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**APPROVED MINUTES
BOARD OF FINANCE
BUDGET VOTE
April 22, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman McHugh called the meeting to order at 5:08 pm via zoom virtual on-line conference. All those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

Members present / absent from the Board of Finance:

PRESENT

Michael Barker
Elaine Hammers
Marty Isaac
Lainie McHugh
Steve Choi
Paul Timpanelli
Vincent DeGennaro – Alternate
Marc Mascola – Alternate
Christine El Eris – Alternate

ABSENT

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ALSO PRESENT

First Selectman Vicki Tesoro; Maria Pires, Finance Director; Daniel Martin, Assistant Finance Director; Kathleen McGannon, Chief Administrative Officer; Daniel Schopick, Esq., Town Attorney

Mr. Isaac began the meeting with a slide show that indicated the priorities of the Board of Finance:

- 0% increase in taxes
- Fund schools and public safety
- Ensure that we continue to keep a strong General Fund
 - Flexible enough to respond to a crisis
 - Contain enough funds for an emergency

To be clear on these priorities, a 0% tax increase would create a \$4 million gap in the budget process. In addition, the Town generates revenue from the tax collections and we anticipate generating \$825K less than last year and the income from fees and permits may be \$50K less this year.

He went on to add that they want to remove \$1.0 million from the First Selectman's budget, which provides for an increase of 2% over last year, and want to use \$2.96 million from the Fund Balance to balance the budget this year.

Ms. Hammers spoke to the 0% interest increase and would support approving to leave the budget as is the same as last year. She felt using the \$2.96 million would create a cliff for next year. She went on to add that it would be better to eliminate salary increases for next year.

The Chair indicated that if there is no change in a department, we will accept it and move on and when we vote the total, we will assume that we have accepted what we have not changed. If there is a change, we will vote on it as it occurs and it will roll into the final department total.

The Chair asked for a motion and a second to approve the First Selectman's 2020-2021 budget.

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Isaac, to approve the First Selectman's 2020-2021 budget.

Vote: 6-0-0 motion carries

Ms. Hammers moved, seconded by Mr. Choi, to revert to the 2019-2020 budget .

Vote: 2-4-0 motion fails (opposed: Isaac, McHugh, Timpanelli, Barker)

01 GENERAL GOVERNMENT

01010000 Town Council

\$92,551

01010100 The Trumbull Nature Commission

\$4,639

01010200 Ethics Commission

\$120

01010400 First Selectman

\$21,716

01010600 Probate

\$12,350

01010800 Elections

\$153,971

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Isaac, to reduce 501101 by \$1,463 to \$65,029 removing the FY 21 salary increase.

Vote: 6-0-0 motion carries

Mr. Isaac moved, seconded by Mr. Baker, that the Finance Director make all the adjustments to the contingency account for every salary change to be made after the meeting rather than make each change separately as we go forward. Not all changes are reflected in the full-time salary account..

Vote: 6-0-0 motion carries

01011000 Finance Department

\$598,542

01011400 Board of Finance

\$92,883

01011600 Tax Assessor

\$737,970

01011800 Board of Assessment Appeals

\$3,150

01012000 Tax Collector

\$352,569

01012200 Purchasing
\$122,308

01012400 Treasurer
\$26,593

01012600 Technology
\$1,113,159

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Isaac, to reduce 522202 by \$3,700 to \$39,500 to remove the Council Chambers Audio Visual Equipment Upgrade.

Vote: 6-0-0 motion carries

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Isaac, to increase 522204 by \$50,000 to \$613,775 to add support for Cloud Services.

Vote: 4-2-0 motion carries (opposed: Hammers, Choi)

Mr. Barker moved seconded by Mr. Isaac to increase 522202 by \$9,650 to \$49,150 to add professional services for the cloud.

