



**TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SPECIAL HYBRID MEETING
APRIL 27, 2022
APPROVED MINUTES**

1) CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Trinks called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Donald Trinks, Deputy Mayor Lisa Rampulla Bress, Councilor Nuchette Black-Burke, Councilor James Dobler, Councilor Ronald Eleveld, Councilor Kristin Gluck Hoffman, Councilor Kenneth Smith, Councilor Jody Terranova, and Councilor Len Walker

2) PUBLIC COMMENT

George Slate, 74 Ethan Drive, stated that if a surplus of \$2 million is projected, the Council should recycle it and use it as the opening cash balance. He reported that he does not know the status of Chewy and its \$1 million revenue potential. He'd like to hear if the money came in this year or will come in this year and why the town will or will not budget for that. Mr. Slate also stated that he doesn't know how the town budgeted for only a 3.4% budget increase in expenditures when he's seeing projections for social security increases up to 8.5% in the next year and others talking about raging inflation. He suggested adding to expenditure levels between \$1-2 million and call it inflation reserves. He suggested taking another \$1-2 million out of the rainy day fund and adding that to the opening balance and hopefully the town won't need to use it. After the last fiscal year concluded with a \$6 million surplus, he thought it was the least the town could do for the tax payers of this town.

David Furie, 37 Lighthouse Hill Road, spoke of supporting the Board of Education (BOE) budget. He stated that he supported both the budget for the town and BOE. It was a difficult year. Luckily, we had federal funds that were used for necessary items and for taking care of our staff and students. He hoped there would be no tax increase this year.

3) FINAL DELIBERATIONS AND VOTE – None

EXPENDITURES

Board of Education

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Rampulla Bress, seconded by Councilor Smith to accept the proposed budget for the Board of Education of \$76,484,440.

Motion Passed 9-0-0



Town Support for Education

MOVED by Councilor Black-Burke, seconded by Councilor Eleveld to accept the proposed budget for the Town Support for Education of \$5,814,980.

Motion Passed 9-0-0

Safety Services

MOVED by Councilor Terranova, seconded by Councilor Walker to amend the proposed budget for Safety Services of \$12,114,540 to \$12,064,540 through reducing the Windsor Volunteer Ambulance contribution by \$50,000, and furthermore approve an appropriation of \$150,000 in the American Rescue Funds (ARF) to Windsor Volunteer Ambulance.

Councilor Terranova explained that this motion reduces the General Fund transfer to the Windsor Volunteer Ambulance by \$50,000 and approves \$150,000 in ARF for operations and principal retirement.

Motion Passed 9-0-0

Recreation & Leisure Services

MOVED by Councilor Dobler, seconded by Councilor Smith to accept the proposed budget for Recreation & Leisure Services of \$2,297,220.

Motion Passed 9-0-0

Human Services

MOVED by Councilor Walker, seconded by Deputy Mayor Rampulla Bress to accept the proposed budget for Human Services of \$516,110.

Motion Passed 9-0-0

Health Services

MOVED by Councilor Gluck Hoffman, seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the proposed budget for Health Services of \$581,980.

Motion Passed 9-0-0

Library Services

MOVED by Councilor Eleveld, seconded by Councilor Black-Burke to accept the proposed budget for Library Services of \$1,849,810.

Motion Passed 9-0-0



Development Services

MOVED by Councilor Smith, seconded by Deputy Mayor Rampulla Bress to accept the proposed budget for Development Services of \$1,502,270.

Motion Passed 9-0-0

Community Development

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Rampulla Bress, seconded by Councilor Black-Burke to accept the proposed budget for Community Development of \$104,820.

Motion Passed 9-0-0

Public Works & Engineering

MOVED by Councilor Black-Burke, seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the proposed budget for Public Works and Engineering of \$7,106,290.

Motion Passed 9-0-0

Information Services

MOVED by Councilor Terranova, seconded by Deputy Mayor Rampulla Bress to accept the proposed budget for Information Services of \$620,440.

Motion Passed 9-0-0

Administrative Services

MOVED by Councilor Dobler, seconded by Councilor Eleveld to accept the proposed budget for Administrative Services of \$2,795,110.

Motion Passed 9-0-0

General Government

MOVED by Councilor Walker, seconded by Councilor Black-Burke to accept the proposed budget for General Government of \$1,219,070.

Motion Passed 9-0-0

General Services

MOVED by Councilor Gluck Hoffman, seconded by Deputy Mayor Rampulla Bress to amend the proposed budget for General Services of \$17,152,220 to \$16,937,220 by reducing funding for Capital Projects by \$175,000 and the contribution to the Caring Connection Enterprise Fund by \$40,000; furthermore, approve the use of \$100,000 in ARF funds for the Caring Connection Enterprise Fund.



