

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL AND BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2016, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 7:00 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING, IN ROOM 207, TOWN HALL, 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410

Present

Council Members: Chairman Robert J. Oris Jr., Vice Chairman Paul A. Bowman, Patti Flynn-Harris, Sylvia Nichols, Thomas Ruocco and Timothy Slocum

Absent: Michael Ecke, Liz Linehan and Peter Talbot

Staff: Michael A. Milone, Town Manager; James Jaskot, Finance Director; Town Attorney Alfred Smith; Walter Gancarz, Town Engineer.

Department of Education - Vincent Masciana, Chief Operating Officer

1. ROLL CALL

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The group Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Land Acquisition.

MOTION by Ms. Nichols; seconded by Mr. Ruocco.

MOVED to enter Executive Session at 8:31 p.m. to include Town Manager Milone, Town Attorney Smith and Town Engineer Gancarz to discuss land acquisition.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

MOTION By Ms. Nichols; seconded by Mr. Bowman.

MOVED to exit Executive Session at 9:01 p.m.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY AGREEMENT.

MOTION by Mr. Bowman; seconded by Mr. Flynn-Harris.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves Resolution #081616-1.

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves the Proposal and Scope of Services for an Environmental Investigation of the Chapman Property by BETA as presented and attached, for a total cost not to exceed \$56,525, allocated from the Land Acquisition Capital Account.

VOTE The motion passed 5 in favor (Oris, Bowman, Flynn-Harris, Nichols And Slocum); Opposed -1 (Ruocco).

5. RECAP AND DISCUSSIONS RE: FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PLAN AND ANNUAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BUDGET.

Mr. Milone distributed the handout for August 16th, and reviewed the summary information with the Council.

For the Wednesday, August 17th meeting, Mr. Milone informed the Council that Mr. Noewatne, Mr. Gancarz and Mr. Dievert from Public Works and Mr. Ceccolini from Parks and Recreation will be present to review capital budget items. On Thursday, August 18th, Police Chief Dryfe and Fire Chief Casner will be present at the meeting to review their capital budget items. The consultant for the radio system will also be present to discuss the radio system upgrade.

Handout, Pages 1 and 2 - show the projected debt analysis including estimated cost of the school facilities plan (column #5). The assumption is \$100 million with 35% State reimbursement.

2018 - there would be the appropriation in FY 2018, and borrowing in February 2019.
2019 - there would be borrowing in FY 2019; bond issue would be over two years; interest rate of 4% which would be modified; cost of the project would be 2 to 3 years out. Footnote #5 explains the details of this project debt service for the school facility master plan.

Page 3 - is the analysis of the cost to the average taxpayer for the school facilities plan over 8 years, 2020 to 2027. One mill = \$230.17 cost to average taxpayer.

2018 appropriation - estimated debt service of \$41,644,373, and cost to average taxpayer is \$3,548.14.

2019 appropriation - estimated debt service of \$36,377,554, and cost to average taxpayer of \$3,099.40.

Page 4 - Total Estimated Gross Debt Service Cost to Average Taxpayer, includes WWTP Upgrade and School Facilities Plan. (Does not reflect any use of debt service reserve or other potential reserves).

A. Assumes School Facility Plan Appropriation 2018.

2018-2027 - total \$77,849,914; cost to average taxpayer \$6,632.88.

B Assumes School Facility Plan Appropriation 2019.

2018-2027 - Total \$72,583,095; cost to average taxpayer \$6,184.00

Mr. Milone reiterated the fact that these are gross numbers, without assumption of using reserve accounts, energy rebate or C.N.R. funds. He noted that the Town could be getting up to or over the 10% of the operating budget, and said this is a major concern.

With use of reserve funds in some of the areas, the Town could keep under the 10% level.

Pages 5-10 - these pages show the complete inventory of all the vehicles, odometer or hours of vehicle usage.

Page 6 - Cheshire Library Preliminary Budget Summary - the project cost is \$500,000, and this page shows how the funds will be used. Ms. Burkey also outlines the alternative construction budget at \$250,000.

Page 7 - Memo and information from Fleet Manager Kaczer with his recommendation and concerns about the Parks and Recreation pickup truck purchase.

With regard to the CPD body cameras, Mr. Milone said grants will be pursued if they are available.

Ms. Flynn-Harris commented on OPM having \$15 million, with full reimbursement this year and 50% reimbursement next year and one year of storage for body cameras. She noted many towns will not do this due to the high cost of the cloud storage.

Mr. Slocum said these cameras provide a factual account of what took place.

Referendum Items - Mr. Milone will revisit these items with bond counsel. With a slight modification in some of the items, they would no longer be referendum items.

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Ms. Flynn-Harris.

MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest:

Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk