

SPECIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE
(BUDGET HEARINGS)
AMENDMENTS

Special meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Monday, April 30, 2007 in the Cranston High School East Auditorium, 899 Park Ave., Cranston, Rhode Island.

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 P.M. by the Chair.

Present: Councilman Terence Livingston, Chair
Council Vice-President Paula McFarland, Vice-Chair
Councilman Anthony J. Lupino
Councilman Emilio L. Navarro
Councilman Jeffrey P. Barone
Council President Aram G. Garabedian

Also Present: Councilman Richard D. Santamaria, Jr.
Councilman John E. Lanni, Jr.
Ernest Carlucci, Director of Administration
Frank Migliorelli, Deputy Director of Administration
Vito Sciolto, City Solicitor
Corsino Delgado, Director of Finance
Mike Igoe, City Controller
Donald Gray, City Treasurer
Steve Woerner, City Council Internal Auditor
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees
Heather Finger, Stenographer

Chair asked if for any members of the public who would like to speak, they be allowed to speak prior to the start of any amendments.

Public Speakers:

Paul Valetta, President of Local 1363 Firefighters Union, appeared to speak regarding the Capital Budget. He stated that the budget line item for \$750,000 would be for addition to Station 3. This addition would be to hold a ladder truck that is too big to fit in there now. This Capital Improvement is important to the Fire Department.

Allan Fung appeared to speak and stated that it is unfortunate that the public is given the opportunity to speak now and not after the amendments are made. It is important for the public to have the opportunity to speak on the amendments made by the Committee. He questioned when the date of the Budget Adoption will be. Chair stated that a date has not been set yet. Mr. Fung stressed to the Committee members that as amendments are made, you need to make sure that the salary schedule for various departments are the correct numbers. As to the Capital Budget, he never received the answer to the question he had asked previously, of what the percentage of debt that the City would be taking on as a whole.

Richard Tomlins, 400 Farmington Ave., appeared to speak and stated that he was hoping to speak after the amendments were made. Chair stated that allowing the public to speak first is the appropriate way because the Committee could take into consideration the public comments prior to the amendments being made.

Andrew Lomier of Ward 1, appeared to speak and asked that the schools be level funded.

AMENDMENTS:

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to amend "Claims Contribution" #101-1401-51429 to \$942,000, a difference of \$150,000. Motion passed on a vote of 5-1. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Livingston, Lupino, Navarro, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -5. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilman Barone -1.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Councilman Lupino, it was voted to amend "Fire Pension Unfunded" #101-5102-51527 to \$10,220,000, a difference of \$400,000 and "Police Pension Unfunded" #101-5102-51528 amended to \$7,964,000, a difference of \$400,000. Motion passed on a vote of 3-1. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Livingston, Lupino and Council Vice-President McFarland -3. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilman Barone -1. Councilman Navarro and Council President Garabedian were not present for roll call vote.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Councilman Lupino, it was voted to amend "Website Management In-House" #101-0350-54010 to \$176,000. Motion passed on a vote of 5-1. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Livingston, Lupino, Navarro, Council Vice-President McFarland and Councilman Barone -5. Council President Garabedian was not present for roll call vote.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to amend "School Department" #101-6201-55220 to \$125,496,000 and "Revenue" #101-6201-42501 amended to \$2,434,000, a difference of \$140,000. Motion passed on a vote of 5-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Livingston, Navarro, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -5. Councilman Lupino abstained.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to amend "Rescue Vehicle" #101-2101-55201 to \$-0-. Motion passed on a vote of 5-1. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Livingston, Lupino, Navarro, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -5. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilman Barone -1.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to amend "Bond Sale Exp." #101-5101-54627 to \$-0- due to no bond sale this year. Motion passed on a vote of 6-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Livingston, Lupino, Navarro, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -6.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to amend "White Goods" #101-3601-54704 \$120,000. Motion passed on a vote of 5-1. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Livingston, Lupino, Navarro, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -5. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilman Barone -1.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to amend "Tipping Fees" #101-3601-54706 to \$1,050,000. Motion passed on a vote of 5-1. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Livingston, Lupino, Navarro, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -5. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilman Barone -1.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to amend "Inspections OT" #101-2301-51114 to \$20,000. Motion passed on a vote of 6-1. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Livingston, Lupino, Navarro, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -6.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to amend "Building Maintenance Contracts" #101-3301-54300 to \$175,000. Motion passed on a vote of 4-2. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Livingston, Navarro, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -4. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilmen Lupino and Barone -2.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to amend "Revaluation" #101-1601-54624 to \$-0-. Motion passed on a vote of 6-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Livingston, Lupino, Navarro, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -6.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to amend "Public Works Director Salary-Differential" #101-3101-51101 to \$118,000, a difference of \$10,000 of which to be charged to the Public Works Dept. and go to the Chief Engineer. Motion passed on a vote of 5-1. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Livingston, Lupino, Navarro, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -5. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilman Barone -1.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to amend "Administrative Raises" to -0-.

