

TOWN OF GREENWICH
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION BUDGET COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Cone Room
Tuesday, June 10, 2008

Committee:

Present: Michael S. Mason, Chairman; Laurence B. Simon, Robert S. Stone,
Edward T. Krumeich

Board: Nancy Barton, Art Norton, Jim Campbell, Steve Walko, Leslie
Tarkington, Jeff Ramer, Bill Kelly

Staff: Roland Gieger, Budget Director; Peter Mynarski, Comptroller
John Crary, Town Administrator
Princess Erfe, Administrator, Community Development
David Ridberg, Chief; Greg Hannigan, Director; John Brown, Officer,
Police Department
Dan Warzoha, Emergency Management Director
Joe Siciliano, Director; Tom Greco, Manager, Parks and Recreation
Department
Amy Siebert, Acting Commissioner; Al Monelli, Superintendent, Public
Works Department

Also Present: Leslie Moriarty, Vice-Chairman, Board of Education; Frank Mazza,
Hamilton Avenue School Building Committee

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 P.M.

Requests for Budget Adjustments

CD-3 Community Development – Additional Appropriation - \$5,000

Additional Appropriation:

\$ 5,000 to Q19707-59900-27212 Family Centers Rehab

\$ 5,000 from Q19708-59900-28223 2008 CDBG Contingency

Ms. Erfe explained the change to the original request and stated that the Community Development Advisory Committee unanimously approved this request.

The Committee voted 4-0 to approve the request and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a routine application.

PD-3 Police Department – Approval to Use - \$8,000

Approval to Use:

\$ 8,000 to F2131-53520 Hydraulic Marine Davit

\$ 8,000 from Gift from GEMS

Officer Brown explained the funds are to be used for installation, which will be done by the shipyard. In response to Mr. Stone, Chief Ridberg gave an overview of the history of marine patrol coverage over the last five years.

The Committee voted 4-0 to approve the request and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a routine application.

PD-4 Police Department – Transfer - \$550,000

Transfer:
\$400,000 to A217-51010 Regular Salaries
\$150,000 to A216-51010 Regular Salaries

\$300,000 from A211-51010 Regular Salaries
\$ 50,000 from A213-51300 Temporary Salaries
\$ 50,000 from A213-51490 Professional Serv. NOC
\$150,000 from A213-51980 New Positions

Chief Ridberg gave an explanation for the request.

The Committee voted 4-0 to approve the transfer and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a routine application.

SE-28 First Selectman – Transfer - \$208,185

Transfer:
\$146,851 to F105-53950 Supplies & Materials NOC
\$ 61,334 to F105-59250-25113 Communication & Broadcasting

\$168,185 from F105-51490 Professional Serv. NOC
\$ 40,000 from F105-59200-25111

The Committee voted 4-0 to approve the transfer predicated on additional information and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a routine application.

SE-29 First Selectman – Transfer - \$167,090

Transfer:
\$151,259 to F105-53950 Supplies & Materials NOC
\$ 15,831 to F105-59250-25113 Communication & Broadcasting

\$ 83,545 from F105-5110

\$ 82,301 from F105-51490 Professional Serv. NOC
\$ 1,244 from F105-57050

Mr. Warzoha gave an explanation for both SE-28 and SE-29 requests and the items funded. Mr. Krumeich suggested that a list of the items, including descriptions, be presented to the BET. In response to Mr. Simon, Mr. Warzoha explained that the State of Connecticut cut the Reimbursement Program from a dollar for dollar reimbursement for training of fire, police, and EMS personnel to \$200.00 per day. This did not cover a significant amount of the cost, so those programs were cancelled and the funds were used to purchase equipment. These transfers are not in violation of the Grants.

The Committee voted 4-0 to approve the transfer predicated on additional information and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a routine application.

ED-14 Board of Education –Release of Condition - \$200,000

Release of Condition:

\$200,000 to Z6801792-59550-25110 Hamilton Avenue School Project

Mr. Mazza stated the funds are needed for change orders to complete the project. A lengthy discussion followed regarding how much money is needed for completion of the project. In response to Mr. Simon, Mr. Mazza gave an update on the status of the project to date. Mr. Walko stated several issues that the building committee is dealing with, concerning completion of the building.

