

ATLANTA'S BUDGET BOOSTED \$85,148, TO \$9,803,400.25

**Increased Total, However,
Is One Per Cent Less
Than City's Revenue in
1938; Pay Raises Barred**

**\$70,000 IS MARKED
AS MATCHING FUND**

**Balanced Allocation Sheet
Will Be Submitted to
City Council on Monday**

Providing \$70,000 to match federal, state and county allocations for public improvements and placing \$25,000 additional in a reserve contingent fund, the finance committee of city council late yesterday barred all salary raises and prepared to submit to council Monday a balanced budget putting 1939 expenditures at \$9,803,400.25.

A total of \$85,148.41 was added to 1939 expenditures in the extra appropriation sheet and included a long list of charities and funds for new equipment for various department, including 16 new automobiles for the police department.

In adopting the motion of Councilman J. Allen Couch, to set up the approximately \$96,000 in reserve, the members expressed a wish to "give the taxpayer a break" by turning down salary boost requests totaling \$131,934.77 and to make the money available for improvements "which will be most advantageous to the public."

Gilliam Demands Reserve.

The \$70,000 was recommended as a special fund for improvement, and only the insistence of Alderman Ed A. Gilliam, finance committee chairman, prevented the entire fund from being placed in that bracket. Gilliam told committee members he would not vote for any sheet which did not carry a reserve. The group then decided to provide \$95,000, directing that \$25,000 be held for emergencies.

Committee members agreed that the \$70,000 set up for public improvements will be the "best money the city ever spent."

The motivating idea was to provide a fund with which to trade with federal and state agencies and Fulton county in obtaining needed improvements.

Can Get More Now.

"We can get more with that money already on hand than any money we could appropriate later," Councilman John A. White said.

This view was concurred in by all the committee members after Couch had made a substitute motion. White wanted to put the entire \$95,000 in the one fund.

Not only were requests for salary increases passed up, but the committee declined to approve additional employes except in one instance—for the Steiner Cancer Clinic.

Four new employes were added to the clinic staff to provide personnel necessary to serve the 15 new beds which the auxiliary has made available. Included in the list was a social worker, who will check all those seeking admittance

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Secretary Morgenthau, from his vacation home in Florida, sent a statement saying:

"I am inexpressibly shocked and grieved by the death of Herman Oliphant. He was a great idealist, a great public servant and a deeply loyal friend."

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as to their ability to pay for service elsewhere.

The worker will draw \$1,200 annually, three other employees will get a total of \$1,144. Steiner also was provided \$3,330 for new equipment.

Backs 100-Bed Addition.

The action regarding Steiner was taken as J. F. Folsom, president of the Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees released copies of resolutions urging the proposed 100-bed, \$270,000 addition, which PWA failed to sanction. There has been considerable dissension over the proposal, and the Fulton County Medical Society has attacked it in the courts.

The \$9,803,400 allocation carried in committee recommendations, represents 99 per cent of the actual collections made by the municipality in 1938, and adheres to the letter of the budget law, Mayor Hartsfield, who sat with the committee during its deliberations, pointed out.

Couch served notice he will offer an amendment to increase the salary of Courtland S. Winn, former mayor and assistant city attorney from \$250 a month to \$325 a month. There appeared to be a

tacit understanding among committee members that they will not resist.

Of the \$85,148 added to the city expense, a total of \$35,580 went to 18 charitable organizations as follows:

Atlanta Humane Society, \$1,200.
Atlanta Child's Home, \$2,400.
Carrie Steele Logan Home, \$600.
Churches' Home for Girls, \$1,800.
Florence Crittenden Home, \$1,800.
Child's Welfare Association, \$2,400.
Hillside Cottages, \$2,400.
Home for Incurables, \$2,400.
Home for Old Women, \$2,400.
Sheltering Arms, \$2,400.
Atlanta Tuberculosis Association, \$3,000.
Good Samaritan Clinic, \$3,000.
Family Welfare Society, \$4,800.
American Red Cross (Atlanta chapter), \$1,800.

Holmes Institute, \$180.
Georgia Association of Workers for Blind, \$300.

Community Home for Girls, \$2,400.
Gate City Day Nursery, \$300.

Equipment and extra allocations by departments follow:

Aviation—Stoker, \$1,000.
Auditorium—For renovation of gallery, \$345; organ repairs, \$2,000; 122d infantry donation, \$1,200. The latter placed in the sheet after the mayor insisted on it.

Battle Hill Sanitarium, \$1,262 for improvements.

Parks—Municipal recreation department, \$5,000; purchase of mules, \$600; erection of a bathhouse at Maddox park, in co-operation with WPA, \$2,500; purchase of Maderia park, \$750; improvements for McClatchey park, \$750; fire protection for cyclorama, \$742.

City Clerk—New equipment, \$200.
Comptroller—New equipment, \$2,625.81.
\$2,000 For Repainting.

City Hall—Repainting building, \$2,000.
Construction—Lateral sewer breaks, \$1,000; widen Piedmont avenue from Sherwood to Morningside, \$500; other equipment, \$25,800.

Carnegie Library—Purchase of microfilm newspapers, \$2,000.

Electricity—Purchase of new traffic signal lights, \$4,200.

Fire—New equipment, \$2,150.
Law—300 copies of Atlanta city code to be compiled, \$5,000.

Mayor—New car, \$1,500; revolving entertainment fund, \$500; replacement of furnishings, \$500.

Prison—New equipment, \$2,350, and purchase of cows to re-establish the city dairy farm, \$5,000.

16 Police Cars.
Police—16 new automobiles, \$10,000; camera and equipment for photographing and cataloguing prisoners, \$950.

Tax Assessors—Equipment, \$6,400.
Water—Two trucks, \$1,500.

Recorders' Court—Equipment, \$300.
Sanitary—Equipment, \$45.

This list was taken from requests totaling \$707,617.85.