

**TOWN OF CROMWELL
TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
BUDGET WORKSHOP
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2017
TOWN HALL ROOM 224/5 6:30 P.M**

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MINUTES

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

Absent:

Also Present: Town Manager A. Salvatore, Director of Finance M. Sylvester, Assessor
S. Baron, Senior/Human Services Director A. Saada, Director of Planning and
Development S. Popper, Public and Press

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Faienza called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

B. BUDGET WORKSHOP

a. Discussion and Action on General Fund Budget Requests:

1. Any unfinished business from February 27, 2017 Budget Workshop.

Town Manager Salvatore asked for an adjustment in #36. Police Department Budget.

A clerical error was made during the budget preparation in a wage line causing an
\$8,000 shortage.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by F. Emanuele and *unanimously carried* to
reopen #36. Police Department and approve increasing the wage line \$8,000.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by E. Wenners and *unanimously carried* to
approve the amended total of the Police Department Budget of \$3,360,449.

E. Wenners provided a copy of a page of the December 14th Council Meeting when the
Manager's goals were discussed, The minutes show a request was made by Mr. Wenners
to increase and expand the sidewalk program to specifically include the area around
Valor Green as well as other selected roads.

Town Manager Salvatore stated that he would do his best to find funds within the Public
Works Budget to install sidewalks especially in the area of Valor Green.

b. Discussion and Action on General Fund Budget Requests:

10. Assessor's Office-\$231,901

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by E. Wenners and *unanimously carried* to
approve \$231,901.

21. Board of Assessment-\$3,200

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve **\$3,200.**

39. Human Services Administration-\$118,139

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by F. Emanuele and *unanimously carried* to approve **\$118,139.**

40. Senior Services-\$95,862

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by F. Emanuele and *unanimously carried* to approve **\$95,862.**

41. Transportation Service-\$118,427

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by F. Emanuele and *unanimously carried* to approve **\$118,427.**

4. Economic Development-\$13,336

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by F. Emanuele and *unanimously carried* to approve **\$13,336.**

5. Town Planner-\$142,781

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by T. Tokarz and *unanimously carried* to approve **\$142,781.**

6. Development Compliance-\$103,117

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by T. Tokarz and *unanimously carried* to approve **\$103,117.**

23. Planning Commission-\$3,225

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by F. Emanuele and *unanimously carried* to approve **\$3,225.**

24. Zoning Board of Appeals-\$1,535

Motion made by T. Tokarz seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve **\$1,535.**

25. Inland Wetlands-\$2,200

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by T. Tokarz and *unanimously carried* to approve **\$2,200.**

26. Conservation Commission-\$1,510

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by T. Tokarz and *unanimously carried* to approve **\$1,510.**

12. Donations & Dues-\$46,042

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by F. Emanuele to approve \$46,042.

A lengthy discussion followed with Counselor Waters and Slade requesting that the Middletown Transit request be reduced by \$1,000 and be reallocated to other Cromwell Organizations. Town Manager Salvatore stated that they haven't received an increase since F/Y 02/03 and their request was for \$10,000. He felt that it was appropriate to raise Cromwell's donation this year since they bring many riders to shop at Cromwell businesses.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by S. Slade to reduce the Middletown Transit donation from \$4,000 to \$3,000 and distribute the \$1,000 between other Cromwell organizations.

Aye: S. Slade, A. Waters

Nay: T. Tokarz, F. Emanuele, E. Faienza, R. Newton, E. Wengers

Motion failed.

Main Motion to approve \$46,042 *carried*.

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

Nay: S. Slade, A. Waters

13. Legal Expense-\$222,764

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve \$222,764.

(After a short discussion with the Finance Director and Town Manager of whether to reduce this line the consensus of the Council was to approve the requested amount.)

14. Central Service-\$140,300

Motion made by F. Emanuele seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve \$140,300.

15. Insurance Expense-\$595,400

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve \$595,400.

16. General Expense-\$791,001

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by E. Wengers to approve.

R. Newton spoke about removing the Economic Development \$30,000 request for the Phase II Environmental Study. A short discussion followed.

Amended Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Slade and *unanimously carried* to remove the CNR request of \$30,000 for the Phase II Environmental Study.

Motion made by F. Emanuele seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve \$761,001.

17. Town Council-\$36,730

Motion made by T. Tokarz seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve \$36,730.

18. Board of Finance-\$1,350

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by T. Tokarz and *unanimously carried* to approve \$1,350.

20. Charter Revision Committee-\$1,501

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by F. Emanuele and *unanimously carried* to approve \$1,501.

45. Employee Benefits-\$3,406,867

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve \$3,406,867.

46. Debt Service-\$3,687,524

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve \$3,687,524.

c. Any other Budget matter.

None

d. Approve Grand Total of General Fund Budget

Motion made by S. Slade seconded by R. Newton and *carried* to approve \$16,246,101.

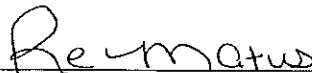
Aye: T. Tokarz, A. Waters, F. Emanuele, R. Newton, E. Faienza, E. Wenners

Nay: S. Slade (disagreed with requested item in #12 Donations)

C. ADJOURN

Motion made by S. Slade seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to adjourn the Special Meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Secretary