
No additional personnel are proposed in either the police or fire departments. The city budget committee considered adding a brace of meter maids to the police force to release patrolmen for other duties, but settled for simply recommending such a move to next year's committee.

A particularly important capital improvement item is the proposed West Jackson st. swimming pool, to be financed primarily by an estimated \$70,000-\$75,000 from the Jackson County Housing authority.

This figure is supplemented in the budget by a \$2,300 general fund appropriation for developing the park area around the pool site.

A total of \$80,301 for various capital improvements is proposed in the street division budget. These funds are provided by state tax revenue rather than by city levies. The major improvement specified is the Melrose ave.-Barnett rd. extension, with costs estimated at \$44,700.

Bookkeeping Machine
Another capital improvement in the budget is the purchase of a \$5,500 bookkeeping machine for the finance department, which must keep tabs on a wide array of special assessment projects.

Other outlays include such diverse items as \$8,640 for new library books, \$65 for three waste baskets and two electric fans for the police department, \$150 for a changeable letter board for the mayor's office to show the membership of city boards and commissions, and \$300 for improvements to civil defense quarters in the old fire station building at the airport.

One casualty of committee action on the budget this spring was the \$7,000 allotted in 1958-59 for development of municipal off-street parking facilities. The committee decided against setting aside any sinking fund for this purpose, and the \$7,000 as a result was dissolved into other outlays.

Also subject to final approval tomorrow night is the city water department budget for 1959-60, which proposes total outlays of \$488,849.49. This figure represents a considerable drop from the 1958-59 total of \$555,633.06.

Operating Expenses
Proposed water department operating expenses show an increase from the 1958-59 total of \$154,640.77 to the proposed 1959-60 total of \$175,820. This increase reflects salary boosts in line with those proposed for other city employees. Capital expenditure outlays, on the other hand, show a decrease from \$313,883.98 in 1958-59 to \$232,340 proposed for the coming fiscal year.

Individual budget requests from city departments were trimmed considerably in the city manager's office before submission to the budget committee, it is understood. This trimming was necessary to keep the general fund tax

levy within the 6 per cent limit.

Oregon law requires that the general fund levy in any given year not exceed the levy for the preceding year by more than 6 per cent unless the voters approve the excess.

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Troutdale Farmers Sue Reynolds Firm

Portland—UPI—Two farmers from Troutdale Tuesday filed damage suits in circuit court here against Reynolds Metals company charging that their land was damaged by fluorine gas deposits and other matter from the firm's Troutdale aluminum plant.

Damages sought total \$1,068,941. The plaintiffs were Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wand and Mr. and Mrs. Julius Lampert. Each suit asks \$500,000 punitive damages and special damages.

The suits also seek to compel the company to install controls to collect fluoride gasses.

ART MAN DIES
Paris—UPI—Paul Rosenberg, 78, who founded the art gallery in New York which bears his name, died here Monday.

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Savannah, Ga.—UPI—A bank customer whipped out his false teeth Tuesday to establish his identity. It worked. A bank spokesman said the former GI's dentures carried the same serial number as the veteran's pension check he wanted to cash.

PLANE SETS RECORD
Honolulu—UPI—A Boeing 707 jet airliner of Qantas Airways set a new commercial speed mark Tuesday by flying here from San Francisco in four hours and 49 minutes. The plane's average speed for the 2,200 mile flight was 518 m.p.h.

Atlantic Seaboard Broils; At Least Eight Persons Die

The Atlantic Seaboard broiled today in a persistent, early-summer heat wave, and violent thunderstorms hit wide sections of the Midwest and Southeast.

The durable heat wave and damaging storms took a mounting toll of lives. At least eight deaths had been attributed to the weather since the hot spell gripped the eastern half of the nation last week end.

A construction worker died of "sunstroke" Tuesday on a job at Irwin, Pa., and a 10-year-old Little League baseball player was killed by a lightning bolt in an Indianapolis, Ind., sandlot.

Six other deaths were blamed on the weather—two in New York City, and one each in North Carolina, New Jersey, South Carolina and Tennessee.

Cooling Expected
The Weather Bureau in Chicago said a dawdling cold air mass would drift slightly southeastward today and bring some cooling in a band stretching from eastern Oklahoma to central Illinois.

Forecasters said hot, humid weather could continue in the South and most of the Eastern Seaboard. Temperatures in the heat belt Tuesday soared to 104 at Louisburg, N. C.,

103 at Columbia, S. C., and Richmond, Va., 102 at Raleigh, N. C., 101 at Danville, Va., and Montgomery, Ala., 100 at Washington, D. C., and 94 as far north as Boston.

North of the cool air front the mercury dropped into the 30s in Wisconsin.

The Birmingham, Ala., suburb of Center Point had its sixth consecutive day of water power failure. A water main burst at Charlotte, N. C., and cut off water to a parched residential section. A state of emergency was in effect at Corning, N. Y., where a three-million-gallon reservoir ran dry.

Hail Damages Crops
High winds ripped a roof from a supermarket near Fuquay-Varina, N. C., Tuesday night and the Raleigh Weather Bureau said it had reports of hail damage to crops in Franklin county.

Lightning knocked two radio stations off the air temporarily and caused several fires in the Sanford, N. C., area. Parts of seven counties went without electricity for three hours after the storm knocked out a power line between Sunbury and Winfall, N. C.

Thunderstorms and heavy rains swept a wide belt from New Mexico to the Great Lakes.



EMBRACING HER bed-ridden husband, Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong is Mrs. Lucille Armstrong in Spoleto, Italy. The jazz musician has been gravely ill with pneumonia and an aggravated heart condition.

Retired Merchant Starts College

Boston—UPI—Morris Springer, a retired fruit and vegetable merchant, will enroll in Boston university in September as a freshman at the age of 88.

"Some people say I'm foolish to start college so late in life," said Springer. "But these same people thought I was foolish to start high school at the age of 81."

Springer recently won his high school diploma. In September he will be one class behind his grandson, a sophomore at Brandeis university.

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Motel Tenant Demands Free Oats

Seattle—UPI—Jeff Perry was a bit taken aback when Fred K. Polinder, a Lynden, Wash., dairyman, reined up his Clydesdale in front of Perry's motel and demanded free oats for his horse.

Before Perry could protest, Polinder, who had previously registered at the motel, produced the yellowed copy of a city ordinance which said an "innkeeper" was required to supply oats to horses in his keeping.

GRENADIE KILLS FOUR

Taranto, Italy—UPI—Four children were killed and four were wounded near here Tuesday when a hand grenade exploded in their midst. Officials said the children had come across the grenade—apparently of World War II vintage—while playing in a field. It went off as the youngsters attempted to take it apart.

Perry's mouth was still open when Deputy Sheriff Walter R. Powell appeared on the scene, astride a palomino quarterhorse. The butt of a pistol protruded menacingly from Powell's holster.

"I'm here in behalf of neglected horseflesh," said the deputy.

"Barney," the Clydesdale, got a handful of oats from Perry a few minutes later when the motel keeper discovered the whole thing was a gag to advertise a milk fund ball.

In the table of measures, a troy (a word seldom used in modern times) is one pound of 12 ounces.

Barney was hitched to an old-fashioned milk wagon.

During the past 20 years the number of pupils transported to and from school at the public's expense has increased 350 per cent.

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