Vote: 4-2-0 motion carries (opposed: Hammers, Choi)

Vote on new total: 4 -2-0 motion carries (opposed: Hammers, Choi)

01012800 – Town Attorneys
\$380,273

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Isaac, to reduce 522202 by \$40,000 to \$380,273 to reduce the fees for the extra attorneys.

Vote: 6-0-0 motion carries

01013000 Human Resources
\$323,273

01013400 Employee Benefits
\$17,874,937

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Timpanelli, to reduce 511150 by \$29,578 to \$1,828,136.

Vote: 6-0-0 motion carries

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Isaac, to reduce 522108 by \$25,000 to \$25,000 for the Police Ret-Med/Life, based on a discussion held with the Finance Department.

Vote: 5-1-0 (opposed: Choi) motion carries

Vote on new total: 4-2-0 (opposed: Hammers, Choi) motion carries

01013600 Town Clerk
\$307,694

01013800 Town Hall
\$1,647,741

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Isaac, to reduce 501102 by \$15,000 by to \$25,000, since we will be using compensating balances.

Vote: 6-0-0 motion carries

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Isaac, to reduce 501102 by \$15,210 to 0 to eliminate the Floater position.

Vote: 6-0-0 motion carries

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Isaac, to reduce 501116 by \$386,644 to \$181,747 to eliminate FY 21 salary increases as follows: \$282,126 for union employees; \$96,258 for non-union employees; \$8,260 for executive salaries. We are not eliminating increases for the Police, EMS or Fire Marshal.

Vote: 6-0-0 motion carries

Vote on the new total: 6-0-0

The Chair called for a motion to reconsider the Technology Budget.

Mr. Barker moved seconded by Mr. Isaac to reconsider the Technology Budget.

Vote: 6-0-0 motion carries

01014200 Planning & Zoning
\$334,516

01014600 Economic Development
\$189,682

01014800 Inland Wetlands Commission
\$8,925

01015400 Conservation Commission
\$1,385

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Isaac, to reduce 522202 by \$5,000 to 0, to defer consultant services for natural resource inventory.

Vote: 6-0-0 motion carries

01015800 Transit District
\$44,084

01 General Government Total: \$24,745,031

Vote: 4-2-0 (opposed: Hammers, Choi)

02 PUBLIC SAFETY

01022000 Police
\$9,677,513

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Isaac, to reduce 581888 by \$13,000 to \$146,283 to remove the

purchase of a vehicle.

Vote: 6-0-0 motion carries

Vote on new total: 6-0-0 motion carries

01022400 Animal Control
\$143,310

01022600 EMS
\$1,604,613

01022800 Fire Marshal
\$376,329

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Isaac, to increase 556604 \$400 to \$1900 to correct budget omission for new code books.

Vote: 4-2-0 (opposed: Hammers, Choi)

Vote on new total: 4-2-0 (opposed: Hammers, Choi)

01022824 Fire Hydrants
\$1,607,973

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Isaac, to reduce 590016 \$29,150 to \$1,607,973 to reflect a 4.3% increase that did not occur.

Vote: 6-0-0 motion carries

01023200 Building Official
\$406,262

01023400 Emergency Management
\$89,060

02 Public Safety Total: \$ 13,905,060

The Chair moved to accept the new total: \$13,905

Vote: 4-2-0 motion carries (opposed: Hammers, Choi)

03 PUBLIC WORKS

01030000 Public Works Director
\$314,292

01030025 Street Lights
\$325,000

01030100 Public Works-Highway
\$2,685,204

01030100 Snow Removal
\$500,000

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Isaac, to reduce 501105 by \$15,000.

Vote: 5-1-0 (opposed: Hammers)

Vote on new total: 5-1-0 (opposed Hammers)

01030105 Highway–Construction

\$ -0 -

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Isaac, to reduce 522205 by \$100,000 to 0, since we have the funds are in LOCIP.

