

The Health, Housing, Public Safety and Social Services Committee meeting was called to order on April 22, 2008 at 7:03PM by Councilman Charles Trombetta, Chair. Committee members Councilwoman Diggs, Councilman Knapp, Councilwoman McMahon and Councilman Esposito were also present.

Also in attendance were Mayor Mark D. Boughton; David St. Hilaire, Director of Finance; Dan Garrick, Asst. Director of Finance, Paul Estafan, Airport Administrator; Scott Leroy, Director of Health; Deputy Chief Terrance Shanahan; Chief Alan Baker, Capt. Thomas Wendel; Chief Geoffrey Herald and Pat Waldron, Director of Veterans Advisory.

Ex-Officio members Councilman Cavo, Councilwoman Stanley, Councilman Seabury, Councilman Levy, Councilman Visconti, Councilwoman Teicholz and members of the public were also present. Councilman Arconti entered the meeting at 7:20PM.

Director of Finance, David St. Hilaire gave an overview of the narratives. He discussed the evaluation of historical expenses and his goal to obtain tight control of overtime expenses.

**Police Department:** The proposed budget was reviewed. Special services, leased equipment, new vehicle leases, the Public Safety Bond, workers comp. were discussed. Asst. Finance Director, Dan Garrick provided some clarifications to the workers comp. stating that a safety and health awareness programs have been established in an attempt to reduce claims. Chief Baker thanked the Common Council for their generosity to the Police Department. He also thanked the Mayor for initiating the construction project for the new police station.

**Animal Control:** No discussion

**Fire Department:** The proposed budget was reviewed. Overtime, training courses, training requirements, professional services, leased equipment, maintaining building structures, Engine 24, clothing and dry goods, grants, communications equipment, public safety equipment and Wooster and Citizens' Hose Companies were discussed. Chief Herald discussed his commitment maintain quality of service while reducing expenses.

**Building Inspector:** No discussion

**Department of Civil Preparedness:** No discussion

**Department of Consumer Protection:** No discussion

**Unified Neighborhood Inspection Team:** No discussion

**Health, Housing and Welfare:** No discussion

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**Veterans Advisory Center:** Flag purchases and caseload were discussed.

**Commission On Aging:** No discussion

**Elderly Transportation:** No discussion

**Ambulance:** No discussion

Councilman Knapp moved to accept the budget as presented. Second by Councilwoman McMahon. **Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

Councilman Knapp moved to adjourn at 7:31PM. Second by Councilwoman McMahon. **Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

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