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SPECIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE – APRIL 29, 2019
(BUDGET HEARINGS)

A special meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Monday, April 29, 2019, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM. by the Chair.

Present Councilmember Paul J. McAuley
 Councilmember John P. Donegan
 Councilmember Edward J. Brady
 Councilmember Christopher G. Paplauskas
 Councilmember Kenneth J. Hopkins, Vice-Chair
 Council Vice-President Michael W. Favicchio, Chair
 Council President Michael J Farina

Also Present: Councilmember Steven A Stycos
 Councilmember Lammis J. Vargas
 Daniel Parrillo, Director of Administration
 John Psilopoulos, Deputy Director of Administration
 Steven Marsella, Assistant 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
 Heather Finger, Stenographer

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Councilmember Brady, it was voted to amend line item #41174 – “General Revenues – Tax Revenue” 2019 FY 20 – reduced by \$2,473,265. Motion passed on a vote of 7-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmembers McAuley, Donegan, Brady, Paplauskas, Hopkins, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -7.

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Councilmember Brady, it was voted to amend line item #411503 “General Revenue – Excise Tax Phase-Out” by adding \$2,473,265. Motion passed on a vote of 7-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmembers McAuley, Donegan, Brady, Paplauskas, Hopkins, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina - 7.

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Councilmember McAuley, it was voted to amend line item #50756 "Claims Committee - Workers Comp. Payroll – Non-Beacon" – reduced by \$10,000. Motion passed on a vote of 7-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmembers McAuley, Donegan, Brady, Paplauskas, Hopkins, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -7.

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Councilmember Hopkins, it was voted to amend line item #50755 "Claims Committee – Workers Comp./Beacon" by adding \$5,000. Motion passed on a vote of 7-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmembers McAuley, Donegan, Brady, Paplauskas, Hopkins, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -7.

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Councilmember Hopkins, it was voted to amend line item #52312 "Claims Committee - Legal Fees – Outside Services" by adding \$5,000. Motion passed on a vote of 7-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmembers McAuley, Donegan, Brady, Paplauskas, Hopkins, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -7.

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Councilmember Hopkins, it was voted to amend line item #51104 "CDBG Differential" – reduced by \$17,316.

Under Discussion:

Council President Farina stated that this would be correcting an error in the budget for the position of CDBG Program Project Director.

Roll call was taken on above motion and motion passed on a vote of 7-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmembers McAuley, Donegan, Brady, Paplauskas, Hopkins, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -7.

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Councilmember Hopkins, it was voted to amend line #50700 "CDBG – Program Projects" increasing it by \$17,316. Motion passed on a vote of 7-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmembers McAuley, Donegan, Brady, Paplauskas, Hopkins, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -7.

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Councilmember Hopkins, it was voted to change Step and Grade of CDBG Director from Step 43/4 to 39/4. Motion passed on a vote of 7-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmembers McAuley, Donegan, Brady, Paplauskas, Hopkins, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -7.

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Councilmember Brady, it was voted to amend line item #53301 “Animal Control – Supervisory Animal Control Officer” – reduced by \$1,000. Motion passed on a vote of 7-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmembers McAuley, Donegan, Brady, Paplauskas, Hopkins, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -7.

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Councilmember Paplauskas, it was voted to amend line item #51100 “Animal Control - Salary Schedule” increasing it by \$906.00. Motion passed on a vote of 7-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmembers McAuley, Donegan, Brady, Paplauskas, Hopkins, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -7.

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Councilmember Paplauskas, it was voted to amend line item #51300 “Animal Control - Payroll Taxes” increasing it by \$69.00. Motion passed on a vote of 7-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmembers McAuley, Donegan, Brady, Paplauskas, Hopkins, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -7.

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Councilmember Paplauskas, it was voted to amend line item #51301 “Animal Control - Pension Contribution” increasing it by \$25.00. Motion passed on a vote of 7-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmembers McAuley, Donegan, Brady, Paplauskas, Hopkins, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -7.

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Councilmember Paplauskas, it was voted to change “Animal Control” Grade 21-1/2 45-821 to Grade 22-4 \$51,512. Motion passed on a vote of 6-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmembers McAuley, Donegan, Paplauskas, Hopkins, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -6. Councilmember Brady was not present for roll call vote.

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Councilmember Hopkins, it was voted to change “Animal Control” Grade 20-4/5 \$49,140 to Grade 20-1/2 \$44,355. Motion passed on a vote of 7-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmembers McAuley, Donegan, Brady, Paplauskas, Hopkins, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -7.

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Councilmember Hopkins, it was voted to amend line item \$51100 “Fire Department – Salary Schedule” – decreasing it by \$59,842.

Under Discussion:

Council President Farina stated that there was an error in the Fire Department Budget where it listed one additional firefighter. This will be deleted and those funds will be added to the School Maintenance of Effort.

Roll call was taken on above motion and motion passed on a vote of 7-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmembers McAuley, Donegan, Brady, Paplauskas, Hopkins, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -7.

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Councilmember Brady, it was voted to amend the following line items:

- Line item #51105 Legal Holiday Pay – decreased by \$5,610.
- Line item #51300 Payroll Taxes – decreased by \$1,753.
- Line item #51301 Pension Contribution – decreased by \$7,069.
- Line item #51302 Hospitalization – decreased by \$22,078.
- Line item #51304 Group Life Insurance – decreased by \$330.00.
- Line item #51305 Annuity – decreased by \$2,018.
- Line item #51406 Uniform Cleaning Allowance – decreased by \$1,300.

Roll call was taken on above motions and motion passed on a vote of 7-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmembers McAuley, Donegan, Brady, Paplauskas, Hopkins, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -7.

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Councilmember Brady, it was voted to amend line item #59000 – School Department Maintenance of Efforts increasing it by \$100,000.

Under Discussion:

Council President Farina stated that he would hope the School Department would add a second Social Worker with these additional funds.

Roll call was taken on above motion and motion passed on a vote of 7-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmembers McAuley, Donegan, Brady, Paplauskas, Hopkins, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -7.

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Councilmember Hopkins, it was voted to delete \$59,842 from the Fire Department Salary Schedule. Motion passed on a vote of 7-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmembers McAuley, Donegan, Brady, Paplauskas, Hopkins, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -7.

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Councilmember Hopkins, it was voted to amend line item #48500 "State Of Rhode Island – School Aid" increasing it by \$265,937. Motion passed on a vote of 7-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmembers McAuley, Donegan, Brady, Paplauskas, Hopkins, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina - 7.

Councilmember Stycos indicated to page 25, Capital Budget, and stated that there is a list of Sewer projects totaling \$750,000 and the funding for those projects are in the Operating Budget. He questioned if we need to have that in the Capital Budget. He suggested that those projects be taken out of the Capital Budget. Director Strom stated that they are not in the Operating Budget. They are Capital projects to be done. He believes that those funds are already available.

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Councilmember Hopkins, it was voted to amend line item #59900 "School Maintenance Account" increasing it by \$265,937. Motion passed on a vote of 7-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmembers McAuley, Donegan, Brady, Paplauskas, Hopkins, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -7.

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Councilmember Paplauskas, it was voted to forward the Budget as amended to the full City Council for approval. Motion passed on a vote of 7-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmembers McAuley, Donegan, Brady, Paplauskas, Hopkins, Council Vice-President Favicchio and Council President Farina -7.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees

4/29/19

City of Cranston
Budget amendments
FY20

Amend. No.	Page	Dept.	Action	Account No.	Account Description	Amount	Explanation
1	5	Gen Revenues	Decrease	41174	TAX REVENUE 2019 FY20	(2,473,265)	The state informed the City that even though the governor proposed to change the motor vehicle phase-out, the City must budget using the current law currently in effect
1	5		Increase	41503	EXCISE TAX PHASE-OUT	2,473,265	
2	15	Fire	Decrease	51100	SALARY SCHEDULE	(59,842)	To delete additional position that was allowed in FY19
2	15	Fire	Decrease	51105	LEGAL HOLIDAY PAY	(5,610)	
2	15	Fire	Decrease	51300	PAYROLL TAXES	(1,753)	
2	15	Fire	Decrease	51301	PENSION CONTRIBUTION	(7,069)	
2	15	Fire	Decrease	51302	HOSPITALIZATION	(22,078)	
2	15	Fire	Decrease	51304	GROUP LIFE INSURANCE	(330)	
2	15	Fire	Decrease	51305	ANNUITY	(2,018)	
2	15	Fire	Decrease	51406	UNIFORM CLEANING ALLOWANCE	(1,300)	
2	22	School	Increase	59000	SCHOOL MAINTENANCE	100,000	
2	35	Fire	Delete	Fire Fighter	Grade 1 step 1	(59,842)	
3	16	Animal Control	Increase	51100	SALARY SCHEDULE	906	Proposed change in by Police Dept for Animal Control Dept
3	16	Animal Control	Increase	51300	PAYROLL TAXES	69	
3	16	Animal Control	Increase	51301	PENSION CONTRIBUTION	25	
3	16	Animal Control	Decrease	53301	CARE OF ANIMALS	(1,000)	
3	40	Animal Control	Change	From 21-1/2-	\$45,821 to 22-4 \$51,512	5,691	
3	40	Animal Control	Change	From 20-4/5-	\$49,140 to 20-1/2 \$44,355	(4,785)	
4	28	CDBG	Increase	50700	CDBG-PROGRAM PROJECTS	17,316	Grade and step for vacant CDBG Director's position was listed incorrectly in proposed budget. Differential was originally calculated too high based upon the vacant position's incorrect grade and step
4	28	CDBG	Decrease	51104	DIFFERENTIAL	(17,316)	
4	46	CDBG	Change	CDBG-Director	From 43-4 to 39-4		
5	24	Claims Committee	Increase	50755	WORKERS COMP./BEACON	5,000	Reallocation of expenses by Claims Committee
5	24	Claims Committee	Increase	52312	LEGAL FEES - OUTSIDE SERVICES	5,000	
5	24	Claims Committee	Decrease	50756	WORKERS COMP.PAYROLL/NON-BEAC.	(10,000)	



CRANSTON CITY COUNCIL 2020 BUDGET HEARING NOTICE*REVISED

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.)

Saturday, April 6, 2019

9:30 a.m. City Council Special meeting - Public Hearing on 2019-2020 Budget and related documents

10 am. Finance Committee Budget hearings

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

1 p.m. Cranston Community Action Program (CCAP)
Parks & Recreation
Boards & Commissions
Canvassing
City Council
City Clerk, Probate

Wednesday, April 10, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m.

Public Libraries
Economic Development
Executive
Law Department
Insurance Claims & Risk Management
Personnel

Monday, April 15, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m.

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

***Thursday, April 18, 2019 @ 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
Planning and Capital Budget (department projects will also be discussed on the department hearing dates)

Wed, April 24, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m.

School Department, School Health Insurance

Monday, April 29, 2019 @ - 6:30 p.m. Amendments

Thursday, May 2, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m. Special Council - adoption