Introduced May 2nd, 1979 by
Councilman Martinez; seconded by
Councilman Wood

Item Number 79-5-54

Amended:
Mayor's Veto (6-4-79)

ORDINANCE

NO. 1173

An Ordinance of the City of Slidell, Louisiana, adopting a budget for the Fiscal Year of 1979-80.

The budget for the Fiscal Year 1979-80 as presented by Mayor Hart in the amounts of:

General Fund		
01	Administrative	495,396.00
02	Finance	102,844.00
03	General Maintenance	67,549.00
04	Police	926,992.00
05	Data Processing	52,827.00
06	Animal Control	50,051.00
07	Purchasing Warehouse	68,425.00
08	Property Management	18,521.00
09	Vehicle Maintenance	87,068.00
10	Sanitation	479,913.00
12	Permits	91,966.00
14	Civil Service	23,086.00
15	Personnel	23,085.00
17	Civil Defense	8,164.00
18	City Court	24,221.00
19	Legislative	131,690.00
20	Contingency	13,278.00
Sales Tax		
21	Administrative	478,138.00
22	Street Resurfacing	300,263.00
23	Streets, Bridges, Drainage	345,828.00
24	Recreation	138,969.00

25	Parks & Parkway Maintenance	138,618.00
26	Planning	74,148.00
27	Engineering	69,771.00
28	Special Construction	98,559.00
29	Electrical	54,850.00
30	Contingency	50,239.00
Utility Fund		
33	Administrative	194,231.00
34	Treatment	166,827.00
35	Water and Sewerage	390,884.00
36	Contingency	-0-
Revenue Sharing		
	Administrative -- Insurance	249,000.00
	Finance	13,000.00
	Sanitation	118,500.00
	Council on Aging	4,000.00
	Legislative -- Auditing	19,500.00
Debt Service Fund		
58	Fire Improvement Bonds	6,070.00
58	Waterworks Improvement Bonds	12,230.00
58	Sewer Improvement Bonds	12,230.00
58	Sewer Improvement Bonds 1A	12,230.00
62	City Hall Jail -- Courthouse	10,717.00
74	Street Improvement Series A	25,160.00
74	Road Improvement Series B	27,790.00
74	Drainage Improvement Series C	13,610.00
76	Drainage Improvement Series A	79,350.00
76	Drainage Improvement Series B	81,295.00

PUBLIC NOTICE

As required by Section 2-12.B of the City Charter, the following is the complete text of Mayor Hart's veto of Ordinance Number 1173 (the 1979-80 Operating Budget) adopted May 22nd, 1979 by the City Council.

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Clerk of Council

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June 4, 1979

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TO: Members of Slidell City Council

FROM: M. W. "Webb" Hart, Mayor

RE: 1979/1980 Operating Budget Ordinance #1173

Gentlemen and Mrs. Wood:

In compliance with Section 2-12 of the Slidell City Charter, I am returning to you Ordinance #1173 of which I am vetoing certain items.

After careful review of the Budget as amended, we find that it is necessary to veto only eight of the total line items which consisted of a total of 28 departments. I will list below the line item and the department description and at the same time explain the reason for the veto.

Page 1, Line 33 - Data Processing. The 3% reduction here amounts to $1,585.

Reason: The only line items that are discretionary are the computer programmer and office supplies and postage. New programs are currently being developed and the need for a programmer will continue throughout the fiscal year.

Office supply needs for the fiscal year are as follows:

Water Bills	96,000	675.00
Turn-off Notices	12,000	175.00
Labels	20,000	85.00
Sales Tax Forms	10,000	622.00
W-2 & 1099 Forms	400	29.00
Payroll Checks	13,000	345.00
Computer & Keypunch Ribbons	16	120.00
Stock paper	30 bxs.	660.00
Sales Tax Delinquent Notices	1,500	400.00
Time Cards	13,000	200.00
Tab Cards	16 cases	425.00
Miscellaneous Office Supplies columnar paper, clips, pen, pencils, report covers.		264.00
		4,000.00

Vetoing this particular line item will leave a balance in this particular budget of $52,827 in lieu of $51,242.

Page 1, Line 35 - Animal Control. The 3% reduction here amounts to $1,502.

Reason: A cut in this budget would require cutting personnel or cutting utilities and/or telephone. This would severely hamper the efforts of animal control in the City.

In vetoing this particular line item it will leave a new balance of $50,051 in lieu of $48,549.

Page 1, Line 37 - Purchasing Warehouse. The 3% reduction amounts to $2,053.

Reason: Dues and subscriptions represent membership in the National Governmental Purchasing Institute, a group of professional purchasing agents. Membership provides valuable information and training for the employees in the purchasing/warehouse function. The $525 in tuition and travel will fund the third in a series of seminars in Baton Rouge that qualifies our buyer for a professional rating. The $1,500 in office supplies and postage represents the cost of purchase orders, purchase requisitions, warehouse requisitions as well as some basic warehousing shelving, etc., necessary to get the warehouse functioning.

Page 2, Line 28 - Treatment. The 3% reduction here amounts to $5,005.

In vetoing this line the balance would be $166,827 in lieu of $161,822.

Page 2, Line 30 - Water and Sewer. The 3% reduction here amounts to $11,727.

In vetoing this line item the balance would be $390,884 in lieu of $379,157.

I am combining my reasons for vetoing the above two items in one statement because of the similarities of these two departments.

Reason: The costs as outlined in these two departments represent an estimate of the cost of current operations rather than the legal limit of what can be spent. The revenue bond indenture requires that all operating costs be met in order that water and sewer service be supplied to customers. A contingency in this fund, already exists in the form of the water escrow account. These are funds over and above operating expenses which can be used for replacement and extensions.

The unusual amount of work that the sewer and water department has had this past year is due to the construction of the Front Street project. We can anticipate a similar situation occurring with the Robert Road project.

Page 1, Line 54 - Contingency. The above vetos make it necessary to reduce this line item by $7,752 leaving a new balance of $13,278 for contingency in the general fund.

Page 2, Line 22 - Sales Tax Contingency. The above vetos make it necessary to reduce this item by $12,020 making the new total of $50,239. In the previous ordinance the $24,868 contingency was not stated as a separate line item. I am now including this amount in the stated contingency for the Sales Tax Fund.

Page 2, Line 32 - Utility Fund Contingency. The above vetos make it necessary to reduce this line item by $16,732 leaving a zero balance for this line item. This does not represent a major concern since there are funds in the Utility Fund Escrow account for emergencies or other desired repairs and extensions.

I appreciate the manner in which the Council has reviewed the Budget for the next fiscal year and your concern in the City's fiscal responsibility. I share this with you and hope that you will find it obvious in my effort not to veto whenever possible your various line items. We feel that the vetos which have been made are necessary to the best interest of the City and the general operation of these various departments. It is my hope that the Council will sustain these decisions.

M W Hart

M. W. "Webb" Hart
Mayor

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