Under Discussion:

Council Vice-President McFarland stated that this is the fourth year the Council has had to cut the Administrative raises and hopefully, the School Department will do the same. For years, the School Administrators have been receiving raises.

Roll call was taken and motion passed on a vote of 6-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Livingston, Lupino, Navarro, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -6.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to amend "Fire OT" #101-2101-51114 by reducing it by \$480,000 Mr. Igoe removing the appropriate funding from the Overtime Line Item to appropriately fund the positions that have been zeroed out by the Administration. Motion passed on a vote of 5-1. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Livingston, Lupino, Navarro, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -5. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilman Barone -1.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to amend "Transfer to Budget Stabilization" #101-5101-56001 to \$-0-. Motion passed on a vote of 6-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Livingston, Lupino, Navarro, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -6.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to amend "Council Contingency" #101-0201-54061 to \$140,000. Motion passed on a vote of 5-1. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Livingston, Lupino, Navarro, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -5. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilman Barone -1.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to amend "City Clerk-Salary Schedule" #101-0501-51101 to \$344,821, a difference of \$4,938. Motion passed on a vote of 5-1. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Livingston, Lupino, Navarro, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -5. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilman Barone -1.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to amend "City Clerk-Extra Vacation" #101-0501-51103 to \$1,805. Motion passed on a vote of 5-1. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Livingston, Lupino, Navarro, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -5. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilman Barone -1.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to amend "City Clerk-Overtime" #101-0501-51114 to \$7,000, a difference of \$1,500. Motion passed on a vote of 6-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Livingston, Lupino, Navarro, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -6.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to amend "City Clerk-Federal Old Age" #101-0501-51251 to \$26,385. Motion passed on a vote of 5-1. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Livingston, Lupino, Navarro, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -5. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilman Barone -1.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to amend "City Clerk-Books and Binders" #101-0501-53120 to \$5,000, a difference of \$6,000. Motion passed on a vote of 6-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Livingston, Lupino, Navarro, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -6.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to amend "City Clerk-Zone Change" #101-0501-54277 to \$9,750. Motion passed on a vote of 5-1. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Livingston, Lupino, Navarro, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -5. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilman Barone -1.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to amend "City Clerk-License Advertising" #101-0501-54281 to \$3,700. Motion passed on a vote of 5-1. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Livingston, Lupino, Navarro, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -5. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilman Barone -1.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to amend "City Clerk/Clerk Probate (Adm. 37/6)" to \$68,683, a difference of \$1,539. Motion passed on a vote of 5-1. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Livingston, Lupino, Navarro, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -5. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilman Barone -1.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to amend "City Clerk/Records Clerk 17/5" to \$35,482, a difference of \$1,246. Motion passed on a vote of 6-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Livingston, Lupino, Navarro, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -6.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to amend "City Clerk/Records Clerk 17/1" to \$30,954, a difference of \$1,003. Motion passed on a vote of 6-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Livingston, Lupino, Navarro, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -6.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to amend "City Clerk/Senior Clerk 14/7" to \$34,236, a difference of \$1,150. Motion passed on a vote of 6-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Livingston, Lupino, Navarro, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -6.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to amend "Board of Canvassers-Part-Time Help" #0650-5113 to \$8,000 from -0-. Motion passed on a vote of 5-1. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Livingston, Lupino, Navarro, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -5. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilman Barone -1.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to amend "Board of Canvassers/Elections" #0650-54046 to \$39,000. Motion passed on a vote of 5-1. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Livingston, Lupino, Navarro, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -5. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilman Barone -1.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to amend "Revenue" - "Abatements" #101-0000-41110 to \$400,000. Motion passed on a vote of 5-1. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Livingston, Lupino, Navarro, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -5. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilman Barone -1.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to amend "Revenue" - "Excise Tax" #101-0000-41215 to \$12,836,000. Motion passed on a vote of 6-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Livingston, Lupino, Navarro, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -6.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to amend "Revenues" - "Prior Year Taxes" #101-0000-41161 to \$1,315,000. Motion passed on a vote of 6-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Livingston, Lupino, Navarro, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -6.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to amend "Revenues" - "Police Detail Cars" #101-2801-45107 to \$175,000. Motion passed on a vote of 6-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Livingston, Lupino, Navarro, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -6.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to amend "Revenues" - "Nutrition Revenues" #101-4506-42804 to \$790,000. Motion passed on a vote of 6-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Livingston, Lupino, Navarro, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -6.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to amend “Revenues” - “Rescue Rev.” #101-0000-46160 to \$1,210,000. Motion passed on a vote of 6-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Livingston, Lupino, Navarro, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -6.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to amend “Revenues” - “Hazardous Material Fees” #101-2801-45117 to \$5,000. Motion passed on a vote of 6-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Livingston, Lupino, Navarro, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -6.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to amend “the Stabilization Fund” as follows: Beginning Balance - \$160,000; Sale of Police Station Rev. - \$2,000,000; School Exp. – minus \$1,040,000; Rescue Vehicle – minus \$150,000; Ending Balance - \$970,000 and Mr. Igoe to prepare Ordinance. Motion passed on a vote of 5-1. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Livingston, Lupino, Navarro, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -5. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilman Barone -1.