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Councilor Terranova stated that this motion reduces the General Fund transfer to the Caring Connection by \$40,000 and approves \$100,000 in ARF funds for use over the upcoming two fiscal years. Councilor Terranova said that this motion reduces Capital Project funding by \$175,000 with the intent to use the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance in FY 23.

Motion Passed 9-0-0

Expenditure Totals

MOVED by Councilor Eleveld, seconded by Councilor Smith to amend the total proposed General Fund expenditures for the FY 2023 budget of \$130,159,300 by \$265,000 to \$129,894,300 based on the motions discussed.

Motion Passed 9-0-0

REVENUES

MOVED by Councilor Smith, seconded by Deputy Mayor Rampulla Bress to increase Unrestricted Interest Revenue by \$200,000, from \$458,000 to \$658,000, and increase Opening Cash from \$0 to \$1,800,000.

Motion Passed 9-0-0

MOVED by Councilor Smith, seconded by Deputy Mayor Rampulla Bress to decrease Current Levy by \$2,265,000 from \$110,453,290 to \$108,188,290 to balance revenues with expenditures.

Motion Passed 9-0-0

MOVED by Councilor Smith, seconded by Deputy Mayor Rampulla Bress to reduce the proposed budget for Revenues of \$130,159,300 by \$265,000 to \$129,894,300.

Motion Passed 9-0-0

Councilor Terranova stated that the Council took a look at the revenue projection for the interest that we earn on our reserve funds and with the interest rate rising, she thought it was appropriate to increase our prediction for the revenue we would gain from that. Councilor Terranova stated that we would use the opening cash to reduce the tax levy.

Councilor Eleveld explained the ARF to the public.

TAX COLLECTION RATE

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Rampulla Bress, seconded by Councilor Walker to accept the FY 2023 proposed tax collection rate of 98.80%.



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Councilor Eleveld said that the town has been very fortunate with our Tax Collector who does a fantastic job.

Motion Passed 9-0-0

SENIOR TAX RELIEF

MOVED by Councilor Black-Burke, seconded by Councilor Eleveld to accept the amount FY 23 proposed for senior tax relief of \$130,000.

Motion Passed 9-0-0

ENTERPRISE FUNDS

Landfill Enterprise Fund

MOVED by Councilor Terranova, seconded by Deputy Mayor Rampulla Bress to accept the proposed budget for the Landfill Enterprise Fund of \$2,874,240.

Motion Passed 9-0-0

Resident Transfer Station Enterprise Fund

MOVED by Councilor Dobler, seconded by Deputy Mayor Rampulla Bress to accept the proposed budget for the Resident Transfer Station Enterprise Fund of \$439,940.

Motion Passed 9-0-0

Caring Connection Adult Day Care Center

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Rampulla Bress seconded by Councilor Terranova to accept the proposed budget for the Caring Connection Adult Day Care Center of \$419,780.

Motion Passed 7-1-1 (Councilor Smith opposed and Councilor Gluck Hoffman abstained).

Windsor Child Development Enterprise Fund

MOVED by Councilor Walker, seconded by Councilor Black-Burke to accept the proposed budget for the Windsor Child Development Enterprise Fund of \$1,333,340.

Motion Passed 8-1-0 (Councilor Smith opposed).

OTHER FINAL MOTIONS

Price Guide

MOVED by Councilor Gluck Hoffman, seconded by Councilor Dobler to accept the proposed Price Guide.

Motion Passed 9-0-0



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4) SET DATE FOR ANNUAL VOTE ON BUDGET REFERENDUM

MOVED by Councilor Eleveld, seconded by Councilor Gluck-Hoffman that the annual vote on the budget be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, between the hours of 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. at all 7 polling places.

Councilor Eleveld asked if the voters would be using the new voting district. Town Manager Souza stated yes. Councilor Eleveld stated that the public should check where their voting place is located.

Motion Passed 9-0-0

Councilor Terranova stated that the Town Council all worked together to prevent a tax increase for our residents. The mill rate would be 33.27%. The car tax may come into play at the State level, if they actually limit that. The Town Council did a great job to keep this budget to zero.

Councilor Eleveld stated that both sides negotiated on this budget. There will be no change in the tax bill, however, there might be a change with automobiles if the State changes that.

Deputy Mayor Rampulla Bress thanked Councilor Terranova for her leadership.

Mayor Trinks said that Town Manager Souza and town staff made the budget a lot easier on the Council. We all worked together. Mayor Trinks thanked both parties in working together. Tell all your friends to get out to support the budget.

5) ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Rampulla Bress, seconded by Councilor Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Motion Passed 9-0-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Ozaki
Recording Secretary