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TOWN OF CROMWELL  
TOWN COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
BUDGET WORKSHOP  
MONDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2017  
TOWN HALL ROOM 224/5 6:10 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Mayor E. Faienza, Deputy Mayor R. Newton, Counselors F. Emanuele,  
A. Waters, T. Tokarz, S. Slade, E. Widders

Absent:

Also Present: Town Manager A. Salvatore, Director of Finance M. Sylvester, Town Clerk  
J. Ahlquist, Registrars, B. Anderson and A. Kelly, Building Official D. Jolley, Tax  
Collector D. Sienna, Health Director W. Bell, Director of Recreation and Youth Services  
C. Rusack, Library Director D. Carter, Chief of Police D. LaMontagne, Director of  
Public Works L. Spina, Parks & Grounds Supervisor M. Conant, Public and Press

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Faienza called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

**B. BUDGET WORKSHOP**

**a. Discussion and Action on General Fund Budget Requests:**

**2. Town Clerk -\$208,223**

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by E. Widders and *unanimously carried* to  
approve \$208,223.

**3. Elections Department-\$75,477**

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by T. Tokarz and *unanimously carried* to  
approve \$75,477.

**7. Building Inspection-\$193,277**

**Motion** made by E. Widders seconded by F. Emanuele and *unanimously carried* to  
approve \$193,277.

**9. Tax Collector -\$144,537**

**Motion** made by F. Emanuele seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to  
approve \$144,537.

**38. Health Department-\$185,277**

**Motion** made by E. Wenners seconded by F. Emanuele and *unanimously carried* to approve **\$185,277.**

**42. Youth Services-\$110,364**

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by F. Emanuele and *unanimously carried* to approve **\$110,364.**

**43. Recreation-\$254,076**

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by T. Tokarz to approve \$254,076.

A lengthy discussion followed regarding funding programs for People with Special Needs versus funding programs for people without Special Needs. Town Manager Salvatore stated that he contacted Town Attorney, Kari Olson, regarding this issue and received an opinion that all programs have to be equal. Attorney Olson also stated that the way programming and payments were handled in the past were not appropriate. Recreation Director C. Rusack stated that in the past people with special needs were sent to programs outside of the Town of Cromwell and he feels that it would be beneficial to the participants as well as their families to stay in town and bond with Cromwell families. In the past there were no programs in Cromwell; he is in the process of planning spring programs such as, Music Therapy, Stretch Therapy and Intro- to Sports and Games. In addition he is helping to promote Chill Toppsoccer, Rocky Hill Challenger Baseball which are also special needs program. Additional programs will be planned according to the applicable season.

Mayor Faienza stated that he and Town Manager Salvatore have spoken to and met with a group of parents that have children with special needs and are aware of their concerns. Since Special Needs programs were not handled properly in the past they are working to correct this situation. Mayor Faienza suggested adding \$5,000 to Program Subsidy to fund programs that may be more costly, such as for people with Special and or financial needs.

The consensus of the majority of the Council was that everyone that needs Financial Aid must apply to receive assistance.

**Amended Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by F. Emanuele and *carried* to add \$5,000 to Program Subsidy Line Item.

Aye: T. Tokarz, F. Emanuele, E. Faienza, R. Newton, E. Wenners

Nay: A. Waters, S. Slade

*Amended Motion carried*

**Motion** made by E. Wenners seconded by F. Emanuele and *carried* to approve **\$259,076.**

Aye: T. Tokarz, F. Emanuele, E. Faienza, R. Newton, E. Wenners

Nay: A. Waters, S. Slade

*Mayor Faienza called for a five-minute recess. The meeting resumed at 7:30 p.m.*

**22. Committee to Support People with Disabilities-\$100**

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by F. Emanuele and *unanimously carried* to approve **\$100.**

**44. Library-\$590,579**

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by F. Emanuele and *unanimously carried* to approve **\$590,579.**

**35. Emergency Management-\$19,950**

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve **\$19,950.**

**36. Police-\$3,352,449**

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by F. Emanuele and *unanimously carried* to approve **\$3,352,449.**

**37. Animal Control-\$79,658**

**Motion** made by S. Slade seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve **\$79,658.**

**27. Public Works Department -\$4,228,648**

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by F. Emanuele and *unanimously carried* to approve **\$4,228,648.**

**1. Town Manager-\$355,302**

Waters stated that it is his opinion that hiring a Human Resources Position goes against the Charter. Several Counselors disagreed with Mr. Waters' statement.

After a short discussion the consensus of the Council was that a part time Human Resources Coordinator should be approved. The research to hire a part time Human Resources Coordinator was done by the Town Manager as part of his goals for 2017 that were assigned to him by the Council.

**Motion** made by T. Tokarz seconded by A. Waters and *carried* to approve **-\$355,302.**

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

Nay: A. Waters

*Motion carried*

**8. Finance/Treasurer Department-\$387,996**

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve \$387,996.

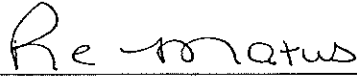
**b. Any other Budget matter.**

None

**C. ADJOURN**

**Motion** made by S. Slade seconded by F. Emanuele and *unanimously carried* to adjourn the Special Meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Re Matus". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Re Matus  
Secretary