Council Vice-President McFarland stated all the savings accounts that the City has and stated that they are everywhere and the public does not know about these. These funds could be used to offset other accounts. They add up to \$4,684,851. There are restrictions on a lot of these accounts.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Councilman Lupino, it was voted that all the amendments would have to be done in an Ordinance form. Motion passed on a vote of 5-1. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Livingston, Lupino, Navarro, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -5. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilman Barone -1.

Councilman Barone motioned to amend “Executive-Salary Schedule” #0101-51101 to \$324,514. No one seconded this motion.

Councilman Barone motioned to amend “City Council-Advertising” #0201-54029 to \$9,000. Councilman Lupino seconded this motion for discussion purposes.

Under Discussion:

Council Vice-President McFarland asked how much has been spent so far in this line item. Mr. Igoe stated through March 31, \$5,971 has been spent.

Roll call was taken and motion passed on a vote of 6-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Livingston, Lupino, Navarro, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -6.

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Council Vice-President McFarland, it was voted to amend "City Council-Other Expenses" #0201-54061 to \$20,000. Motion passed on a vote of 6-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Livingston, Lupino, Navarro, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -6.

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Councilman Lupino, it was voted to amend "City Council-City Code Books" #0201-54134 to \$3,000. Motion passed on a vote of 6-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Livingston, Lupino, Navarro, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -6.

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Councilman Lupino, it was voted to amend "Info. Tech.-Expenses" #0350-54000 to \$1,500. Motion failed on a vote of 3-3. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Lupino, Barone and Council Vice-President McFarland -3. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilmen Livingston, Navarro and Council President Garabedian -3.

Councilman Barone motioned to amend "Info. Tech.-Telephones" #0350-54064 to \$225,000. No one seconded this motion.

Councilman Barone motioned to amend "Info. Tech.-Equipment" #0350-55003 to \$-0-. No one seconded this motion.

Councilman Barone motioned to amend "Law Dept.-Office Supplies" #0401-53001 to \$500. No one seconded this motion.

Councilman Barone motioned to amend "Law Dept.-Outside Legal" #0401-54083 to \$200,000. No one seconded this motion.

Councilman Barone motioned to amend "Law Dept.-Admin. Legal Expenses" #0401-54103 to \$20,000. No one seconded this motion.

Councilman Barone motioned to amend "City Clerk-Doc. Storage Retrieval" #0501-53030 to \$2,000. Councilman Lupino seconded this motion for discussion purposes.

Under Discussion:

Councilman Barone questioned why we only used \$_____. Chair stated that this question should be addressed to the City Clerk as to why she budgeted this amount. No roll call was taken.

Councilman Barone motioned to amend "City Clerk-Marriage Lic." #0501-54275 to \$6,500. No one seconded this motion.

Councilman Barone motioned to amend “City Clerk-Probate Adv.” #0501-54279 to \$17,500. No one seconded this motion.

Councilman Barone motioned to amend “Board of Canvassers-Ed. & Training” #0650-54419 to \$0-. No one seconded this motion.

Councilman Barone motioned to amend “Planning-Part-Time Help” #0701-51113 to \$3,500. No one seconded this motion.

Councilman Barone motioned to amend “Planning-Overtime” #0701-51114 to \$4,000. No one seconded this motion.

Councilman Barone motioned to amend “City Planning-Public Hearings” #0701-50047 to \$3,300. Council President Garabedian seconded this motion. Motion passed on a vote of 3-2. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Barone and Council President Garabedian -3. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilman Livingston and Council Vice-President McFarland -2. Councilman Navarro was not present for roll call vote.

Councilman Barone motioned to amend “Economic Development-Marketing” #0702-54074 to \$5,000. Council President Garabedian seconded this motion for discussion purposes.

Under Discussion:

Council President Garabedian addressed Project REDIRECT and stated that we need more marketing and these funds are needed. Roll call was taken and motion passed on a vote of 3-2. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Barone and Council Vice-President McFarland -3. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilman Livingston and Council President Garabedian -2. Councilman Navarro was not present for roll call vote.

On motion by Councilman Barone, seconded by Council Vice-President McFarland, it was voted to amend “Economic Development-Special Events” #0702-54251 to \$1,000. Motion passed on a vote of 5-1. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Lupino, Livingston, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -5. Councilman Navarro was not present for roll call vote.

Councilman Barone motioned to amend “Finance-Part-Time Help” #1401-51113 to \$2,000. No one seconded this motion.

Councilman Barone motioned to amend “Finance-Hospitalization Buyback” #1401-51249 to \$14,797. Council President Garabedian seconded the motion for discussion purposes.

Under Discussion:

Council Vice-President McFarland asked who decides how much the buyback would be. Mr. Corsino stated that there is a set schedule, which is in the Administrative Handbook and in the Teamster’s Contract. Mr. Carlucci stated that if you look at the buyback amount and compare it to the health insurance overall amount, we would probably save millions annually. Mr. Corsino was asked if he receives the buyback. Mr. Corsino stated, yes. If he did not take the buyback and opted for the health coverage, it would cost the City approximately \$12,000 as opposed to approximately \$7,000 he receives for the buyback. Councilman Lupino stated that at some point in time, we should look at this issue and develop a policy setting a maximum amount if there is a buyback.

