

**~CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT~**

**Budget Hearing ~ General Government II**

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

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Chairwoman Mary Teicholz called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12, 2011, in the Caucus Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Danbury City Hall, 155 Deer Hill Avenue. Present was Committee members Charles Trombetta, Phil Curran, Shay Nagarsheth and Peter Nero. Also present to address the Budget: Mayor Mark Boughton; David St. Hilare, Director of Finance; and, Dan Garrick, Assistant Finance Director. Ex Officio Members: Joe Cavo, Nancy Deep-Damici and Paul Rotello.

Chairwoman Teicholz introduced everyone present at the meeting then opened up the meeting to Mr. St. Hilare.

Mr. St. Hilare pointed out that overall the budgets for the departments of General Government as a whole were reduced approximately \$200,000.

Mr. St. Hilare reviewed the line items as follows:

Director of Finance:

Budget remains the same as last year (\$845,604).

Independent Audit:

Budget was reduced from \$48,895 to \$40,000. Mr. St. Hilare feels this amount is sufficient.

Retirement Administration:

Budget remained flat (\$20,000).

City Treasurer:

Budget increased from \$21,972 to \$22,134 due to salary increases from last year—full effect in new budget.

Information Technology:

Budget remained flat (\$1,223,703). There is a reallocation within budget to different line items.

Bureau of Assessments:

Budget increased from \$403,280 to \$440,667. Mr. St. Hilare failed to budget for a position in this category but budgeted for the position under the Library's category. Zero impact, a re-categorization.

Board of Assessment Appeal:

Budget was slightly reduced from \$4,740 to \$4,465.

Tax Collector:

Budget was reduced from \$569,523 to \$561,013.

Purchasing:

Budget was reduced from \$230,052 to \$225,585.

Human Resources:

Budget was reduced from \$330,068 to \$311,000. Mr. St. Hilaire noted the typographical error on the handout which read "Mayor's Budget \$325,716". The reduction is due to the Professional Services Account. Some shifting. Incurring a lot of the costs in this fiscal year as expected. Will roll over into next year. 16-B

Labor Negotiations:

Budget was reduced from \$130,300 to \$115,300. Similar scenario as with Human Resources.

Gen'l Govt. Emp. Ser. Bene.:

Budget was reduced from \$74,743 to \$14,484. Mr. St. Hilaire noted the typographical error on the handout which read "Mayor's Budget \$0".

FICA:

Budget increased from \$1,570,00 to \$1,600,000 due to changes in salaries.

Pension Expense:

Budget increased from \$5,279,000 to \$7,677,00 due to actuarial calculation.

Employee Service Benefit:

Budget was reduced from \$215,000 to \$200,000.

Worker's Compensation:

Budget increased from \$845,736 to \$1,051,950. There are 14 employees currently collecting for heart and hypertension with an expected increase of approximately 10 individuals.

State Unemployment Comp.:

Budget increased from \$35,000 to \$45,000. This is an estimate to be on the safe side.

Employee Health & Life Ins.:

Budget increased from \$15,353,336 to \$15,417,196.

Union Welfare:

Budget remains flat.

Ins. & Official Bond Premium:

Budget increased from \$2,425,372 to \$2,533,301.

Interest on Debt:

Budget increased from \$3,849,226 to \$5,111,496. There is a magnified increase this year because last year, we issued a \$23 million bond and the year before, we issued a \$20 million bond. There is a two-year interest impact versus a one-year interest impact.

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Interest On Debt—School:

Budge increased from \$830,731 to \$854,554.

Redemption Of Debt:

Budget increased from \$6,283,112 to \$8,018,600.

Redemption Of Debt—School:

Budget increased from \$2,630,238 to \$2,663,000.

Capital Projects:

Budget increased from \$1,053,339 to \$1,100,000 due to funding of projects (i.e., replacement and outfit of PD vehicles, replacement of fire apparatus air packs, school boilers, replace underground storage tanks, septic system at the Airport, Robert's Avenue environmental testing).

Contingency:

Budget increased from \$407,452 to \$708,452 due to a re-categorization of this fund.

**A motion was made by Councilman Nagarsheth and seconded by Councilman Curran that the Committee recommends to the City Council that they accept the Mayor's proposed budget for General Government II as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

**A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Nagarsheth and seconded by Councilman Curran. The motion carried unanimously at 8:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary Teicholz, Chairwoman

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Charles Trombetta

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