

FEBRUARY 25, 2017

BUDGET MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL, FEBRUARY 25, 2017 AT 9:00 A.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF BOROUGH HALL.

Council President Mangan read the statement re: Open Public Meetings Act of 1975 and that adequate notice has been provided by transmitting the Resolution of Annual Meetings to the Asbury Park Press and the Coast Star, by posting it in the Borough Hall on a bulletin board reserved for such announcements, and by posting it on the official website of the borough.

Council President Mangan welcomed the audience and invited them to join in a moment of silent prayer and a salute to the Flag.

ROLL CALL: Present: Council Members Lee, Walsh, Mangan, Olivera, Read, and Bossone

Absent: None

Also present was CFO Amy Spera and Borough Administrator Thomas Flarity.

Council President Mangan went over the process of the budget introduction and adoption. He thanked the CFO for her draft document and work on the budget. He advised that March 11 will be the current fund budget meeting. He stated that each of the committees has had a chance to review their respective budget in committee with the department heads.

Water/Sewer Budget

Borough CFO Amy Spera went over the draft water/sewer budget. She stated that the budget will have an overall increase of 3% due to the increase in SMRSA bill and the additional debt incurred due to the new water meters project. She went over the salaries and wages which will decrease by 8% overall and she advised that other expenses will see a decrease of 6% overall.

There was discussion on the SMRSA increase.

Ms. Spera continued with capital improvements which has a decrease of 13% overall.

There was discussion on improvements to Borough Property and Fire Hydrant line items. It was suggested to keep the line items in the budget as this is a replacement program.

Ms. Spera went over the increase in debt which is due to additional NJEIT loans that have closed for the water meter project. She went over the debt history from 2012 to 2016 for the water/sewer and she went over the debt projection for 2017 to 2021 for the water/sewer. She stated that the projections are not inclusive of the Community Disaster Loan that is outstanding. She went over statutory expenditure increases which includes the pension bill.

Council President Mangan stated that the water/sewer budget is a little different from the other budgets in that the revenue side of this has already been set for the year as the rates need to be set in December for the following year. He stated that these rates have already been raised by 3% in December.

Ms. Spera stated that due to the increase of the expenditures there will need to be an increase in the surplus used of 4%.

Council President Mangan went over the 5 year history of the anticipated vs. actual revenue. He went over the new water meters and how that relates to revenues.

There was discussion on the new water meters and how it will affect revenues.

Council Member Bossone stated that the money for the fire hydrants should stay in the budget to cover any issues that might come in at the end of the year for replacement/repairs.

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Council Member Mangan explained the reasoning behind keeping the money in the budget at this time.

It was suggested that Council Member Bossone look into where the Borough stands with replacement/repair of the fire hydrants before the budget is finalized.

Beach Budget

Ms. Spera went over the overall increase in the beach budget of 3% which is due to the annual salary and wages and she went over the increase in other expenses overall of 4% which includes repairs and equipment. She advised that there is a request from the beach to purchase a tractor and skid steer. She stated that the debt this year has a decrease of 1%. She went over the debt history and the debt projection through 2020 and advised that the debt is not inclusive of the Community Disaster Loan that is outstanding.

Council President went over the past program to renovate the beach buildings and now it is time to rebuild Sea Watch.

Ms. Spera went over the debt history and the debt projection through 2020 and she went over the 2017 expenditures compared to 2014 appropriations. She also went over the past 5 year history of anticipated vs. actual revenue. She explained the reason for having to increase the use of surplus by 5% and she explained the increase in anticipated revenues of 3%.

There was discussion on the increases in the beach budget compared to last year.

Beach Manager Walter Wall was also present for this discussion.

There was discussion on the salaries and wages and the reason for the increase and there was discussion on other expenses.

Council Member Lee reported on the CDBG ADA intersection work that will begin shortly and an issue with blowing sand on the Riddleway ramp and the possibility of a retaining wall. He also stated that the committee is looking into meter parking in the beach parking lots.

There was discussion on the beach fencing and the need for replacement.

There was discussion on the personnel at the beach with regards to salary and wages and the large purchases of equipment and the possibility of renting some of the equipment.

There was also discussion on bonding for the large purchase of equipment and there was discussion on the possibility of sharing a vehicle with the police department.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

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

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

Council Member Walsh made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 a.m., seconded by Council Member Lee. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Ilaria
Municipal Clerk

Date Approved 3/20/17