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MAYOR BETH DELBUONO

NEWINGTON TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

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Mayor DelBuono called the special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL

Councilor Anest
Councilor Braverman
Councilor Budrejko
Councilor Camillo (*arrived at 7:09 p.m.*)
Councilor Donahue
Councilor Manke
Councilor Miner
Councilor Nagel
Mayor DelBuono

Also present:

Keith Chapman, Town Manager
Janet Murphy, Finance Director
James Krupinski, Town Clerk
Susan Gibbon, Council Clerk

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – IN GENERAL (**Via Zoom Application or Phone**)
(4 MINUTE TIME LIMIT PER SPEAKER ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

A. Public Comments

- None

B. Email Correspondence

- None

IV. REMARKS BY COUNCILORS ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- None

V. CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS (Action May Be Taken)

A. FY 2021-2022 Proposed Budget Adjustments

- Councilor Manke stated that they had no adjustments this evening.
- Councilor Anest stated that they had no adjustments this evening.

VI. NEW BUSINESS (**Action May Be Taken by Waiving the Rules**)

A. FY 2020-21 Transfer Requests

- Janet Murphy stated that Section C-808 of the Town Charter allows appropriation transfers from one department to another only in the last six months of the fiscal year. As I mentioned

when I requested the mid-year transfers in January, for this current year we are expecting a surplus mainly due to COVID reimbursements, leaving positions vacant, and the use of bond premium that we received in the prior fiscal year. Due to the large surplus, I'm looking to fund some projects and equipment in the current year to reduce the fiscal impact in the 2021-2022 fiscal year. The following is a list of these recommended transfers:

- Transfer \$737,087 to purchase the chassis for the new fire truck. The lease for the second payment on the truck is included in the proposed budget but this will allow us to have work started quicker on obtaining the vehicle and avoid the interest expense on this amount.

Transfer to Equipment Reserve \$737,087
Transfer from Employee Benefits (\$100,000)
Transfer from Police Salary (\$125,000)
Transfer from Library Salary (\$77,324)
Transfer from serial bond interest (\$200,000)
Transfer from Contingency (\$200,000)
Transfer from Health Services (\$34,763)

- Transfer \$140,000 to start the purchase/lease of Body Cameras for the Police Department. Estimated total cost would be approximately \$200,000 with reimbursement being received from the State. This item is not included in the proposed budget for 2021-2022 fiscal year

Transfer to CIP – PD Body Cameras \$140,000
Transfer from Police Salary (\$140,000)

- Transfer \$72,676 to replace the library carpet. This item is included in the proposed CIP budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year but it might be a great opportunity while the library is not fully open to get this work done now.

Transfer to CIP library carpet \$72,676
Transfer from library salary (\$72,676)

- Transfer \$40,000 for the painting of Fire House 5. This item is included in the proposed CIP budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year but once again this may a good opportunity to accomplish this one time smaller project in the current fiscal year.

Transfer to CIP Fire House Painting \$40,000
Transfer from Health Services (\$40,000)

- Transfer \$40,000 for irrigation system surrounding the Town Hall. We did not include this in our proposed 2021-22 CIP budget. Without an irrigation system the turf around the Town Hall will die. Our goal with this new system is insure that the turf remains looking great even through the hot summer months.

Transfer to CIP Irrigation \$40,000
Transfer from P&R Salary (\$40,000)

- Councilor Budrejko asked Janet to explain the body cameras for police. It's not a one time grant, so every time we purchase new equipment we get 30% back.
- Ms. Murphy stated that she is not sure how long legislation will leave this grant open; 4 or 5 years ago they paid for 75%, then 50%, now 30%. Looking at possibly leasing which is cheaper but won't be reimbursed. Looking to get that changed.
- Councilor Donahue asked where Fire House 5 is located.
- Councilor Miner stated that it is on Maple Hill Avenue.

- Councilor Anest asked how much the total transfers were.
- Ms. Murphy stated that the total is a little over \$1 million.
- Mayor DelBuono stated that we will take action on this at our next meeting on April 13th.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – IN GENERAL (Via Zoom Application or Phone)
(3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT PER SPEAKER ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

- None

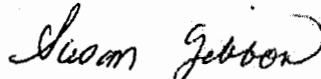
VIII. REMARKS BY COUNCILORS

- None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilor Manke to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilor Anest. The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Gibbon
Council Clerk