Vote: 6-0-0 motion carries

Vote on new total: 6-0-0 motion carries

01030200 Public Works – Building Maintenance

\$858,788

01030300 Fleet Maintenance

\$1,168,264

01030400 Recycling Center

\$2,680,910

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Isaac, to reduce 581886 by \$6,500 to \$7,010, reducing to one Hazardous Waste Day,

Vote: 6-0-0 motion carries

Vote on new total: 6-0-0 motion carries

01030500 Town Engineer

\$681,356

03 Public Works Total: \$9,213,814 before any salary changes are applied

Vote on new total: 5-1-0 (opposed: Hammers) motion carries

04 PUBLIC HEALTH

01040000 Health Department

\$410,717

01040200 Vital Statistics

\$1,200

01040400 Nursing–Seniors

\$35,532

04 Public Health Total: \$447,449

05 SOCIAL SERVICES/HUMAN SERVICES

01050000 Social Services

\$124,538

01050200 Mary Sherlach Counseling Center
\$369,573

1050600 Senior Citizen's Services
\$327,773

05 Social Services/Human Services Total: \$821,884

06 EDUCATION

01060000 Education
\$116,642,005

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Isaac, to reduce 522205 by \$500,000 to \$108,801,882 to reduce the program expenses. This is a reasonable reduction to the First Selectman's budget and represents a substantial increase of 2.53%.

Vote: 6-0-0 motion carries

Vote on new total: 6-0-0 motion carries

01060200 School Nurses
\$868,626

01060400 Non Public Schools
\$328,573

01060600 Trumbull Business Education Initiatives
\$10,800

01060800 Trumbull Community TV
\$101,500

06 Education Total: 117,951504

Vote: 5-1-0 (opposed: Hammers)

07 LIBRARIES

01070000 Libraries
\$1,706,741

07 Libraries Total: \$1,706,741

08 PARKS AND RECREATION

01080000 Public Events
\$20,000

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Isaac, to reduce 522205 by \$20,000 to \$0 to reduce the program expenses, since this account is already funded. Mr. Barker withdrew his motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 motion carries

01080300 Trumbull Day**\$ -0-**

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Timpanelli, to reduce 522205 by \$20,000 to \$0 to reduce the program expenses for Trumbull Day, since this account is currently funded in the Special Agency Account,

Vote: 6-0-0 motion carries

Vote on new total: 6-0-0 motion carries

01080400 Recreation**\$992,365**

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Isaac, to increase 501103 by \$6,650 to \$206,650 to provide Aquatic salaries-seasonal/temp with the hourly minimum wage increase that was not in the budget.

Vote: 4-2-0 (opposed: Hammers, Choi) motion carries

Vote on new total: 4-2-0 (opposed: Hammers, Choi) motion carries

01080600 Parks**\$2,191,872**

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Isaac, to decrease 522203 by \$40,000 to \$329,290 to recognize savings in the field maintenance account due to lower usage.

Vote: 6-0-0 motion carries

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Timpanelli, to increase 578801 by \$5,000 to \$20,000 to cover the maintenance/repair service contracts.

Vote: 4-2-0 (opposed: Hammers, Choi) motion carries

Vote on new total: 4-2-0 (opposed: Hammers, Choi) motion carries

01080800 Tree Warden**\$161,329****08 Parks and Recreation Total: \$3,365,566**

Vote: 4-2-0 (opposed: Hammers, Choi) motion carries

09 DEBT SERVICE**01090000 Debt Service****\$6,811,316****GENERAL FUND Total: \$178,968,365**

Vote: 4-2-0 (opposed: Hammers, Choi) motion carries

ENTERPRISE FUNDS

20100000 W.P.C.A.
\$9,269,532

21100000 Tashua Knolls Golf
\$2,064,610

Enterprise Funds Total: \$11,334,142

GRAND TOTAL: \$190,302,507

Vote: 4-2-0(opposed: Hammers, Choi) motion carries

By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Phyllis C. Collier

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