

MINUTES
COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2015
4:10 A.M. Municipal Building / Council Chamber A

1. Call to Order. S. Babine, Finance Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:10 a.m.

2. Those Present. Finance Committee Members present – Shawn Babine, Finance Chair, William Donovan, and Peter Hayes; others present were Thomas Hall, Town Manager, also present various Town Administrators and other staff.

3. Approval of Minutes. Motion by P. Hayes seconded by W. Donovan, to move approval to accept the minutes of April 22, 2015 Finance Committee meeting. Vote – 3 Yeas.

4. Final Discussion and Review of Budget Recommendations:

S. Babine, Finance Chair stated that the purpose of the meeting was to review the Town FY2016 Budget and adjustments as recommended by the Town Manager and to recommend any other adjustments deemed necessary.

The Town Manager gave a brief overview and updated listing of all proposed budget adjustments to the original proposed FY2016 Municipal budget. The Town Manager proposed an adjustment of \$339,306 to the Municipal proposed FY2016 Budget.

FY 2016 – Recommended Changes

Municipal	<u>As Proposed</u>	<u>Fin Comm</u> <u>Changes</u>	<u>New Proposed</u>
<u>Revenue Adjustments:</u>			
Increase Excise Revenues	4,625,000.00	\$ 75,000	4,700,000
Decrease Police Cops Fast	94,623	(54,623)	40,000
Increase Beach Revenues	275,000	50,000	325,000
Increase State Revenue Sharing	736,158	44,762	780,920
Decrease Lease Revenues (Cap Proj)	16,500	(16,500)	-
Holmes Rd/Payne Rd Intersection (Reserves not Bonding)	110,000	-	110,000
Increase Premium Carryforward Town	676,874	160,217	837,091
Decrease Pay as you Throw Revenues	400,625	(400,625)	-
Decrease Bond Proceeds (for Reval)	439,500	(439,500)	-
Increase CIP Sale of Loader	-	65,000	65,000
Increase CIP Revenues (Pleasant Hill Rd) State Reimb	-	500,000	500,000
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Total Revenue Adjustments	7,374,280	(16,269)	7,358,011

<u>Expenditure Adjustments:</u>			
Increase Legal Fees	80,000	25,000	105,000
Increase Library 2% COLA	-	14,719	14,719
Decrease Municipal Building Electricity	27,244	(17,244)	10,000
Decrease Comm Services Capital Proj Security System	16,500	(16,500)	-
Increase Fire Dept Rescue Budget	1,706,301	100,000	1,806,301
Increase ecomaine Tipping Fees	240,990	139,358	380,348
Increase Debt Interest Town	153,013	7,204	160,217
Decrease Senior Citizen Tax Relief	130,000	(55,000)	75,000
Decrease Revaluation (move to F/Y 2017)	439,500	(439,500)	-
Increase CIP Equip New Loader	175,000	65,000	240,000
Increase Pleasant Hill CIP Road Improve	700,000	500,000	1,200,000
	-	-	-
Total Expenditure Adjustments	3,668,548	323,037	3,991,585

Net Budget Change (\$339,306)

T. Hall, Town Manager stated that he would recommend making an adjustment to the beach revenues, which Community Services collects, to increase the beach revenues by \$50,000 for a total of \$325,000. The Manager stated that historically the beach revenues have been underestimated.

Motion by S. Babine, seconded by W. Donovan, to move approval of the recommended adjustments to the Municipal FY2016 Budget as recommended by the Town Manager and to increase Beach Revenues as recommended by \$50,000 and decrease the Senior Property Tax Relief Program by \$55,000. Motion passed: Vote – 3 Yeas.

Motion by S. Babine, seconded by W. Donovan, to move approval of the recommended adjustment to increase the Fire Department Budget, as recommended by the Town Manager in the amount of \$100,000.

Motion passed: Vote – 3 Yeas.

Motion by P. Hayes, seconded by S. Babine to move approval of the recommended adjustment to remove from the Police Department CIP Budget the Swat Gear, as recommended by P. Hayes and place into the Police Operating Budget in the amount of \$39,800.

Motion failed: Vote – 1 Yea – 2 Nays.

Motion by P. Hayes, seconded by S. Babine, to move approval of the recommended adjustment to the Community Services Budget to decrease the Organics Field Maintenance, as recommended by P. Hayes in the amount of \$30,000.

Motion failed: Vote – 1 Yeas – 2 Nays.

Motion by P. Hayes, seconded by S. Babine, to move approval of the recommended adjustment to the Administration Budget to increase Legal fees, as recommended by P. Hayes in the amount of \$25,000.

Motion passed: Vote – 3 Yeas.

Motion by S. Babine, seconded by W. Donovan, to move approval of the recommended adjustment to to increase Excise revenues, as recommended by S. Babine in the amount of \$75,000.

Motion passed: Vote – 3 Yeas.

Motion by P. Hayes, seconded by S. Babine, to move approval of the recommended adjustment to decrease the Community Services Child Care revenues, as recommended by P. Hayes in the amount of \$20,000.

Motion failed: Vote – 1 Yea – 2 Nays.

5. Future Meeting Dates & Times:

- Monday, May 4, 2015 @ 7:00 P.M.
(Joint Town /School Finance Committee Budget Workshop)

6. Public Comment. S. Babine, Finance Chair opened the floor for public comment at 5:45 p.m.

- Mr. Michael Turek of 11 Bayberry Lane stated that due to the changes in the Circuit Breaker Program he is no longer eligible. Mr. Turek is very disappointed in the overall budget at 7.12% increase and does not consider the budget responsible and realistic.
- Mr. Larry Hartwell of 9 Purrington Drive stated that the Municipal Budget had come in at a reasonable rate and the School Department needed to reduce the budget as it was too much of an increase. Mr. Hartwell implored the Finance Committee to keep the School Department inline and protect the taxpayers by bringing in a lower budget.

7. Adjourn. Motion by S. Babine, seconded by P. Hayes, to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

Motion passed: Vote – 3 Yeas.

Colette A. Mathieson
Recording Secretary