

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Budget/Management Committee
Town Hall Council Chambers
May 20, 2013, Monday

Present:

Kenneth DiFazio, Chairman
Patrick O'Connor, Vice Chairman
Arthur Mathews, Councilor
Michael Molisse, Councilor
Michael Smart, Councilor

Also Present:

William McKinney, Chief Financial Officer
George Lane, Town Solicitor
Kathy Deree, Town Clerk
Richard Swanson, Town Auditor
Michael Gallagher, Director of Administrative and Community Services
Chief Grimes, WPD
Capt. Comperchio, WPD
Jeff Bina, Director of DPW
David Tower, Water Superintendent

Recording Secretary:

Mary Barker

Chairman DiFazio called the meeting to order at 6:47 PM.

13 088-Reserve Fund Transfer-Police Department Overtime

Chief Grimes and Capt. Comperchio were invited to the table. The request is for \$45,000; \$25,000 for the anticipated election and \$20,000 to support services provided to Boston during Marathon events. This is a precautionary move; they will be deep into end of fiscal year when this payroll comes out. It was noted that there may be state reimbursement for the marathon impact. Chairman DiFazio asked if there are funds elsewhere in the police budget to cover this. Capt. Comperchio responded that the FY13 CBA impact must be absorbed in the budget. Auditor Swanson reported that he analyzed the data provided and MUNIS and there appears to be adequate funds remaining. Between the overtime required for the Boston bombing incident and the election, it appears there will be adequate funding. Chief Grimes noted that there was one election in April; the second in June will overexpend the account.

A MOTION was made by Vice Chairman O'Connor to forward measure 13 088-Reserve Fund Transfer-Police Department Overtime to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. Councilor Mathews asked the Chief to work with the auditor moving forward; a biweekly report and reconciliation was suggested. CFO McKinney again noted this is a precautionary measure. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

13 089-Sewer Department-MWRA I/I Phase 7 Allocation

Director Bina and Water Superintendent Tower were invited to the table to review the request for \$944,000 for Phase 7 work. The funds will be used to investigate and plan for future I/I work. This request is an authorization to borrow the funds. The actual projects will involve removal of infiltration from the system. This measure is strictly a request for authorization to bond and not to perform the actual work, and is a 45% interest free loan from the federal government rather than the use of funding from retained earnings .

This is the first step working with MWRA- once they meet the criteria, MWRA loans the funds, but they are required to bond the entire \$944,000. Auditor Swanson asked if there is back up to support this measure. David Tower responded that they have an award letter from the MWRA. Phase 8 is already on the table. Weymouth has been awarded \$7 million thus far and there is \$5.23m sitting at MWRA to date. It was noted that there are I/I projects going out to bid later in the month. The town has not done a major I/I project in several years. Councilor Mathews noted he is a proponent of I/I and he wanted to be sure that

before they request funds, that they are compliant. David Tower responded the actual costs incurred to complete the project are less than \$5M and that all policies put in place in the consent order are still in play today. Auditor Swanson asked if the language in the measure was redundant; Mr. Tower responded that the language is what was recommended by the Bond Council to be included in the measure.

A MOTION was made by Vice Chairman O'Connor to forward measure 13 089-Sewer Department-MWRA I/I Phase 7 Allocation to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Chairman DiFazio bundled the following measures: 13 090 through 13 098 for consideration, but he noted they will be read separately at the Town Council meeting:

13 090-Reappointment to the Commission on Disabilities-Gerry Begonis
13 091-Reappointment to the Scholarship Fund Committee-Nancy Brennan
13 092-Reappointment to the Community Preservation Committee-Daniel Condon
13 093-Reappointment to the Conservation Commission-Steve DeGabriele
13 094-Reappointment to the Recreation Commission-Arthur DelRosso
13 095-Reappointment to the Scholarship Fund Committee-Hank Goldman
13 096-Reappointment to the Board of Library Trustees-Charles Hickey
13 097-Reappointment to the Scholarship Fund Committee-Karen McCafferty
13 098-Reappointment to the Fourth of July Committee-William Robinson

A MOTION was made by Vice Chairman O'Connor to forward the measures:

13 090-Reappointment to the Commission on Disabilities-Gerry Begonis
13 091-Reappointment to the Scholarship Fund Committee-Nancy Brennan,
13 092-Reappointment to the Community Preservation Committee-Daniel Condonto,
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13 095-Reappointment to the Scholarship Fund Committee-Hank Goldman,
13 096-Reappointment to the Board of Library Trustees-Charles Hickey,
13 097-Reappointment to the Scholarship Fund Committee-Karen McCafferty, and
13 098-Reappointment to the Fourth of July Committee-William Robinson, to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:15 PM, there being no further business, a MOTION was made by Vice Chairman O'Connor to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary

Approved by Kenneth DiFazio—Chair of Budget/Management Committee