

**TOWN OF CROMWELL
TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SPECIAL MEETING – BUDGET WORKSHOP**

**Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 4:15 p.m.
Meeting Minutes**

Present: Mayor A. Spotts, Deputy Mayor S. Fortenbach, J. Demetriades (arrived at 5:20 p.m.) J. Donohue, J. Henahan, P. Luna, and A. Waters

Also Present: Town Manager Salvatore, Finance Director M. Sylvester, Chief of Police Lamontagne and Captain Sifodaskalakis

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Spotts called the meeting to order at 4:24 p.m.

B. BUDGET WORKSHOP

1. Any unfinished business from February 28, 2022 Budget Workshop
None.

2. Discussion and Action on General Fund Budget Requests

36. Police Department - \$3,837,472

Chief Lamontagne and Captain Sifodaskalakis were in attendance to answer questions of the Council.

Motion made by J. Henahan and **seconded** by P. Luna and *unanimously carried* to approve \$3,837,472.

37. Animal Control - \$95,414

Motion made by S. Fortenbach and **seconded** by J. Henahan and *unanimously carried* to approve \$95,414.

2. Town Clerk - \$215,953

Motion made by P. Luna and **seconded** by J. Henahan and *unanimously carried* to approve \$215,953.

7. Building Inspection - \$210,771

Motion made by S. Fortenbach and **seconded** by P. Luna and *unanimously carried* to approve \$210,771.

9. Revenue Collections Department - \$159,943

Motion made by S. Fortenbach and **seconded** by J. Henahan and *unanimously carried* to approve \$159,943.

10. Assessor's Office - \$246,990

Motion made by S. Fortenbach and **seconded** by J. Henahan and *unanimously carried* to approve \$246,990.

39. Human Services Administration - \$137,217

Motion made by P. Luna and **seconded** by J. Donohue and *unanimously carried* to approve \$137,217.

40. Senior Services - \$136,972

Motion made by S. Fortenbach and **seconded** by P. Luna and *unanimously carried* to approve \$136,972.

41. Transportation Services - \$152,064

Motion made by S. Fortenbach and **seconded** by J. Henahan and *unanimously carried* to approve \$152,064.

42. Youth Services- \$107,755

Motion made by S. Fortenbach and **seconded** by J. Henahan and *unanimously carried* to approve \$107,755.

44. Library - \$653,393

Motion made by S. Fortenbach and **seconded** by P. Luna and *unanimously carried* to approve \$653,393.

1. Town Manager's Office - \$387,846

Motion made by S. Fortenbach and **seconded** by J. Henahan and *unanimously carried* to approve \$387,846.

8. Finance Department/Treasurer - \$443,179

Motion made by P. Luna and **seconded** by S. Fortenbach and *unanimously carried* to approve \$443,179.

Motion made by J. Henahan and **seconded** by S. Fortenbach and *unanimously carried* to approve the CNR Budget in the amount of \$739,000.

16. General Expense - \$754,002

Motion made by J. Demetriades and **seconded** by P. Luna to *unanimously carried* to approve \$754,002.

45. Employee Benefits - \$4,208,128

Motion made by P. Luna and **seconded** by S. Fortenbach approve \$4,208,128.

In favor: A. Spotts, S. Fortenbach, J. Donohue, J. Henehan, P. Luna, and A. Waters

Abstained: J. Demetriades

Motion carried.

46. Debt Service - \$3,429,499

Motion made by S. Fortenbach and **seconded** by P. Luna and *unanimously carried* to approve \$3,429,499.

Motion made by S. Fortenbach and **seconded** P. Luna and *unanimously carried* to approve the Grand Total Budget in the amount of \$18,556,627.

3. Any other Budget Matters

Town Manager Salvatore handed out the attached ARPA memo that was provided to the Board of Finance. A brief discussion took place regarding ARPA funds.

There was a brief discussion regarding the possibility of funding a Community/Senior Center in the future.

C. ADJOURN

Motion made by J. Donohue and **seconded** by S. Fortenbach and *unanimously carried* to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Amanda Calve
Secretary

TOWN OF CROMWELL

DATE: FEBRUARY 15, 2022
TO: ANTHONY SALVATORE, TOWN MANAGER
FROM: MARIANNE SYLVESTER, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE
RE: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS

Marianne

The Town of Cromwell received \$2,047,830 on June 22, 2021 as a result of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The Town is slated to receive the 2nd half of these funds, another \$2,047,830, in June 2022. In total, the Town is scheduled to receive \$4,095,660. To date, the Town used \$165,000 to give Town and Fire District employees premium pay. The Town Council also authorized setting aside \$615,000, or 15%, for RiverCOG to address the negative impact of the pandemic on the local economy. This set-aside has not yet been committed or expended.

At their February 9th meeting, the Town Council voted to use the Revenue Replacement category for the ARPA funds, based on the (up to) \$10 million standard allowance as defined in the Treasury's Final Rule that came out at the end of December. This category provides for greater flexibility in the way monies can be spent and simplified reporting.

The Public Works and Recreation Departments are requesting the use of ARPA funds to renovate the tennis courts at Watrous Park. The tennis courts had been identified in our internal discussions as one of the projects to be considered for use of ARPA funds, due to their condition, the total benefit to the community (public health, outdoor spaces), and the high cost of the project.

Additional projects being considered include stormwater infrastructure improvements, sewer and water infrastructure improvements, the public works communication system, as well as other larger items of equipment that would generally be outside the scope of the Town's Capital/Non-Recurring program.