

TOWN OF WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT

Special Meeting Notice



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AGENCY: Town Council

DATE: June 3, 2024

PLACE: Hybrid Meeting - via Zoom and In-person at Town Hall in Council Chambers

TIME: 6:30 PM


AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. *Complete actions relative to Proposed Fiscal Year 2025 Budget including proposed increases to senior and veterans tax relief amounts (Mayor Black-Burke)
3. *Set date for Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Referendum (Mayor Black-Burke)
4. Adjournment

Agenda Item Summary

Date: June 3, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Town Council

Prepared By: Peter Souza, Town Manager 

Subject: FY 25 Budget Approval and Setting Date for Referendum

The May 14th budget referendum, also referred to as the adjourned town meeting, failed by a margin of 4 votes. A mandatory recount was held on May 15th. The referendum results did not change.

On May 20th the Town Council commenced deliberations and actions to make adjustments to the April 24, 2024 Town Council approved budget. The Town Council did not complete actions that evening, therefore, final motions to adjust the budget are needed as is setting the date for a second budget referendum.

On May 20th the Council approved reducing the General Services portion of the budget by \$355,000. This action reduces the transfer to the Great Pond Improvement District as a result of implementing a 2 year phase-in of property revaluation. The Council also approved a motion to accept all other service unit budgets as adopted by the Town Council on April 24, 2024.

Motions related to approving the total proposed General Fund expenditures, revenues, and the current levy were not acted on. These motions as well as others related to confirming a two year phase in of property revaluation and potential adjustments to increase amounts for senior and veterans tax relief need to be considered and acted upon. Draft motions for these items are attached.

Also, the setting of a referendum date needs to be completed. If the Town Council wishes to have the next referendum on a Tuesday in June, the earliest date would be June 18th. This allows the legal notice to be posted and published in the newspaper with the required seven day notice period. Absentee ballots would be available as soon as Noon on June 4th through the Town Clerk's Office.

FY 2025 Budget Motions
May 20, 2024

EXPENDITURES

General Services (Section Q of Proposed Budget)

FY 2025 Council Adopted Budget 4/24/24	Town Council Action 5/20/24	Amended/Accepted Amount
\$19,642,690	(355,000)	\$19,287,690

Move to amend the proposed budget for General Services of \$19,642,690 by \$355,000 to \$19,287,690.

Motion: Ojala Naeem
Second: Leroy Smith
Vote: **Approved 9-0-0**

Note: This reduces the transfer to the Great Pond Improvement District due to implementing a 2 year phase in of property revaluation.

All Other Service Units

Move to accept all other service unit budgets as adopted by the Town Council on April 24, 2024.

Motion: Ojala Naeem
Second: Mary Armstrong
Vote: **Approved 5-4-0** (Walker, Hoffman, Pelkey, Eleveld opposed)

TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

FY 2025 Council Adopted Budget 4/24/24	Town Council Action 5/20/24	Amended/Accepted Amount
\$143,670,840		

Move to amend the total proposed General Fund expenditures for the FY 2025 budget of \$143,670,840 by \$355,000 to \$143,315,840.

Motion: Ojala Naeem
Second: Leroy Smith
Vote: **NO VOTE TAKEN** AS MOTION TO EXTEND MEETING PAST 11:00 PM FAILED

DRAFT MOTIONS FOR 6/03/24

TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

FY 2025 Council Adopted Budget 4/24/24	Town Council Action 6/03/24	Amended/Accepted Amount
\$143,670,840		

Move to amend the total proposed General Fund expenditures for the FY 2025 budget of \$143,670,840 by \$355,000 to \$143,315,840.

Motion:
Second:
Vote:

GENERAL FUND REVENUES

Revenues (Section B of Proposed Budget)

FY 2025 Council Adopted Budget 4/24/24	Town Council Action 6/03/24	Amended/Accepted Amount
\$143,670,840		

Move to amend the proposed budget for Revenues of \$143,670,840 by \$355,000 to \$143,315,840 to reflect expenditure adjustments.

Motion:
Second:
Vote:

The impact of the above motion(s) requires the current levy to be amended.

Move to amend the Current Levy by \$355,000, from \$117,521,400 to \$117,166,400.

Motion:
Second:
Vote:

Note: The above revenue figures reflects the use of Opening Cash in the amount of \$3,000,000 from the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance as adopted on April 24, 2024

OTHER MOTIONS

Revaluation:

Move to implement the October 2023 revaluation with a two-year phase-in starting FY 2025 with an estimated net taxable grand list for FY 2025 of \$3,928,000,000.

Motion:
Second:
Vote:

Senior Tax Relief:

Move to amend the amount proposed for the senior tax relief by \$129,475 from \$305,000 to \$434,475.

Motion:
Second:
Vote:

Veterans Tax Exemption:

Move to amend the amount proposed for Veterans tax relief by \$15,170, from \$23,100 to \$38,270.

Motion:
Second:
Vote:

Annual Vote:

Move that the annual vote on the budget be held on Tuesday, June 18, 2024 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at all 7 polling places.

Motion:
Second:
Vote:

PROJECTED MILL RATE: 30.32 mills based on the above actions