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SPECIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE – MAY 3, 2018
(BUDGET HEARINGS)

A special meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Thursday, May 3, 2018, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. by the Chair.

Present Council Vice-President Michael W. Favicchio, Chair
 Councilman Kenneth J. Hopkins, Vice-Chair
 Councilman Trent M. Colford, Sr. (appeared at 6:45 p.m.)
 Councilman Christopher G. Paplauskas
 Councilman Paul J. McAuley
 Council President Michael J Farina

Also Present: Councilman Steven A Stycos
 Councilman Paul H. Archetto
 Christopher Rawson, City Solicitor
 Robert Strom, Finance Director
 Michael Igoe, City Controller
 David DiMaio, City Council Internal Auditor
 Maria Medeiros Wall, City Clerk
 Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committee

Council President Farina stated that at the School Department Budget hearing, the Committee did not address the Capital Budget. He asked that the representatives from the School Department address the Capital Budget for the School Department.

Ed Collins, Director of Plant Operations, appeared to speak and stated that the School Department has budgeted approximately \$3.4 million and went out for bid for three projects totaling approximately \$2.8 million and today they added a project in the Cafeteria at Glen Hills School, which is sort of an emergency, which would bring total to approximately \$3 million.

Director Strom stated that with the amount budgeted and the proposed projects, the School Department would still have reserve money for future projects.

Council President Farina stated that he received an email today from Deputy Chief Paul Valletta regarding an Emergency Management cut that was made to Hazmat. He asked if the Council were to fund that, where would the funds be placed in the budget? Deputy Chief Valletta appeared to speak and stated that in the last few years, the Fire Department has been able to get approximately \$300,000 in Grants for hazmat equipment. This year, EMA has cut \$25,000 for hazmat.

Council President Farina stated that he, Chairman Favicchio, Director Strom and Mr. DiMaio have been meeting on the budget and Director Strom and Mr. DiMaio will be meeting between now and the night of the adoption. At that time, there probably will be more amendments. He will be calling the majority leader of the Council advising him of the proposed amendments so it will be a group effort.

Director Strom stated that if the Council members have proposed amendments, he asked that they forward them to him to make it easier than waiting until the budget adoption night.

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to amend line item #101-1112-51108 – Severance for Finance Department – reduced by \$24,000.

Under Discussion:

Council President Farina stated that the reason for this is the proposed Budget shows the Council Analyst salary in the Finance Department.

Roll call was taken on above motion and motion passed unanimously.

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to reinstate Council Analyst line item #101-1102-52211 by \$24,000.

Under Discussion:

Director Strom stated that in his opinion, there is extra money in the Severance line item that could be used for the Budget Analyst salary.

Roll call was taken on above motion and motion passed unanimously.

On motion by Councilman Paplauskas, seconded by Council President Farina, it was voted to amend the Capital Budget line item #203 Parks and Recreation – Dog Park – Stony Acre Dog Park, by removing “Stony Acre”. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting recessed at 6:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees



CRANSTON CITY COUNCIL 2019 BUDGET *REVISED HEARING NOTICE

Michael J Farina, Council President
Council Vice-President Michael W. Favicchio, Chair Finance Committee
All hearings will be in Cranston City Hall, Council Chambers, 869 Park Ave., Cranston, RI

Public comment will be taken at the end of the department hearing.
(Individual department capital budget projects will be heard on the department's budget date.)

Wednesday, April 4, 2018

6:45 p.m. City Council Special meeting - Public Hearing on 2018-2019 Budget and related documents

7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Budget hearings

Finance Department (Accounts & Control, Assessment, Contract & Purchase
Treasury & Tax Collection); Revenues
Information Technology
Community Development
Building Inspections
Cranston Community Action Program (CCAP)
Senior Services

Monday, April 9, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m.

Parks & Recreation
Public Libraries
City Council
City Clerk, Probate
Canvassing

Wednesday, April 11, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m.

Municipal Court
Economic Development
Executive
Law Department
Insurance Claims & Risk Management
Personnel

Monday, April 16, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m.

Fire Department & Fire Alarm
Police Department; Animal Control; Harbor Master

*Wednesday, April 18, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m. - Rescheduled to April 25, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m.

Public Works Department
Highway Maintenance; Building Maintenance; Engineering; Fleet Maintenance;
Bureau of Traffic Safety; Refuse; Care of Trees
Sewer Enterprise Fund
*Ord. 03-18-1S in amend. of Title 13 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled
"Public Service" (2018 Sewer Rates)
Planning and Capital Budget (department projects will also be discussed on the department hearing dates)
Boards & Commissions

Thursday, April 26, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m.

School Department, School Health Insurance

Thursday, May 3, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m.

Amendments

Thursday, May 10, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m. - Special City Council

Adoption