The Committee voted 4-0 to approve the release of \$125,000 predicated on additional information and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a non-routine application.

Mr. Mason explained that the following series of items were appropriated in the current fiscal year (FY08) and do not had a commitment or contractual obligation at this time. The departments are asking that these appropriations continue in force for one additional year (until June 30, 2009) which the BET has the authority to approve.

PR-3 Parks & Recreation – Continue in Force - \$275,000

Continue in Force:

\$275,000 Z822-59830-28039 Playground Replacement Program

Mr. Siciliano stated that these funds were for the Bruce Park Playground and the Island Beach Playground. Since these funds were budgeted, the Parks and Recreation Dept. has formed a partnership with the Junior League to renovate the Bruce Park Playground and in response to Mr. Mason's questions, Mr. Siciliano explained the plans for this playground.

The Committee voted 4-0 to approve the request and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a routine application.

PW-13 DPW – Continue in Force - \$25,000

Continue in Force:
\$25,000 Z345-59560-28070 Hamill Skating Rink Upgrade Design

Mr. Monelli stated that the funds will be used to hire a cost estimator. In response to Mr. Stone, Mr. Siciliano stated that the Parks and Recreation Department has been in communication with groups regarding use of the rink.

The Committee voted 4-0 to approve the request and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a routine application.

PW-14 DPW – Continue in Force - \$140,000

Continue in Force:
\$140,000 Z312-59610-28071 Tomac Lane Retaining Wall

Ms. Siebert stated that this project has gone out to bid for the construction.

The Committee voted 4-0 to approve the request and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a routine application.

PW-15 DPW – Continue in Force - \$1,160,000

Continue in Force:
\$1,160,000 Z312-59660-28038 Old Field Point Road Drainage

Ms. Siebert stated that this will go to bid by the beginning of July and the funds will be combined with those budgeted in 2008-2009 for this project. Ms. Siebert stated that this is a very complex project.

The Committee voted 4-0 to approve the request and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a routine application.

PW-16 DPW – Continue in Force - \$934,000

Continue in Force:
\$934,000 Z312-59620-28008 Porchuck Road Bridge Replacement

Ms. Siebert stated the design is complete. The DEP Flood Certification permit has come in and they are waiting for the notification from the Federal Highway Administration for authorization to go to bid.

The Committee voted 4-0 to approve the request and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a routine application.

PW-17 DPW – Continue in Force - \$135,000

Continue in Force:
\$135,000 Z312-59620-28007 Round Hill Road Bridge Rehab

Ms. Siebert stated that this was originally a repair project, but the State’s rating on this bridge dropped, which makes it eligible for the Federal Local Bridge Funding Program. They are waiting for State approval of the selected consultant.

The Committee voted 4-0 to approve the request and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a routine application.

PW-18 DPW – Continue in Force - \$1,500,000

Continue in Force:
\$1,500,000 K361-59560-28099 Phase 2 SSES/Storm Drainage

Ms. Siebert explained that they are waiting for the Storm Water Master Plans and they will be committing these funds in stages.

The Committee voted 4-0 to approve the request and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a routine application.

Discussion of Encumbrances and Project Close Outs

Mr. Mason stated that this is a change in process. The Capital Project Appropriation Statement, dated June 10, 2008, was reviewed and a discussion followed regarding the need to close capital projects in a timely manner.

Discussion of Gift Policy

Mr. Mason stated that the using the “August 5, 1996, Procedure for Acceptance of Gifts” as a starting point, the committee will draft a policy to present to the BET at its’ July meeting.

Approval of MC Pay GWI Fiscal Year 2008-2009

This will be presented at the BET on Monday. No vote was taken.

Budget Debriefing

Mr. Mason stated that budget guidelines are a constant in the budgeting process and invited any comments regarding changes to be made them. Mr. Walko stated that the first reading will be on September 16, 2008 which will provide departments with a clear indication of the direction of the guidelines and final approval by the BET will be on October 20, 2008.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Committee voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from the February 4, 2008, Budget Committee Public Hearing, as amended.

The Committee voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from the February 21, 2008, Consolidation Day Meeting.

The Committee voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from the February 27, 2008, Decision Day Meeting, as amended.

The Committee voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2008, Regular Budget Committee Meeting.

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Bocchino, Recording Secretary

Michael S. Mason, Chairman