

The Committee of the Whole on the Budget met on Wednesday – June 2nd at 6pm, Saturday – June 5th at 8:30am and Tuesday June 8th, 2021 at 6pm with all meetings being held in the City Council Chambers at City Hall

The meetings were presided over by Councilor Michael Mclaughlin. There were quorums present at all meetings. The attendance of the City Council was recorded at each meeting and the roll call sheets are attached for the record. Council President Wayne Matewsky was absent from all three meetings due to rehabilitation from recent surgery. Councilor Michael Marchese was out of State on business and was absent from the June 8th meeting.

These Budget meetings were video- taped by ECTV and are available on the City website for the record.

Chief Financial Officer Eric Demas and Budget Director Lauren Chapman were present at all of these meetings.

The Committee of the Whole for the City Council met pursuant to Section 6-4 of the City Charter to take the appropriate action on the FY22 Operating Budget

The Committee interviewed every Department in the City, including the School Department, and examined each Department's budget, line item by line item including the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget, Capital Improvement Plan, ECTV Budget and followed up with a question and answer period. Representatives of each Department were present for the proceedings.

City Department Heads present at the June 2nd meeting were Deanna Deveney, ECTV; Jeanne Cristiano, Veterans; Matt Lattanzi, Library & Planning & Development; Jay Monty, Transportation; Robert Moreschi, Purchasing; Bernard Devereux, Assessor; Colleen Mejia, City Solicitor; Chad Luongo, 311/Constituent Services; Kevin Dorgan, Information Technology and Sergio Cornelio, City Clerk/City Council. At this meeting Councilor Capone recommended that \$22,000 be cut from the City Council reimbursable expense account but the motion failed on a 4-6 vote (attached). The June 2nd meeting adjourned at 7:24pm.

City Department Heads present at the June 5th meeting were Mayor' Chief of Staff Erin Deveney, Executive/Health and Wellness; Eric Demas, Auditor/Treasurer/Human Resources/Human Services/Capital Improvement; Chief Steve Mazzie, Police/E911; Chief Anthony Carli, Fire; Angelo Febbo, DPW Facilities Maintenance; Jerry Navarra, Public Works; Ernie Larivere; Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund; George Lane, Inspectional Services and Dale Palma, Elder Services. At this meeting the following cuts were recommended but failed:

- Councilor Capone recommended that \$6,000 be cut from the Executive Office Auto Allowance but motion failed to pass on a 3-6 vote.
- Councilor Capone recommended that \$16,300 be cut from the Executive office Advertising account but the motion failed on a 5-5 vote.
- Councilor Capone recommended that \$25,000 be cut from the Executive office Other Expenses account but the motion failed on a 3-7 vote.

- Councilor Capone recommended that \$25,000 be cut from the Executive Office Official Celebration account but the motion failed on a 2-8 vote.
- Councilor Capone recommended that \$25,000 be cut from the DPW Executive Citywide Seasonal Expenditures account but the motion failed on a 2-5 vote.
- Councilor Capone recommended that \$100,000 be cut from the DPW Parks & Cemeteries Landscaping account but the motion failed on a 4-4 vote.

At this meeting the following cuts were recommended and passed:

- Councilor Capone recommended that \$1,300 be cut from the Treasurer/Collector longevity Account #01-145-1-5143 which passed on a 5-1 vote.
- Councilor DiFlorio recommended that \$20,000 be cut from the DPW Executive Body Shop Repairs account # 01-490-2-5583 which passed on a 5-3 vote. All voting records for these proposed cuts are attached. The June 5th meeting adjourned at 2:15pm.

