

TO: Mayor Gene F. Eriquez and Members of the Common Council

RE: Minutes of the Special Meeting held May 15, 2001

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. The Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were recited. The members were recorded as:

PRESENT – Levy, Scalzo, McAllister, Saadi, Buzaid, Machado, Shuler, David Furtado, Arconti, John Esposito, Abrantes, Pascuzzi, Basso, Manny Furtado, Gallagher, Gogliettino, Martin Moore, Saracino

ABSENT – Smith, Dean Esposito, Michael Moore

18 PRESENT – 3 ABSENT

Michael Moore was working

NOTICE OF THE SPECIAL MEETING – There will be a Special Meeting of the Common Council on May 15, 2001 at 7:30 P.M. in the Common Council Chambers in City Hall for the purpose of acting upon the items below. Mr. Levy made a motion to accept the call and the return of the service. Seconded by Mr. McAllister. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no members of the public that requested permission to address the Common Council.

1. ORDINANCE and RESOLUTION – An Ordinance Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2001 and Ending June 30, 2002 and a Resolution Levying the Property Tax for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2001 and Ending June 30, 2002.

Mr. Levy made a motion to adopt the Ordinance and the Resolution. Seconded by Mr. Buzaid.

a. General Government I Budget Report

Mrs. Smith submitted the following report:

The General Government I Budget Committee met on April 17, 2001 in the Caucus Room in City Hall. In attendance were committee members Mary Smith, Emile Buzaid, David Furtado, Michael Pascuzzi and Mary Saracino. Also in attendance were Director of Finance Dominic Setaro, Probate Judge Dianne Yamin, Library Director Betsy McDonough and Council Members Manny Furtado and Thomas Arconti ex-officio.

Mayor's Office – Mr. Setaro noted that during this budget year, adjustments are normally made for the next two budgets to the salaries of elected officials. The adjustments were take effect December 3, 2001 at a rate of three percent. The second year increase would be at four percent effective July 1, 2002. (See attachment). Mr. Buzaid made a motion to increase the salaries of elected officials at the rate of 3% for the fiscal year 2001-2002 and at the rate of 4% for the fiscal year 2002-2003. Seconded by Mr. Pascuzzi. Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk's Office – Discussion was held concerning the restoration of the Assistant City Clerk's position to fulltime. Mr. Setaro suggested amending the Contingency Account by the sum of \$19,135.00. Mr. Buzaid made a motion to restore the Assistant City Clerk's position to fulltime and adjust the contingency account by the sum of \$19,135.00. Seconded by Mr. Pascuzzi. Motion carried unanimously.

Probate Court – Judge Yamin asked that the funds cut from her postage line item and her Printing and Binding line item be restored. She explained that due to rising costs and state mandates these funds will be necessary. Mr. Buzaid made a motion that the funds in the amount of \$585 be restored to the Probate Court postage account and that funds in the amount of \$900 be restored to the Probate Court printing and binding line item. Seconded by Mrs. Saracino. Motion carried unanimously.

Library – Ms. McDonough wanted to inform the committee that although she is comfortable with the Books line item she would like to be able to come back to the Common Council during the year if necessary for funds for the Books line item.

Town Clerk – The request for a new fulltime position was discussed. Mr. Buzaid made a motion to take no action pending consolidation of present positions. Seconded by Mr. Pascuzzi. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning – Mr. Setaro proposed that the Associate Planner's position be upgraded to Assistant Planner since they have not be able to fill the associate position. Mr. Pascuzzi made a motion to add \$8,768 to the Planning Department Salaries account for the upgraded position. Seconded by Mr. Buzaid. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Buzaid made a motion to recommend adoption of the General Government I Budget with the proposed changes as outlined as per attached. Seconded by David Furtado. Motion carried unanimously.