

**TOWN OF CROMWELL
TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
BUDGET WORKSHOP
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2019
TOWN HALL ROOM 224/5 6:30 P.M**

MINUTES

Present: Mayor E. Faienza, Deputy Mayor R. Newton, F. Emanuele, S. Slade,
A. Waters, M. Johnson (arrived at 6:33 p.m.), J. Demetriades

Absent:

Also Present: Town Manager A. Salvatore, Director of Finance M. Sylvester, Director
Senior/Human/Youth Services A. Saada, Director of Planning and Development/EDC
Coordinator S. Popper, Chief of Police D. Lamontagne, Captain K. Vandersloot, Public
and Press

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Faienza called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

B. BUDGET WORKSHOP

a. Discussion and Action on General Fund Budget Requests:

1. Any unfinished business from March 4, 2019 Budget Workshop.
None

b. Discussion and Action on General Fund Budget Requests:

9. Tax Collector-\$144,353

Presented by D. Sienna

Motion made by F. Emanuele seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried*
to approve **-\$144,353.**

Councilor Johnson arrived

39. Human Services Administration -\$131,951

#39 - #42 presented by A. Saada

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by F. Emanuele and *unanimously carried*
to approve **-\$131,951.**

40. Senior Services -\$87,480

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by J. Demetriades to approve.

Discussion followed regarding Ms. Saada's request to the Town Manager
during the budget process for a full-time driver and a full time Outreach
Position. Town Manager Salvatore stated that he is not opposed to adding a
full-time driver and a part time Outreach Position.

Amended Motion made by S. Slade seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve P/T Outreach Position in the amount of \$22,500.
Main Motion carried to approve **\$109,980**

41. Transportation Service - \$156,640

Motion made by S. Slade seconded by F. Emanuele and *unanimously carried* to add the position of Full Time Driver (\$32,756).

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve **\$189,396.**

42. Youth Service - \$95,298

Motion made by F. Emanuele seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve **-\$95,298.**

1. Town Manager's Office - \$383,915

Presented by A. Salvatore

A. Waters questioned the H/R Coordinator's position stating that the position is not included in the Charter. E. Faienza once again explained that the position was suggested and approved by the Town Council. The Town Manager remains the H/R Director

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *carried* to approve **\$383,915.**

Aye: M. Johnson, S. Slade, E. Faienza, R. Newton, F. Emanuele, J. Demetriades

Nay: A. Waters

Motion carried

Capital Improvement Program requests:

Time Clocks - \$20,000

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by F. Emanuele and *unanimously carried* to approve **\$20,000.**

Space Needs Study - \$35,000

Discussion followed regarding the accuracy of the amount of \$35,000.

Motion made by S. Slade seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve **\$35,000.**

Please refer to end of minutes, the item was reconsidered and removed from the CIP Program for this year.

2. Town Clerk - \$219,242

Presented by J. Ahlquist

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by J. Demetriades and *unanimously carried* to approve **\$219,242.**

Mayor Faienza called for a short recess from 8:13 p.m. – 8:25 p.m.

4. Economic Development -\$22,630

Items #4, 5, 6, 23,24,25 and 26 presented by S. Popper

Motion made by S. Slade seconded by F. Emanuele and *unanimously carried* to approve **-\$22,630.**

4a. Redevelopment Agency-\$900.

Motion made by S. Slade seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve **\$900.**

5. Town Planner-\$133,323

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by S. Slade and *unanimously carried* to approve **-\$133,323.**

6. Development Compliance -\$103,201

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve **-\$103,201.**

Capital Improvement Plan:

SUV Replacement -\$28,000

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *carried* to approve **\$28,000.**

Aye: M. Johnson, A. Waters, E. Faienza, R. Newton, F. Emanuele,
J. Demetriades

Nay: S. Slade

Motion carried

23. Planning Commission \$3,525

Motion made by S. Slade seconded by F. Emanuele and *unanimously carried* to approve **\$3,525.**

24. Zoning Board of Appeals \$1,250

Motion made by S. Slade seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve **\$1,250.**

25. Inland Wetlands \$2,300

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Slade and *unanimously carried* to approve **\$2,300.**

26. Conservation Commission -\$1,210

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve **\$1,210.**

35. Emergency Management -\$19,050

Items # 35, 36 and 37 presented by Chief Lamontagne

Motion made by S. Slade seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve **-\$19,050.**

36. Police -\$3,473,585

Motion made by F. Emanuele seconded by R. Newton to approve.

Discussion followed regarding adding an additional Police Officer.

Amended Motion made by S. Slade seconded by F. Emanuele and *carried* to add \$57,629 and add an additional Police Officer position.

Aye: S. Slade, R. Newton, E. Faienza, F. Emanuele

Nay: M. Johnson, A. Waters, J. Demetriades

Motion carried

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Slade *carried* to approve

\$3,531,214.

Aye: S. Slade, R. Newton, E. Faienza, F. Emanuele

Nay: M. Johnson, A. Waters, J. Demetriades

Motion carried

Capital Improvement Plan:

Replacement Vehicle -\$50,000

Motion made by S. Slade seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve \$50,000.

37. Animal Control -\$89,371

Motion made by S. Slade seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve **-\$89,371.**

16. General Expense -\$589,002

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by F. Emanuele and *unanimously carried* to remove \$25,000 from the CIP Road Improvement Fund. A total of \$300,000 was approved for this item.

Motion made by S. Slade seconded by A. Waters to remove the Planner's request for a replacement vehicle. –motion and second withdrawn.

Motion made by S. Slade seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to remove \$35,000 from CIP Space Needs Study.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve General Expense **\$554,002.**

*The total of approved Capital Improvement Plan items is **\$489,000.***

The increase over last year's budget is at 2.62%.

45. Employee Benefits -\$3,846,399

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve **-\$3,846,399.**

46. Debt Service \$3,704,100

Motion made by F. Emanuele seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve \$3,704,100.

c. Any other Budget matter.

None

d. Approve Grand Total of General Fund Budget

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve \$16,958,517.

C. ADJOURN

Motion made by S. Slade seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary