

MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2019, AT 6:30 P.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410.

Present

Robert J. Oris, Jr. Council Chairman; Paul A. Bowman, Vice Chairman; Jeffrey Falk, Patti Flynn-Harris, Sylvia Nichols, Thomas Ruocco, Timothy Slocum, David Veleber, Peter Talbot.

Staff: Sean Kimball, Town Manager; Arnett Talbot, Assistant Town Manager; James Jaskot, Finance Director; Town Attorney Al Smith; Beth Crowley, Library Director; John Gawlak, Parks and Recreation Director; George Noewatne, PW Director; Louis Zullo, Assistant Town Manager/Human Resources. Vincent Masciana, COO, Dept. of Education.

Public Hearing Subject Matter

**Proposed Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Annual
Capital Expenditure Budget**

1. ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll and a quorum was determined to be present.

2. EXPLANATION OF HEARING PROCEDURE AND AGENDA

Chairman Oris explained the procedure for a public hearing of the Town Council.

3. READING OF LEGAL NOTICE

The clerk read the legal notice into the record.

4. PRESENTATION ON HEARING SUBJECT

Town Manager Kimball gave a short presentation on the FY 19-20 Capital Expenditure Budget. A copy is attached to these minutes.

\$76,355,000 department capital requests; 151 Projects; reduced by \$17,897,000; Recommended Five-Year CEP - \$58,368,000; 111 projects across five(5) years; increase of \$7,686,000 over last year's adopted five-year capital plan; \$8,320,500 in offsetting grants or available cash funding; reduces the net capital total cost to \$50,047,500.

Adopted Five-Year CEPs average \$53.06M gross and \$42.81M net over the past five adopted budgets.

Historical Comparisons – Mr. Kimball reviewed the comparison FY 09-10 to FY 18-19. FY09-10 Year #1 net budget - \$3,727M; FY 18-19 Year #1 net budget - \$6,622M.

Long Term Debt Service as % of Expenditures Ten Year History – 2019 is 5.9% based on adopted budgets; 2020 (to 2029) is 8.1% based on projected debt service and use of reserve. Ten (10) years ago debt service was as high as 13% to 14%, and it has been reduced over the years. One time reserve funds which will be relied on to mitigate the impact of the operating budget.

FY 2020 Recommended CEP – first year FY 2020 project appropriations of \$11,494,000; increase of \$3.5M over FY 19 adopted capital budget; this is before Council deliberations and adjustments.

Five-Year Capital Budget Highlights – Mr. Kimball reviewed some of the requested department projects in the CEP.

Revaluation \$530,000; Technology Replacement \$1,050M; Town/School Security \$310,000; Vehicle Replacements \$1,485M; Capital Planning \$100,000; Project Management \$148,000; Planning \$400,000; Public Property \$2.890M; Public Safety-Fire \$440,000; Fire Engine/Pumper Replacements \$2.75M; Public Works \$20M; WPCD \$1.490M; Leisure Services \$2.775M.

Board of Education - \$23,298M. The highlights of the BOE request include Code Compliance, ADA projects \$438,000; Roof Repairs \$3.875M; Cafeteria Renovations \$5.620M; Window Replacements for 5 schools \$2.6M; Window Replacements CHS \$1.250M; CHS electrical switchgear \$110,000; CHS stadium lighting upgrades \$150,000; Lavatory Improvements \$1.25M; Driveway/Parking repaving \$500,000; Sidewalk/Masonry Repairs \$150,000; HVAC Improvements Dodd \$500,000; HVAC Improvements CHS \$1.1M; HVAC Improvements Highland \$450,000; Unit Ventilator Replacements \$1.4M; Highland Bldg. Improvements \$750,000; Bus Depot Parking and Driveway \$125,000; Acoustic Ceiling Tile Replacements \$500,000; CHS Office Reconfiguration \$120,000; Athletic Complex Improvements \$300,000.

Projects for Referendum (if approved)

Technology, Town & School Security	\$ 310,000
Lower Level CPD Project	\$ 750,000 *
Land Acquisition	\$ 400,000
Road Improvement Program	\$2,000,000
W.Johnson Ave. Bridge Repairs	\$1,800,000
Lavatory Improvements Districtwide	\$ 250,000
Driveway & Parking Lot repaving	\$ 250,000
Boiler Replacements Doolittle School	\$ 600,000

*Cheshire Police Department project – the Town Council is moving this entire project to year #1 of the CEP.

5. QUESTIONS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR. None.

6. PROPONENTS AND OPPONENTS STATEMENTS ALTERNATELY EXPRESSED. None
7. REBUTTAL AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR. None
8. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Oris adjourned the public hearing at 6:52 p.m

Attest:

Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk