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**BUDGET MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL, JANUARY 31, 2015 AT
9:06 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 18, 2014 and January 5, 2015.

ROLL CALL: Present: Council Members Lee, Sinneck, Donovan, Mangan, Olivera, and McCarthy

Absent: None

Also present was Municipal Administrator/CMFO Joseph DeIorio.

Police Department

Chief Correia and Captain Bauer were also present to present the budget.

Chief Correia went over salary and wages and advised that the 5.9% increase is due to the increase in contractual obligation and meeting the salary increases.

There was discussion on \$70,000 Beach Utility in salary and wages and \$30,000 for a new vehicle from the beach utility. There was also discussion on salary and wages and how they will be affected in the coming years.

There was discussion on dispatch overtime and dispatch services through Wall for a possible interlocal agreement. There was also discussion on cutting the dispatch overtime to be the same as the previous year.

It was suggested that the dispatch overtime be reduced to \$61,405.

There was discussion on the police officers and injuries and how workers compensation is paid. There was also discussion on the special officers' budget.

Chief Correia proposed that as of July 1, 2015 the 2 records support staff employees be re-titled to Records Support Technician 2 for an annual rate increase of \$1500 per year per employee.

Council Member Mangan asked if there has been or will there be a committee discussion about these title adjustments.

Chief Correia went over the operating expenses including printing, repairs, police bikes, professional services, and uniforms.

There was discussion on new hires and the academy costs.

It was recommended that there be a new hire in August which would be reflected in the budget.

Chief Correia went over training costs, meetings, memberships, new equipment, radios, photography, and firearms. He recommended reducing line item #118 Firearms, ammunition to \$6,200. He also went over holsters and gun racks for the cars, traffic signs, crime prevention and DARE.

It was recommended that line item #120 be reduced to \$10 as there is a donation received every year for the DARE Program.

There was a discussion on crossing guards with the closure of St. Denis.

Chief Correia continued the budget with petty cash and beach miscellaneous.

Council Member Mangan stated that there has been about a \$2000 cut today and he would like to see a few thousand dollars shaved off the \$101,000 amount for O/E and

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that he would like to meet to go over the lay out of the budget documents for next year.

Chief Correia stated that he could talk to Captain Bauer and go over the firearms line item to see if there could be any more cut out of this line item. He stated that they could look to see what else can be cut back or reduced.

Chief Correia continued with the Capital Improvements which included the speed trailer.

There was discussion on the speed trailer and fixed signs.

Council Member Mangan requested that three fixed speed signs at \$5,000 each on the wish list for capital discussion on the 21st.

There was discussion on dash mounted radar.

Mr. DeIorio stated that he has \$26,000 for speed trailer and fixed radars and \$7,220 for dash mounted radars.

Chief Correia went over the Powerheart AED and advised that 2 new ones were purchased last year and he is requesting 2 more for this year to stagger the purchases so they do not all need to be replaced in one year. He advised that the 2 from last year came out of the technology bond and is requesting that the 2 to be purchased this year come from the same bond. He went over the Flashback 3 MVR which is the mobile video recorders in all the patrol cars. He advised that it is state mandated and they are short by 2 of the devices.

Mr. DeIorio stated that this item can go under capital or be purchased from the technology bond.

Council Member Mangan stated that if the council is good with the money for these items coming from the technology bond they could be purchased prior to the budget being approved.

Chief Correia went over the request for two new vehicles. He went over the cars and how old they are and repairs to the vehicles over the past two years. He went over Car #1 and Car #3.

Council Member Mangan stated that he is in agreement with the one patrol car purchase to continue with the police car replacement program and then there would only need to be a discussion on car #1, the Chief's car.

Chief Correia stated that Car #3 could stay in service for another year as he believes the Chief's car needs replacement.

There was discussion on the replacement of Car #1 and Car #3. There was also discussion on the Chief getting the Superintendent's Jeep then a new pick-up truck could be purchased for DPW with a plow.

Council Member Mangan stated that the first vehicle should be put in the budget and the second vehicle needs to be followed up in discussion on the 21st which would be to switch DPW truck to the Chief and buy a truck with a plow or buy the Chief a new vehicle.

Council Member Sinneck stated that a third idea would be to do nothing.

There was discussion on the DPW trucks and what is requested in that budget as far as vehicle requests.

There was a short recess.

Debt Service Discussion

Mr. DeLorio stated that the discussion will be on the debt service and particularly for debt service for the current budget. He went over the debt schedule that was handed out to council which has been updated. He advised that this schedule reflects projects that were done last year and the impact on the Sandy debt for this year. He advised that the capital improvement funds are also included with the schedule. He went over the bond anticipation note payment for 2015, Borough Hall long term financing, and Sea Watch long term financing.

There was discussion on the current debt of the Borough and the Sandy Debt.

Mr. DeLorio went over the current debt, Sandy debt, and current capital Sandy bond ordinance and the balance of the bond.

There was discussion on the bonds, balances and reimbursements.

Mr. DeLorio went over the Community Disaster Loan (CDL) which the Borough received.

There was discussion on the loans and down payments on capital items.

Mr. DeLorio went over the EIT loans and the program.

Revenue Position

Mr. DeLorio stated that the courts and construction revenues are starting to take trend down to normal and the police fines are coming down.

Capital Projects

Mr. DeLorio stated that this would cover EIT, Storm Water Conveyance of Perrine Blvd., and marina projects. He went over the NJEIT program for the marina.

There was discussion on the bulkhead and marina project and which options the council would like Maser Consulting to move forward with submitting for EIT program.

James Priolo from Maser Consulting went over the two (2) EIT applications one for Clean Water and one for Drinking Water. He went over the hand outs for the applications for these two (2) projects. He went over how these applications tie into the bulk head replacement project.

There was discussion on the bulkhead and Perrine Blvd. elevation and a tentative timeline for any projects involving the bulkhead.

Mr. Priolo went over the scope of work for different projects that the Borough might want to move forward with regarding the bulkhead and the EIT loans that can be submitted.

There was discussion on the different bulkhead and marina projects and different ways to move forward with the proposed projects. There was discussion on the funding of the projects and the scope of projects. There was also discussion on the possibility of removing the docks and marina.

It was recommended that Maser Consulting move forward with submitting the EIT documents.

There was discussion on the water main on Perrine Blvd. and the improvement of the water flow which is not critical.

Council Member Mangan suggested meeting on February 21, 2015 for a budget meeting to discuss the bulkhead.

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Mr. DeIorio stated that at the next scheduled council meeting on Monday there will be authorization for Maser Consulting to move forward with the application and payment is subject to certification of funds.

Mr. DeIorio stated that there needs to be a discussion on advanced metering which is part of EIT program. He went over the program and how it would benefit the Borough.

Tom Nicastro, Superintendent of Public Works updated the council on the meters and how it would benefit the Borough and the process of the meter readings with the old meters and the new meters.

There was discussion on the meters.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Council Member Sinneck made a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Council Member Mangan. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no comment Council Member Mangan made a motion to close the public portion, seconded by Council Member Olivera. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Sinneck made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:30 p.m., seconded by Council Member Mangan. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Ilaria
Municipal Clerk

DATE APPROVED 5-4-15