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FINANCE COMMITTEE
2015-2016 FY BUDGET VOTING SESSION
MINUTES
MARCH 24, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman LeClair called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. at the Town Hall. All present joined in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Chairman Mark LeClair, Vice Chairman Cindy Penkoff, Tony Scinto (Arrived at 7:09 p.m.), Vicki Tesoro, and Mary Beth Thornton.

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Finance Maria Pires, Town Council members Suzanne Testani and Ennio DeVita.

FY 2015-2016 TOWN OF TRUMBULL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

The Chair OPENED the Public Hearing on the 2015-2016 Town of Trumbull Budget at 7:10 p.m.

There was no one present from the public to speak.

The Chair CLOSED the Public Hearing on the 2015-2016 Town of Trumbull Budget at 7:11 p.m.

The Chair stated the Finance Committee would review the 2015-2016 Budget by department, with individual line item changes and totals voted on.

GENERAL FUND

01013000 HUMAN RESOURCES

501101 Salaries-FT/Permanent

Moved by Ms. Tesoro, seconded by Ms. Thornton to decrease by \$46,000.

Ms. Tesoro stated the BOF reduced this line item to \$46,000 from \$50,000. This motion would recommend removing the position from the budget. Last year the position was moved to a vacant position at the Counseling Center because it was not needed and is now added back in. Ms. Penkoff stated after discussions with both the First Selectman and the Human Resources Department it is difficult to justify the Labor Relations Director's salary being used for what an executive assistant should be doing. This is a department that deals with confidential information and needs an administrative assistant present. Currently both the HR personnel and the Labor Relations Director are spending their time handing out applications. The Chair added there are many times when both are out of the office performing their required duties and the office is closed to the public. Ms. Tesoro requested the Personnel Manager's job description at the previous meeting and has not received it to

date. Ms. Pires stated she would notify the department of the request. The Chair noted that this committee's vote is a recommendation to the full council.

VOTE: Motion FAILED 2-2-1 (AGAINST: Penkoff and LeClair) (ABSTENTION: Scinto)

01014200 PLANNING & ZONING

501101 Salaries-FT/Permanent

Moved by Ms. Penkoff, seconded by Mr. LeClair to increase by \$23,136.

Ms. Penkoff stated the First Selectman allowed this line item to remain in the budget. When the Planning & Zoning Director came to this department it was her goal to build the department into the future and bring it up to date. There were over 100 applicants for this position and took a great deal of time interviewing the candidates to bring the right person to this department. When Mr. Haselkamp needed help with his department the department shared this person with the caveat that it would be on a temporary basis until June 30th. The department needs this position to be full time. Ms. Thornton agreed.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 4-0-1 (ABSTENTION: Scinto)

CLEAN ENERGY FUND

Ms. Pires stated a payment has not been made last year or this year. The Town had made a commitment to go green. This was included in this budget until it was determined the status of this agreement.

01023400 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

501105 SALARIES/OVERTIME

Moved by Ms. Penkoff, seconded by Mr. LeClair to decrease by \$23,394

Ms. Penkoff stated after the reorganization of the police department the overtime will not be needed. The same person will be serving this position but has now been moved to a 5-day on 2-day off schedule salary position and will no longer be a union position accruing overtime therefore this line item can be reduced. It was confirmed for Ms. Tesoro the same person serving this department has been promoted to the salary position and will continue to serve as the Emergency Management Director.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

02 PUBLIC SAFETY NEW TOTAL

\$12,078,707 a reduction of \$23,394 CARRIED unanimously.

03 PUBLIC WORKS TOTAL

NO CHANGE - CARRIED 4-0-1 (ABSTENTION: Scinto)

04 PUBLIC HEALTH TOTAL

NO CHANGE - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

05 SOCIAL SERVICES TOTAL

NO CHANGE - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

06 EDUCATION TOTAL

NO CHANGE - CARRIED 4-1 (AGAINST: Scinto)

07 LIBRARIES TOTAL

NO CHANGE - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

08 PARKS & RECREATION TOTAL

Ms. Pires confirmed for the committee the half time position is still included in this budget.

NO CHANGE - CARRIED 2-0-3 (ABSTENTION: TESORO, THORNTON and SCINTO)

09 DEBT SERVICE TOTAL

NO CHANGE - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

01 GENERAL GOVERNMENT

01013400 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

511150 FRINGE BENEFITS - FICA

Ms. Pires indicated there was an overall reduction of \$258 in wages due to the reinstatement of the full time person in P&Z and the reduction of the Emergency Management overtime resulting in a \$20 reduction to Fringe Benefits/FICA.

By unanimous consent the Finance Committee reduced by \$20.

NEW TOTAL EMPLOYEES BENEFITS

By unanimous consent the Finance Committee accepted EMPLOYEES BENEFITS NEW TOTAL at \$15,469,949 representing a reduction of \$20.00.

NEW TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT \$21,495,557.00 representing a Reduction of \$23,116

By unanimous consent the Finance Committee accepted the GENERAL GOVERNMENT new total at \$21,495,557.00 representing a reduction of \$23,116.

NEW TOTAL GENERAL FUND \$160,466,221 a Reduction of \$278.00

The Finance Committee accepted the GENERAL FUND new total of \$160,466,221 representing a reduction of \$278.00.

VOTE: CARRIED 3-0-2 (ABSTENTION: TESORO and THORNTON)

TOTAL 20100000-SEWERS ENTERPRISE

The Finance Committee accepted TOTAL SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND at \$9,105,220 - No Change

VOTE: CARRIED 4-0-1 (ABSTENTION: PENKOFF).

TOTAL 21100000-TASHUA KNOLLS - ENTERPRISE

The Finance Committee accepted the TOTAL TASHUA KNOLLS ENTERPRISE FUND at \$1,950,484 - No Change.

VOTE: CARRIED unanimously.

GRAND TOTAL \$171,521,925 a Reduction of \$278.00

The Finance Committee accepted GRAND TOTAL \$171,521,925 representing a Reduction of \$278.00

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 3-0-2 (ABSTENTION: Tesoro and Thornton).

There being no further business to discuss and upon motion made by Ms. Penkoff, seconded by Mr. LeClair the Finance Committee of the Town Council adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret D. Mastroni, Town Council Clerk