The June 8th meeting was held on the FY22 School budget, present at this meeting were Chief Financial Officer Eric Demas, City Solicitor Colleen Mejia, Superintendent of Schools Priya Tahiliani, Chief Financial Officer of Schools Anu Jayanth, Assistant Superintendent Charles Obremski and School Committee members Chairman Frank Parker, Mayor Carlo DeMaria, Marcony Barros, Cynthia Sarnie, Dana Murray, Samantha Lambert, Tom Abruzesse, Millie Cardello and Allen Panarese. Superintendent Tahiliani provided the Committee with an introduction and overview of the proposed \$98,862,378.00 FY22 School budget and she and Ms Jayanth provided the Committee with a PowerPoint presentation on the budget. Communication received from Dyna Louis, Student Representative/Ex Officio School Committee Member requesting that the School Committee and City of Everett commit to a long term plan dedicated to the students of Everett. The Committee discussed per pupil spending, enrollment projections, remote learning back to classrooms, pandemic financial aid to schools, teacher contracts as well as cleaning, extermination and budget contracts. Councilor Hanlon pointed out that there appeared to be a position missing and \$96,000+ unaccounted for in high school section of budget and Ms. Jayanth agreed to look into. Councilor McLaughlin requested a breakdown of where the \$10 million dollar increase to school budget was being spent and Superintendent of Schools Priya Tahiliani and Chief Financial Officer of Schools Anu Jayanth agreed to provide. The Committee recommended that the Fiscal year 2022 School Budget submitted by the School Department in the sum of **\$98,862,378.00** be passed. The June 8th meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

The Committee then recommended that the Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Appropriation Bill (Budget) as submitted by His Honor Mayor Carlo DeMaria in the sum \$218,989,204.00 be passed by Order hereto attached as amended by the Committee by reducing **\$21,300.00** from the budget sum from the following line items:

Treasurer/Collector	- 01-145-1-5143	Longevity	\$1,300
DPW Executive	- 01-490-2-5583	Body Shop Repairs	\$20,000

The Committee also recommended that the Fiscal year 2022 Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget submitted by His Honor Mayor Carlo DeMaria in the sum of **\$21,034,345.00** be passed by Order hereto attached.

The Committee also recommended that the Fiscal year 2022 Capital Improvement Plan submitted by His Honor Mayor Carlo DeMaria in the sum of **\$21,096,000.00** be passed by Order hereto attached.

The Committee also recommended that the Fiscal year 2022 ECTV Budget submitted by His Honor Mayor Carlo DeMaria in the sum of **\$583,987.00** be passed by Order hereto attached.

The Committee, after further discussion, concluded that there were no other areas of the budget, as submitted by the Mayor, that should be cut and that they were prohibited by statute from adding on.

Accordingly, the Committee voted: To report back to the City Council with a recommendation for:

- favorable action on the FY 22 Budget as submitted by the Mayor and as amended by the City Council on the revised sum of **\$218,967,904.00**,
- a favorable recommendation on the FY22 Water & Sewer Enterprise Budget as submitted by the Mayor in the sum of **\$21,034,345.00**
- a favorable recommendation on the FY22 Capital Improvement plan as submitted by the Mayor in the sum of **\$21,096,000.00**
- and a favorable recommendation on the FY22 ECTV Budget as submitted by the Mayor in the sum of **\$583,987.00**

with the appropriate Orders hereto attached.

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley
Clerk of Committees

ORDER:

OFFERED BY COMMITTEE OF WHOLE ON BUDGET

BE IT

ORDERED:

That the FY 22 Budget as submitted by the Mayor is hereby recommended for approval as amended by the Committee on the revised sum of \$218,967,904.00,

ORDER:

OFFERED BY COMMITTEE OF WHOLE ON BUDGET

BE IT

ORDERED:

That the FY22 Water & Sewer Enterprise Budget as submitted by the Mayor in the sum of \$21,034,345.00 is hereby recommended for approval by the Committee.

ORDER:

OFFERED BY COMMITTEE OF WHOLE ON BUDGET

BE IT

ORDERED:

That the FY22 ECTV Budget as submitted by the Mayor in the sum of \$583,987.00 is hereby recommended for approval by the Committee.

ORDER:

OFFERED BY COMMITTEE OF WHOLE ON BUDGET

BE IT

ORDERED:

That the FY22 Capital Improvement Plan as submitted by the Mayor in the sum of \$21,096,000.00 is hereby recommended for approval by the Committee.