

The Committee of the Whole on the Budget met on Wednesday – September 16th and Saturday – September 19th 2020 at City Hall and remotely through the Zoom web application (School budget presentation only)

The meetings were presided over by Councilor Peter Napolitano. 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. All Budget meetings were video- taped by ECTV for the record.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria, City Auditor Eric Demas and Budget Director Lauren Chapman were present at these meetings.

The Committee was reminded that due to the outbreak of COVID-19 and the Governor's March 10,2020 declaration of a State of Emergency, the City was allowed pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44 Section 32 and Section 11 of Chapter 92 of the Acts of 2020 to submit a continuing appropriation budget for the City for a period not to exceed three months into Fiscal Year 2021 due to the uncertainty of municipal aid from the Federal and State Government. As required the traditional budget process has commenced so a Fiscal Year 2021 budget can be approved prior to October 1, 2020.

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, ECTV Budget and followed up with a question and answer period. Representatives of each Department were present for the proceedings. The Mayor announced that the FY21 Budget as presented is \$4,584,223.00 less than the FY20 Budget.

The Committee then recommended that the Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Appropriation Bill (Budget) as submitted by His Honor Mayor Carlo DeMaria in the sum \$202,615,099.00 be passed by Order hereto attached.

The Committee also recommended that the Fiscal year 2021 Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget submitted by His Honor Mayor Carlo DeMaria in the sum of **\$20,922,348.00** be passed by Order hereto attached.

The Committee also recommended that the Fiscal year 2021 Capital Improvement Plan submitted by His Honor Mayor Carlo DeMaria in the sum of **\$18,453,000.00** be passed by Order hereto attached.

The Committee also recommended that the Fiscal year 2021 ECTV Budget submitted by His Honor Mayor Carlo DeMaria in the sum of **\$505,468.00** 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. The Committee requested that Mr. Demas schedule a presentation on the Capital Committee of the Whole on Budget - CO290-20 – 9/16 & 9/19/20

Improvement plan at the next regular City Council meeting so the appropriate approvals could be obtained prior to the end of the fiscal year.

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

- favorable action on the FY 21 Budget as submitted by the Mayor and as amended by the City Council on the revised sum of **\$202,615,099.00**,
- a favorable recommendation on the FY21 Water & Sewer Enterprise Budget as submitted by the Mayor in the sum of **\$20,922,348.00**
- a favorable recommendation on the FY21 Capital Improvement plan as submitted by the Mayor in the sum of **\$18,453,000.00**
- and a favorable recommendation on the FY21 ECTV Budget as submitted by the Mayor in the sum of **\$505,468.00**

with the appropriate Orders hereto attached.

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley
Clerk of Committees