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BUDGET MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL, FEBRUARY 11, 2012 AT 9:00 A.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF BOROUGH HALL.

Mayor Dempsey's statement re: Open Public Meetings Act of 1975 and that notice was given to the Coast Star and the Asbury Park Press on December 7, 2011.

ROLL CALL: Present: Council Members Bossone, Connolly, Donovan, Grasso, Mangan, and McCarthy

Absent:

Also present was Administrator/CMFO Joseph DeIorio

BUDGET UPDATE

Mr. DeIorio advised the council the tax collection rate for 2011 was 98.49% which is down a half percent. He stated the auditor and himself will be working on the revenues for all three budgets and on Wednesday they will be discussing the revenue impacts on the budget. He stated that there are several smaller departments that have put in additional financial requests and they are First Aid Squad, Library, Shade Tree and Office of Emergency Management. He stated that he will be reviewing them and he will provide a summary to the Mayor and Council with an attachment of their requests. He stated that he does not recommend meeting with each of them, as it would take up a lot of time.

Municipal Court Budget – Court Clerk Marie Higgins and Municipal Court Judge Capotorto were present.

Mr. DeIorio stated that overall the Municipal Court Budget is down from last year. He went over the reasons for the budget being down.

There was discussion on revenues being down and the court security required by Judge Lawson and the possibility of additional requests being made.

Judge Capotorto stated that whatever is decided on as to the security whether it is a bailiff or a wand it would be split 50/50 with Brielle.

Police Department Budget – Present was Chief Police Pro Tem Correia

Mr. DeIorio stated that the amount budgeted and the amount spent was much less and they went back and worked under the premise that a flat budget will be presented with the understanding that they would go back to this budget should the need to reduce the expenditures due to a tax rate or to meet the 2% cap. He stated that overall the police budget is down from last year with the one major difference being the request for vehicles.

Mr. DeIorio started with the wages and salaries where there is a \$75,000 savings.

Chief Police Pro Tem Correia stated that he has budgeted for the 17th officer, which is the level that the Governing Body had decided on back in 2010 with the retirement of Officer Gillespie. He went over the retirements and how many officers there are. He stated that he has budgeted for the new hire effective March 1, 2012. He went over the make up of the police department and what changes will be made.

Mr. DeIorio went over the officer's salary changes, which would affect the wages and salary line.

Chief of Police Pro Tem Correia went over the special officer's salary line and Crossing Guards salary line.

There was discussion on the number of officers needed to be back at full capacity.

Mr. DeIorio went over the dispatchers salary line.

There was discussion on the salary for dispatchers and how the overtime is organized.

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Mr. DeLorio stated that the difference in the budget from last year is \$3,585 less.

Other Expense sub account

Mr. DeLorio stated that all the back up documents are attached for the council's review. He stated that the amounts have not changed from last year except for the vehicle request as well as an increase to meetings over last year.

There was discussion on the vehicles that were purchased last year and which vehicles were replaced and the rotation of the vehicles in the police department. There was also discussion on the vehicles and repair costs to them.

Mr. DeLorio stated that overall the operating budget should focus on the number of vehicles, if any, to purchase for the police department.

Chief Pro Tem Correia stated that car #6 was totaled in an accident and the Borough received \$12,752 from the insurance company.

Mayor Dempsey stated that car 4 would be about \$24,000 with the insurance payment of \$12,752 and if the beach purchases the car (car# 5) that it usually buys, he agrees that the police department would need to replace the Durango replace. He stated that for the second car it is only costing about \$12,000 and then the department would be back in sync with the normal rotation.

Mr. DeLorio stated that the net affect would be \$12,000 and change impact to the current budget using what the Mayor just recommended.

It was recommended that cars 4,5, and 6 be replaced using the insurance payment towards car #6 and the beach purchasing car #5 replacement. Car #4 would be replaced through the police budget.

There was discussion on the expense of transferring the license reader equipment to a new police vehicle and the change over of equipment to a new car.

Mr. DeLorio stated that the net affect to the current budget would be \$49,026 with the purchase of three (3) vehicles. He stated that is was \$91,776 minus the insurance check of \$12, 750 and that sub total is \$79,026 and then \$30,000 gets charged to the Beach with a net affect of \$49,026.

Council Member McCarthy wanted to know if the Durango could be handed down to the Code Department.

Chief Pro Tem Correia stated that the Durango could not be used but car #5 could be used for the Code Enforcement.

Mayor Dempsey stated that he had a comment about the radios. He stated that the Borough might be looking for shared services for dispatch and suggested not buying any radios until he knows which way the Borough is going to go.

Council Member Connolly wanted to know why less tickets were written which brought the Court revenue down.

Chief Pro Tem Correia stated that he believes that there was a very compliant group at the beach and it seems that it was a year that the crowds were behaved. He stated that he also believes that it has to do with the strict enforcement that reaps the benefit as far as compliance.

There was discussion on the staffing of the police department over the summer.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Council Member Connolly made a motion to open the meeting up to the public, seconded by Council Member McCarthy. Motion carried unanimously.

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Lou Coccozza, 45 N. Potter Avenue made a statement regarding the comment that Council Member Mangan said with regards to the Council breaking a promise on the police vehicles. He stated that Council Mangan was not on the council at that time but he was present for all those meetings and at no time did anyone on the council try to break that promise. He stated that it was a very difficult time for the Council to decide not to replace vehicles at that time because it was the circumstances of the economy and the 2% cap and the budget overrode those necessities at that time.

Council Member Connolly made a motion to close the public portion, seconded by Council Member Bossone. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Mangan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10: 20 a.m., seconded by Council Member Connolly. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Ilaria
Municipal Clerk

DATE APPROVED 4-16-12