

## Expenses

The operations expense portion of the budget also needs additional funding. There were \$88,000 in unanticipated expenditures for building maintenance and repairs. Additionally, an electrical problem caused an additional expenditure of \$60,000. The budget amendment includes funding for these two unexpected problems.

The overall deficit for the year will be approximately \$886,419. This includes the current budgeted transfer from the general fund of \$292,682 in addition to this request of \$593,737.

City staff recommends City Council approve a budget amendment, in the amount of \$593,737, for the Civic Center.

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Mr. Pisha responded to several questions and comments from Council, some being, but are not limited to: what is the major generator of revenue; what is the reason we lost some of our events; and how much did Buncombe County contribute to the subsidy when the Art Museum and the Colburn Mineral Museum were located in the Civic Center.

Vice-Mayor Cloninger felt that some tough decisions will need to be made to see if the community can support an arena when the hockey season ends. He felt the City may need to shift their priorities and concentrate on a top notch performing arts center instead of a new arena.

Mayor Sitnick wondered if there was something we can do to attract shows that cater to the older generation that live in Asheville.

Councilman Hay said that the Future of the Civic Center Task Force will be thoroughly investigating the three options recommended by the consultant: a new arena; a performing arts center, and a convention/conference facility.

Mayor Sitnick asked that the record show that City Council has received this information and instructs the City Manager to place this item on the next formal City Council agenda.

### **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

Mayor Sitnick requested that the City do as much advertising as possible to let people know that there is a state law that requires trucks to be covered when they are on the highways.

Vice-Mayor Cloninger asked for an update of how the City's new roll-out container program is working.

The Buncombe County Board of Elections will hold a run-off election on May 30, 2000. City Council has scheduled a community meeting on May 30 at the Murphy-Oakley Community Center. However, since the Community Center is a polling place, the City Clerk was instructed to try to find another location for the City Council's community meeting on May 30, 2000.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Sitnick adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

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