Roll call was taken and motion failed on a vote of 1-4. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilman Barone -1. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilmen Livingston, Lupino, Navarro, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -5.

Councilman Barone motioned to amend “Finance-Unemployment” #1401-51253 to \$40,000. Councilman Lupino seconded for discussion purposes.

Under Discussion:

Councilman Lupino questioned if there are any layoffs planned in this department. Mr. Woerner stated that that is a City Wide account. It might work to cut this line item, but he does not know if it is worth the risk. Councilman Lupino asked how many people from the previous Administration are still collecting unemployment. Mr. Corsino stated that he does not know, but he will get this information. Councilman Barone asked if the previous Finance Director is collecting unemployment at this time. Mr. Corsino stated, yes.

Roll call was taken and motion failed on a vote of 1-4. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilman Barone -1. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilmen Lupino, Navarro, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -4. Councilman Livingston was not present for roll call vote.

Councilman Barone motioned to amend “Finance-Office Supplies” #1401-53001 to \$1,500. No one seconded this motion.

Councilman Barone motioned to amend “Treasury/Collections-Postage” #1901-54011 to \$65,000. No one seconded this motion.

Councilman Barone motioned to amend “Inspections-Building Permits” #2301-43121 to \$1.2 million. Councilman Lupino seconded this motion for discussion purposes.

Under Discussion:

Councilman Lupino asked how this amendment can be justified with the downturn of the market. Councilman Barone stated that there is a lot of development going on in Western Cranston and interest rates and mortgage rates are going down. All his amendments are based on the financials. Council Vice-President McFarland stated that just because developments are going up today, they are already in the process. Councilman Barone questioned how the Mayor came up with the \$1.1 million. Mr. Carlucci stated that this amount was reached based off where we are right now and averaging it out to the end of the year.

Roll call was taken and motion failed on a vote of 1-3. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilman Barone -1. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilman Lupino, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -3. Councilmen Livingston and Navarro were not present for roll call vote.

On motion by Council President Garabedian, seconded by Councilman Lupino, it was voted to appropriate \$1,000 to the “Historic District Commission”, per their request. Motion passed on a vote of 6-0. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Livingston, Lupino, Navarro, Barone, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -6.

Council Vice-President McFarland motioned to amend “Personnel-Salary Schedule” #0450-51101 to \$104,701. Councilman Lupino seconded the motion for discussion purposes.

Under Discussion:

Councilman Barone questioned why this decrease. Council Vice-President McFarland stated that the Personnel Department has an employee, Personnel Analyst, who is able to retire and come back under the two day rule. This employee has institutional knowledge and would be an asset to the City if she came back part-time. Councilman Lupino stated that there was a presentation made by the Personnel Director stating that there are two Personnel Directors basically mirroring the same duties. He also indicated that the Council did not receive a clear division of duties. This is certainly a substantial amount that could be saved. Chair stated that he feels that deleting this position from this department on a guide that it will save money, is outrageous. He feels this is a vendetta. Councilman Lupino stated that the Personnel Director basically told the Council that she and the Personnel Analyst duplicate their jobs. Council Vice-President McFarland removed her motion and Councilman Lupino removed his second to the motion. Councilman Barone suggested having the Personnel Analyst appear before the Council and ask her questions to determine if she and the Director do the same job.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to amend “Inspections-Salary Schedule” #2301-51101 to \$659,728. Motion passed on a vote of 5-1. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Livingston, Lupino, Navarro, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -5. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilman Barone -1.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to amend “Inspections-Differential” #2301-51104 to \$6,000. Motion passed on a vote of 5-1. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Livingston, Lupino, Navarro, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -5. Councilman Barone -1.

On motion by Council Vice-President McFarland, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to amend “Inspections ” #2301-1008 Senior Clerk to Inspections Clerk 17/7. Motion passed on a vote of 5-1. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Livingston, Lupino, Navarro, Council Vice-President McFarland and Council President Garabedian -5. Councilman Barone -1.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees