

RE: 1985 PROVISIONAL OPERATING BUDGET

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

1. *THAT the 1985 Provisional Operating Budget be adopted.*

REPORT

The members of the Municipal Council received a copy of the Draft 1985 Provisional Operating Budget on 1984 November 19 for discussion with the Municipal Manager and the Management Committee on 1984 November 26.

During this meeting, the budget was thoroughly reviewed and Council suggested some modifications to the Draft budget. A copy of the budget reflecting Council's recommendations is attached for the inaugural Council meeting of 1984 December 03.

The proposed tax levy increase in the 1985 Provisional Operating Budget is about \$3.0 million, or 6.5% above the 1984 Annual tax levy. However, it is anticipated that growth in new assessments will generate about \$2.0 million in new municipal taxes, subject to Court of Revision decisions and outstanding appeals. The difference in the tax increase of \$1.0 million expected to be borne by all taxpayers in 1985 is expected to be about 2.5% higher than in 1984. The increase is subject to the unknowns and assumptions included in the 1985 budget, as well as the variable tax rates that Council will use for 1985.

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