

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT

Budget Hearing

Public Works

April 25, 2014

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Chairman Jack Knapp called the meeting to order at 7:40PM in the Caucus Room, 3rd Floor, Danbury City Hall, 155 Deer Hill Avenue

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Jack Knapp, Phil Curran, Vinny Digilio, Irving Fox, and Ben Chianese

ALSO PRESENT: David St. Hilaire, Director of Finance, Antonio Iadarola, Director of Public Works, Becky Petro, Tarrywile Park Authority, Harvey Center, Cultural Commission, Bob Young, Danbury Museum, David Day, Water and Sewer Fund

Others in attendance included Ex-Officio members: Warren Levy, Colleen Stanley, Michael Haddad, Peter Nero, Fred Visconti, Duane Perkins, John Priola, Paul Rotello and members of the public.

Chairman Knapp opened up the meeting to Mr. St. Hilaire. Mr. St. Hilaire reviewed the line items as follows:

Recreation:

Budget request was for \$345,000 and the Mayor's proposal is slightly decreased at \$344,035. Lifeguards for Kenosia currently in the budget. Many part time people for summer employment. Discussion included new sand, spray park, skate park and dog park.

Tarrywile:

Budget remains flat at \$218,153.

Cultural Commission:

Budget remained flat at \$72,718. Same proposed by the Mayor

Lake Kenosia:

Budget remained flat at \$15,236. Same proposed by the Mayor

Ives Authority Performing Arts:

Budget remains flat at \$55,404. Same proposed by the Mayor. Mr. Visconti asked for a copy of their audit report

Danbury Museum/Hist Soc. Authority:

Budget request remains flat at \$65,794. Same proposed by the Mayor. Mr. Chianese asked for a copy of their audit.

Water Fund:

Budget request was for \$9.6 million reduced by the Mayor to \$9,180,000. Line items moved to capital. Reduction in water treatment to be more in line with historical levels. Increase in capital to maintain their assets. Overtime has increased due to 5 vacancies.

Sewer Fund:

Budget request was for \$11.7 million and the Mayor's request is increased to \$12,082,436 due to capital needs. Water rates are the lowest in the State. Mr. Knapp asked for new Council members to have a tour of the water plant.

Mr. St. Hilaire and Mr. Iadarola gave a detailed overview of Public Works. Total budget request was \$9.6 million and the Mayor's proposal is \$9.8 million. Increase due to contractual salary increases. Buildings increase was at \$100,000. Most requests have remained flat. Mr. Iadarola said a lot of the Public Works projects are being done in-house.

Highways:

Mayor's proposal is \$2,721,792.

Highways-State Aid:

Mayor's proposal is \$360,000.

Snow and Ice Removal:

Mayor's proposal is \$872,500. This number is based on a normal winter.

Street Lighting:

Budget remains flat at \$511,500.

Park Maintenance:

Mayor's proposal is \$1,291,509

Forestry:

Mayor's proposal is \$272,762

Public Buildings- Main and Repair:

Mayor's proposal is \$643,700

Public Buildings:

Mayor's proposal is \$1,234,855

City Hall Building:

Mayor's proposal is \$465,839. Slight increase due to carpet replacement and alarm work in the building

Library Building:

Mayor's proposal is \$240,684

Police Station Building-375 Main:

Mayor's proposal is \$554,733. Increase includes maintenance because it operates 24/7

Senior Center Building:

Mayor's proposal is \$58,520

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Old Jail Building:

Mayor's proposal is \$32,478

Old Library Building:

Mayor's proposal is \$57,403.

Park Building:

Mayor's proposal is \$155,578

Equipment Maintenance:

Mayor's proposal is \$1,442,273

Recycling/Solid Waste:

Mayor's proposal is \$284,000

Engineering:

Mayor's proposal is \$965,254

Construction Services:

Mayor's proposal is \$344,035

A motion was made by, Mr. Curran, seconded by Mr. Fox to accept the Mayor's budget on Public Works as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Curran, seconded by Mr. Fox to adjourn its meeting at 8:42 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Knapp, Committee Chairman

Phil Curran

Vinny DiGilio

Irving Fox

Ben Chianese